



## Fern G. Karls

July 31, 2015

Fern G. Karls, 101 years young, of the St. Francis Home, died Friday, July 31, 2015. On September 5, 1936, she married Edward M. Karls at Division Street Methodist Church, Fond du Lac. The couple celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in 2004. Fern worked in the downtown Sears store in the sporting goods department for 25 years. She knew everything there was to know about guns, fishing gear, and bicycles. She could assemble grills, bikes, and everything else in short order. She retired in 1978. She was an active member of Covenant United Methodist Church for 92 years. She was also a past member of the Fond du Lac Eastern Star, Chapter 70. In the 1950's, she was a Cub Scout Den Mother. Fern enjoyed square dancing in the late '50's, big band dancing through the late '90's, bicycling, walking, cooking, and caring for her family. Fern always reminded her children, "if you don't have something nice to say about someone, don't say anything at all, and that we are all God's children". She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Margaret (Cantzler) Kindness; her beloved husband, Edward; three sisters: Ercel Pommerich, Margie Wrchota, and Arlene Kindness; and two brothers: Lyle Kindness and Stanley Kindness. Survivors include her daughter, Donna (Edward) Kraus of Medina, Minnesota; a son, Mathew Karls of Buffalo Grove, Illinois; six grandchildren: Mark (Sherri) Kraus, Eric Kraus, Pamela (Austin Dahl) Kraus, Steven (Karla) Kraus, Edward (Marci Lesperance) Karls, and Bradley (Marcia) Karls; 13 great-grandchildren: Haley, Matthew, and Jon Kraus, Soren and Jorre Dahl, Dylan and Jacob Kraus, Matthew, Michelle,

Maria, and Melanie Karls, and Christopher and Benjamin Karls. At Fern's request, private family services were held on Saturday, August 8, 2015, at Covenant United Methodist Church, with entombment in Shrine of Rest Mausoleum at Ledgeview Memorial Park. The family would like to thank all the associates at the St. Francis Home for their personal loving care given to our mother.

# Tribute Wall



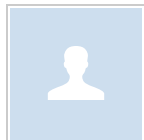
“ *RIP dear Fern. You will always be in my heart.*

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**Sally Quackenboss** - August 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'll always remember you Fern, a gentile warm soul who kept the picture of Ed so close for so long. I was blessed to know you as a child, and through adulthood. But you and the love of your life are united again, something you have longed for since he left. Love you*

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**Jeff Olson** - August 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sincere Sympathy Marilyn Pommerich & family Overland Park, KS*

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