



Ruth Naomi Knapp (Barth)

July 4, 1941 - January 12, 2026

Ruth Naomi Knapp (Barth), beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and the true heart of her family, passed away on January 12, 2026, at the age of 84. Born on July 4, 1941, Ruth was a longtime resident of Glen Burnie, Maryland, and was formerly from Baltimore City.

She was married to the love of her life, Gene P. Knapp Sr., for 49 years until his passing in January 2006. Ruth was the glue that held her family together, always putting others before herself and facing life's challenges with grace.

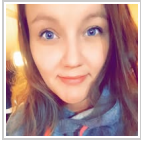
She is survived by her children: Ruthie Townsend and her husband Joseph Townsend Sr; Carl Knapp and his partner Cheryl Johnson; Kurt Knapp and his spouse Thomas Wisniewski; and John Knapp; along with over 25 grandchildren and over 15 great-grandchildren, all of whom were the pride and joy of her life. She was also an honorary grandmother to just about everyone she met, leaving a lasting impression through her kindness and open heart.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Gene P. Knapp Sr.; her sons, Gene Knapp Jr, Raymond Knapp, and James Knapp Sr; her first grandchild, Joseph Townsend Jr.; and her siblings, Frances, Nanette, Peggy, Julius Jr, and Timothy Sr. While her heart carried the weight of these losses, her love for her family never wavered.

Her love and legacy will live on through the generations she cherished so deeply.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Missing you everyday!* ”



Courtney Houghtling - January 30 at 11:06 AM



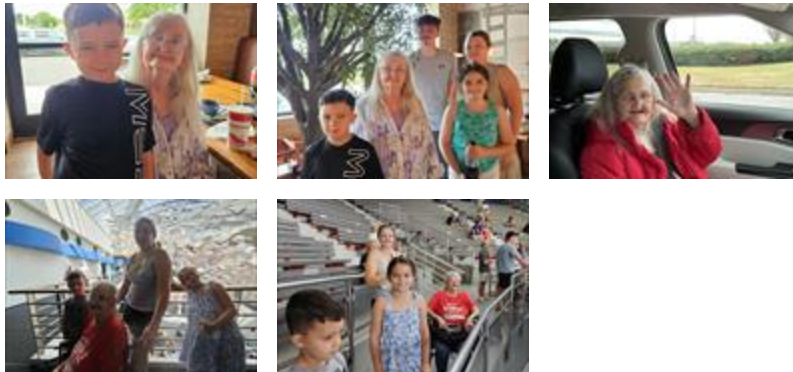
“ *Kurt Lee Knapp lit a candle in memory of Ruth Naomi Knapp (Barth)* ”



Kurt Lee Knapp - January 23 at 12:44 PM



“ *7 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Kristen Hardcastle - January 22 at 07:01 PM

PB

Ruth was my aunt I use to do a lot of baby sitting for her when we were younger I wish we could have got together more in our later years she was so full of fun never let anything get her down her and gene made the perfect couple now they are together for eternity I know she will be missed

Patricia Beale - February 20 at 06:47 AM



“ Will love & miss you forever & always Grandmom!



Courtney Houghtling - January 22 at 03:39 PM

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Kurt Lee Knapp - January 22 at 03:08 PM

RT

“ *I remember the love and care she had and did for us. Many times she stayed up half the night making each of us a special gifts for our birthdays and Christmas. Those gifts were even more precious because until right John was born she did it all by hand.*

Ruth Townsend - January 22 at 03:04 PM