



## Celia Mae Krieg

January 6, 1925 - August 30, 2015

Celia Mae (Tharp) Krieg, 90, of Kalamazoo, formerly of Plymouth, MI and Charlotte, MI, died peacefully on Sunday, August 30, 2015. Celia was born January 6, 1925 as the 3rd child of Roy C. and Ruth J. (Blanchard) Tharp. She was raised on the family dairy farm near Charlotte, MI. Celia graduated from Charlotte High School in 1943, where she met and later married her high school sweetheart Milton Jack Krieg (son of the Sheriff) on August 1, 1945. She moved with him to Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma where he was stationed at the time. After the war Jack attended Michigan College of Mining & Technology (now Michigan Technological University) to study Forestry.

The couple lived in Houghton/Hancock, Michigan during that time and Celia continued to work as a telephone operator. Their first son Ronald was born April 1, 1948. After Jack graduated in 1949 the couple moved back to Charlotte while Jack worked for General Motors in Lansing. Two sons were born, Randon "Ike" on September 1, 1951 and Robert "Rob" on July 17, 1955. In 1959, Jack was promoted to the General Motors Technical Center in Warren and they built a house in Plymouth, Michigan.

In the 1970's & 80's, Celia worked for the Avon Company, rising to the position of District Manager. Celia and Jack travelled extensively. Celia had many talents; her most time-consuming passion was knitting for others. In 1998 Celia was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. They moved to Masonic

Pathways Senior Living Home in Alma, Michigan in 2010, where Jack passed away in December of that year after 65 years of marriage. Celia then moved to Park Village Pines Assisted Living Facility in Kalamazoo, MI, where she passed away.

Celia is survived by her sister, Rachel (Doc) Wiley of Charlotte; 3 sons, Ronald (Darlene) Krieg of Indian River, MI, Randon (Patty) Krieg of Sacramento, CA, and Robert (Cathy) Krieg of Kalamazoo, MI; 6 grandchildren, Scott (Jen Linley) Krieg, Carly (Jonathan) Rykse, Renée (Ben) Belolli, Natalie (Ross) Nave, Voletta Krieg, and Joseph Krieg; 3 great-grandchildren, Linley Ryan Krieg, William Jack Rykse, and Hudson Theodore Nave. She is predeceased by 5 sibling brothers, Clare, Richard, Maurice, Ion, and Carroll.

Celia was an elegant lady who loved her family and friends. She will be missed dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Celia Mae Krieg*



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“ *I have many fond memories of Aunt Celia at the family functions, especially Thanksgiving in Plymouth when she ran the show. I also remember all the Avon decorative aftershave containers she gave out at Christmas, even though for the first few years I was not old enough to shave.*

*Pete Tharp, nephew*

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“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Celia Mae Krieg* .



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