



## Gwendolyn Dorothy Crabb

March 29, 1927 - February 18, 2013

Gwendolyn D. Crabb "Gwen" of St Clair Shores died on February 18, 2013 at St John Hospital in Detroit. Dear Mother of Sandra ( Michael) Novak and Richard (Debra) Crabb. Grandmother of Andrew and Spencer Crabb. Sister of Joan Nicholson of Petrolia, Ont. and Donna Shouldice of Sarnia, Ont. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Gwen was predeceased by her husband Raymond M. Crabb, brother Carl Nicholson and her parents Lloyd and Marguerite Nicholson. As a youngster, Gwen worked in her parents resort called Kenwick On The Lake , in Brights Grove Ont. running the concession stands. The venue was a popular spot for dancing and hosted many of the Big Bands of the era.

After her marriage to her husband Raymond, they owned the Busy Bee Hardware in Eastern Market, Detroit where she spent most of her career. Along with the hardware store, Gwen was also the life blood behind the Marina News along with her husband and others. The Marina News was one of the first outdoors sports newspapers in Michigan. Gwen was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and friend to many. She always liked being with family. She especially enjoyed the company of her special friend Phyllis, her loving dachshund.

Gwen lived a full life and enjoyed puzzles, reading, cooking, gardening, homemaking, garage and estate sales. She was the " garage sale queen" often starting at 6 AM and shopping until late. She will be missed by all. A celebration of life is

planned for a later date. Share a memory at [www.rudyfuneral.com](http://www.rudyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sandy, Mike, Richard, and Debbie:  
Our thoughts, prayers, and heartfelt sympathy will go with you every step of the way.  
The fond memories, and pictures of Gwen will never leave our hearts. Sitting on her swing in the evening, swimming in her big pool, going downtown on their boat to see the fireworks, watching Cleo and Duke in the backyard - and I could go on and on. She was Nick's and Michelle's #1 grandma. Gwen shared all her love and kindness to everyone.  
May the love of God give you peace. DIANE (SNITKO)SHERBY & fAMILY

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**Diane (Snitko)Sherby** - February 26, 2013 at 02:25 PM

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“ Sandy and Richard -

*I first met your mother and father in 1981 shortly after purchasing my first house in Indian Village. The neighbors told me that Busy Bee was "the place" to shop for family style service. They were right! Raymond and Gwen treated everyone as if they had known them for years. As time passed, I also became friends with you both; so the home-going of your mother is heartfelt.*

*Eternal life is the character and integrity we pass on for future generations. Your mother had a wealth of both. May you carry her legacy to everyone you chance to meet.*

*Gary Wozniak*

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**Gary Wozniak** - February 25, 2013 at 07:55 AM

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“ *MY DEAR FRIEND GWEN  
YOU WERE LIKE A 2ND MOTHER TO ME. I WILL MISS YOUR  
SMILE AND YOU'RE BIG HUG EVERY TIME I SAW YOU. YOU  
WERE THE MOST REAL AND DOWN TO EARTH PERSON IN  
THE WORLD. I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU AND PRAY FOR  
YOU EVERY NIGHT. NO ONE CAN EVER REPLACE YOU  
BEHIDE TO COUNTER AT BUSY BEE. YOU JUST HAD A WAY  
WITH PEOPLE. R.I.P. MOTHER.*

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**JOHN MASTROGIOVANNI** - February 21, 2013 at 10:00 AM