



## Veronica Frenette Desjarlais

December 15, 1913 - November 29, 2017

Veronica Frenette Desjarlais passed away on Wednesday evening, November 29, 2017 just shy of the age of 104. She was blessed with 7 children, Paulette (Mel) Soganich, James Desjarlais, Coni (Geno) St. Pierre, Roger (Vivian) Desjarlais, Michele (Michael) Patrick, Mary-Lynn Desjarlais and Roy (Shelly Lynch) Desjarlais. Those children blessed her with 17 grandchildren, Nicole Hoover-Mitidieri, Michael Soganich, Chantalle Soganich, Daun DiMeo, Stephen Desjarlais, Michael Desjarlais, Christopher St. Pierre, Jason St. Pierre, Manda Desjarlais King, Kevin Jardeneh, Katelin Van Voorhis, Hilary Waldo, Drew Patrick, Jarrod Doherty, Benjamin Doherty, Devin Desjarlais and Nicole Lee, 21 ½ great grandchildren, and 1 ½ great great grandchildren.

Veronica as the oldest daughter of 9 children, had to quit school during the great depression in order to raise her 7 younger siblings while her parents were hospitalized. She later graduated from teacher's college. She taught her youngest brother, Marcel for his 2nd grade and all admitted that she made him work and those were the best grades he ever made in school.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Harris Desjarlais and 7 of her 8 siblings. She was a trail blazer in her time, working with her husband in their business, Michigan College of Beauty Culture. Veronica was proud of the successes of her children among whom are tops in their field of law, education, technology, politics, dental and innovators in the field of crania

sacral therapy. Listing the successes of her grand children would cost too much money and she taught all of us the value of money from the great depression!

She was a fiercely strong woman who devoted her life to her family. She gave her love of polka dots to her daughters and granddaughters. We will miss her wisdom, sarcasm and very pointed instructions.

The family is grateful for the wonderful and loving care that the staff and residents of Bay Village gave to Veronica.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 3rd, from 4-7pm at Toale Brother's Funeral Home, Gulf Gate Chapel, 6903 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

The funeral mass will be Monday, December 4th at 9:30am at Incarnation Catholic Church, 2901 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL 34239.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To all my cousin's in Florida: A time for reflection and thanks giving for both of the beautiful people who cared for and taught you so well as grew into adulthood. My mother, Elimira Frenette, is well, 101 yrs., at this time,who sends her love and heartfelt condolences as do I.

*My love and hugs to all of you,as you move forward and grieve for your loving Mom.*

*Donna-Marie Frenette-Fazio-mcDonald*

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**Donna-Marie Fazio-McDonald** - December 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mary-Lynn,*

*So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She sounds like an extraordinary woman who raised an exceptional family! You and your siblings are carrying on a wonderful legacy. My deepest condolences.*

*Clark*

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**Clark Lauren** - December 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM