



## Dorothea J. Knight

August 22, 1929 - May 12, 2018

Dorothea J. Knight, age 88, of St. Clair, passed peacefully in her home on May 12, 2018. She was born August 22, 1929 to the late Frederick and Bertha (Bluhm) Piper of Detroit. Dorothea was preceded in death by her husband James G. Knight; brother, Frederick (Bud) Piper Jr. and sister, Helen Marie (Piper) Cady.

She is survived by a large family of beloved friends, step daughter, Anita Qureshi of San Clemente, California and two nieces.

Dorothea grew up on the east side of Detroit and was a 1947 graduate of Eastern High School. As a young woman she loved to ice skate and competed in speed racing. After graduation she worked for Michigan Steel Tubing in Hamtramck. Due to her knack for detail and clerical expertise she advanced to the position of Executive Secretary to the President of Pepsi-Cola Detroit.

Dorothea married James G. Knight on July 2, 1963 and resided in Indian Village, Detroit until their time of retirement. They located to St. Clair, Michigan for a short time and then moved to New Port Richey, Florida. In 1983 they chose to make St. Clair their permanent home. Dorothea was truly a unique, strong, independent woman who displayed, throughout her lifetime, a great love of community and country. She served on the St. Clair board of Zoning Appeals in 1984, St. Clair Township Planning Commission from 1984-1989 and St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission for 12 years thereafter. Her involvement and contributions to non-profit organizations are far too many to list.

Dorothea held great admiration and respect for our servicemen and women, veterans, police, fire and emergency respond workers. But, had a special place in her heart for K-9 service dogs and their handlers. It gave her such pleasure to support local K-9 units. She truly acknowledged the important role K-9's play in protecting our communities and "She so loved the company of a good dog." "Animals were her passion."

Dorothea played a significant role in the development of the Humane Society of St. Clair County SNAP and also supported the Blue Water Area Humane Society along with their spay/neuter voucher program. She also formed Knight Animal Welfare Society as a social media forum to improve animal laws.

She truly enjoyed her computer and the ability to access pertinent information without leaving her home. She would have been an exceptional private investigator-for she was

relentless in finding the answers she needed to complete her quest for correctness. Dorothea will be greatly missed...never forgotten. Her legacy will live on forever through the community issues and programs that she developed, supported, represented and fought for. Impacting the lives of many.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday June 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Township. She will be laid to rest in Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)

“SAY NOT IN GRIEF SHE IS NO MORE-BUT LIVE IN THANKFULNESS THAT SHE WAS”

# Cemetery

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## Woodmere Cemetery

9400 West Fort St.

Detroit, MI, 48209

# Events

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**JUN**   **Memorial Service**   **10:00AM**

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Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home

4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China, MI, US

# Comments

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“ Dorothea was a truly unique woman--passionate about keeping things 'to the letter of the law', devoted to animals (especially dogs!), and generous beyond what many people will ever be aware of. I first knew her as a client when she had her beloved little Mickey and was part of the veterinary team that kept him with her for many years. She was a huge supporter of many animal-related events, and for years was a donor to 4H Animal Mania, a pet health/information fair that I was involved in leadership of for it's 9 years of run time. She also (unbeknownst to most of them) helped many low-income pet owners provide medical care for their pets through an Angel Fund at my clinic--dozens of animals received much needed dental care or emergency medical service due to Dorothea's generosity and love for animals.

Her passion for knowing the law and making sure it was followed was amazing to see--the ability she had to seek out hidden or obscure knowledge when even some of our elected officials were unable (or unwilling) to find the information was truly a gift to those of us who benefited from her knowledge and drive. While some people thought her 'curmudgeonly', those who knew her better realized that stubbornness came from a desire to do what was right.

She was a good friend and amazing persona, and she will be missed.

**Robyn Limberg-Child** - June 02, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ Thank you for sharing your thought and kind words about our only Aunt. Linda Cady and Susan Cady Lima

**Linda Cady** - June 26, 2018 at 06:40 PM

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“ I visited Dorothea and learned about laws that protected our animals when she was our neighbor. Her knowledge was astounding. Thank you, Dorothea, for so many wonderful things you did for the animals. May you rest in peace. I feel endless numbers of our furry friends greeted you on the day you passed.

**Don and Nancy Rice** - May 20, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ Thank you. Linda Cady and Susan Cady Lima, nieces

**Linda Cady** - June 26, 2018 at 06:41 PM

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“ This dear woman, came to our animal rescue in 2008 and befriended us, she was very dear and very strong in her beliefs, and we loved her for all that and all she had to offer, she became our friend, she supported our animal rescue, she helped us fight for animal rights. We would call each other and talk for hours. We would meet and just chat, she was the nicest person you would ever want to meet, we treasured her friendship. When we relocated to South Fla , we still stayed in contact with her thru phone calls and emails.

K9 Resque will miss her very much..

We know that she will be watching us from up above and we hope she will still continue to guide us in our fight for animal's rights...

And we offer our condolences to her family.

**Sharon Gorski** - May 18, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words. Linda Cady and Susan Cady Lima, nieces

**Linda Cady** - June 26, 2018 at 06:36 PM