



## Judy Knapp

June 6, 1942 - February 15, 2020

'Kill them with Kindness.'

'Leave everything better than you found it.'

'Don't date until your 27.'

Just a few of the many words of wisdom Judith Seibert Knapp shared during her full and beautiful life that ended peacefully on February 15, 2020 in the arms of her loving husband and surrounded by her six children.

She was born in Evansville, Indiana on June 6, 1942 to her parents James and Angelina (Datillo) Seibert. She and her siblings, Toni Flamion of Newburgh, Angela Gioe of Martinsville, and the late James Seibert of Newburgh, grew up in St. Ben's parish.

A proud 1960 graduate of Mater Dei High School, she served as the school's clerk her senior year and its biggest fan for the rest of her life. Her Mater Dei friends, of every generation, meant the world to her.

The most special of her Mater Dei relationships became her lifelong love and best friend, Edward Knapp, who she married in June 1966. They have been parishioners at St. Philip Church since 1967, and have welcomed hundreds to the home they lovingly restored in that community. Not only a beacon of beauty at Christmas, this home she created together with Ed was always open for friends of all ages to share a laugh and hugs. Together, with their dear friends, Judy and Ed traveled the world as the most patriotic Americans, and created the most magical of worlds right here in Evansville for their six children.

Her heart and energy were always poured into the lives of her children: Eddie (Jackie) of Evansville; Miranda (Jody) Graham of Inlet Beach, FL; Alex (Andrew) Rodman of Indianapolis; Michael (Katie) of Santa Rosa Beach, FL; Anthea (Shane) Turner of Seagrove Beach, FL; and David (Jaimie) of Murfreesboro, TN. She loved all of her children's friends like her own, and loved even more the beautiful friendships that blossomed from the relationships with their families.

With her amazing example of raising children, her six children have blessed her with 20 grandchildren. Endless dancing, homemade candy, seashell walks, front yard football games and plenty of hugs are just a few of the ways she was easily the best Mamaw/Juju for Austin (MaKayla) and Hayden Knapp, Remy and Millie Graham; Charlie, Adley and Gus Rodman; Abe, Carver, Daniel, Daisy, Adelaide and Grace Knapp; Bella and Seby

Turner; and Kayla, Josh, Liam, Grayland and Marlee Knapp.

Her tombstone is simply engraved with "For God, Country, Family and Mater Dei." Always wearing her signature red and gold, she dedicated her life to making sure everyone at Mater Dei had the most amazing experience by encouraging them to get involved and by being their biggest fan at every event. She also always made sure her 1960 classmates knew how much they were loved and needed for every class reunion. To continue her Mater Dei spirit, and in lieu of flowers, please share a gift in her memory to support Mater Dei's Knapp Seibert Fund, 1300 Harmony Way, Evansville, IN 47720. <http://www.materdeiwildcats.com>

Visitation at Pierre Funeral Home is from 2 – 8 p.m. on Monday, February 17. A Celebration Mass in honor of a life lived to the fullest will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at St. Philip Catholic Church, 3500 St. Philip Road S, Mt. Vernon, IN. Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m. until service time on Tuesday at the church.

Judy and her family were so grateful for the love and support they have received, especially in these last few weeks and months. She wanted everyone, who has been touched by her life, to always remember 'Be bold, be kind, live hard, have fun, dance often.'

Condolences may be made online at <http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>.

# Cemetery

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## St. Philip Church Cemetery

3500 S. St. Philip Road

Mt. Vernon, IN,

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pierre Funeral Home

2601 West Franklin Street, Evansville, IN, US

**FEB** **Funeral** 11:00AM

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St. Philip Catholic Church

3500 S. St. Philip Road, Mt. Vernon, IN, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Pierre Funeral Home** - February 17, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ What a beautiful life with a beautiful family. How blessed you are!

**Sandra Humm** - February 17, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ You were able to live a beautiful life with your family and friends. You left your mark on the lives of many. You set a good example for me. May you Rest In Peace and enjoy your new life with Jesus. Our thoughts and prayers are with those you left behind and may God bless them and give them the strength to go forward. Thinking of the family with love. Your cousin Colleen

**Colleen wade** - February 18, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ My my, Ed. I must say what a loss, but even more so I must say what a life!!! And everything in Judy's adult life was always a plural/single. It was always the two of you in the oneness of your wonderful love. Your love and your shared faith made you closer partners than if you had been conjoined at the hip. And your light was never just for you. It always shown out more than in.

All the best to you, Ed. May God's infinite Love enfold you. May you continue to walk in His light and His comfort and His blessing.

Rodger Duncan  
rodgerad@gmail.com

**Rodger Duncan** - July 27, 2020 at 04:42 PM

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“ Learning of Judy passing was such a shock! She was a beautiful person inside and out. We went to rival high schools and so did our daughters and they played sports against each other but we remained friends. She shopped at my store and when I saw her coming in I knew there would be fun and laughter. Sincere Sympathy to hear beautiful family and all who loved her. I moved to Arizona in 2004. Therefore I picture her young. Heaven is in for a treat! May she rest in peace!

**PATRICIA BROWN-WINSTEAD** - February 22, 2020 at 06:57 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Knapp.



February 19, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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“ Dear Ed and Knapp and Seibert families,  
We are so sorry to learn of Judy's passing today. Unfortunately, We will be unable to attend the funeral, but want you to know that we will be with you in prayer and spirit during this difficult time.  
We will always remember Judy's beautiful smile and the love and kindness she showed Charlie's parents, Mary and Syl Knapp, when they visited your beautiful home. And, your hospitality when you and Judy spent so much time with Eric, Dwana and Jonathan, opening your home and showing them the sites of Evansville. And, your generosity when you and Judy took a group, including, Ann and Charlie, to see Les Misérables in Louisville.  
These memories are but a small sample of what Judy and you have given to so many people here on planet earth. It is our firm belief that Judy, in her new form of divine life, will offer her beautiful smile, her kindness and her love to all those around her who are also sharing the love of Christ. We miss her, but look forward to the day when we will be able to join her and once again personally enjoy that beautiful smile.

With love,  
Charlie, Ann and Family

**Charles Knapp** - February 17, 2020 at 10:14 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judy Knapp.



February 17, 2020 at 12:12 PM

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“ Judy Knapp(Seibert) was "Mater Dei 1960" Everyone I knew loved Judy, and she reciprocated. As Mater Dei 1960 classmates, we grieve at her passing and will always cherish her memory. Vaya con Dios, mi amigo! PAX TECUM, Judy! Leonard "Larry" and Carolyn Adams'60

Leonard R. Adams - February 17, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Knapp.



February 17, 2020 at 09:17 AM

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“ 195 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - February 17, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ I am out of town and won't be able to be with you today. Please know I am keeping all of you in my prayers. I have many fond memories of Judy!

Elvira Knapp - February 17, 2020 at 10:38 AM

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“ The Graham Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judy Knapp.



The Graham Family - February 16, 2020 at 08:43 PM

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“ I remember working on Project Graduation when Anthea was a senior along with our daughter. She loved everything about Mater Dei Judy will be missed by her whole Wildcat family. Accept my sincere sympathy and know that we have a great Wildcat Angel in heaven. Judy you will never be forgotten, and I hope we will meet again in heaven when we can sing Our Fight Song. Go Mater Dei show your spirit..... Rest in Peace.

Joseph Koressel - February 16, 2020 at 08:22 PM

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“ Have known Judy since '68bwhen we worked together at Sun Oil co. We later connected through our daughters, Laurysa & Alex through Mater Dei. No bigger supporter of MD then Judy & Ed! A beautiful, gracious, lady with many talents, none more important than her love for family & friends! Prayers for her beautiful family

Sandra Humm - February 16, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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“ So many memories of Judy but the first thing I think of when you mention Judy's name IS Mater Dei !! Staunch and fierce supporter indeed! Together with my wife Diane we celebrated many MD wins in Volleyball , basketball and even attended Track meets where my daughter Melanie and Ed and Judy's daughter Alex ran what seems like just yesterday. Mater Dei has lost one of its strongest supporters but she leaves behind her family who will carry her legacy on.  
Judy, you are at Peace and in Heaven.....wearing Red and Gold is my guess !!!!

**Wayne and Diane Emge** - February 16, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ Always a friend. Truly cared about everyone.

**Janet Wilson** - February 16, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ She loved the Emge crew and had so many fun memories with all of you! Thank you!

**Alex Knapp Rodman** - February 16, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ It is rare to meet an Angel on earth but cousin Judy surely was. Ed and family you have our prayers and deepest condolence. Our thoughts are with you. Mike Dattilo and Theresa Raines.

**mike dattilo** - February 17, 2020 at 10:18 AM