



Loretta Christina Knight

September 30, 1947 - April 7, 2025

Loretta Christina Knight, 77, of Tyler, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on April 7, 2025. She was a faith-filled, prayer warrior and a true Woman of God. She loved our Lord and Mother Mary with a profound joy, which she shared with all those she encountered. Loretta found her calling as a loving wife of nearly 55 years to her devoted husband, Tim Knight, as a mother to three and grandmother, affectionately known as “Lita”, to her seven grandchildren, and as a beloved teacher working with children for more than 45 years. She was born on September 30, 1947, in El Paso, Texas, to Belem (De la Torre) and Angelo Saucedo as one of eight children. She attended Loretto Academy and the University of Texas at El Paso (Texas Western College).

Loretta is preceded in death by her son, Stephen Knight; her parents, Angelo and Belem Saucedo and her siblings, Angie Luceri (Joe), Carmen Job (Juan), Stella Gonzalez (Alex), Minnie Lizarraga (Alex), Albert Saucedo, and Hector Saucedo. She is survived by her loving husband, Tim; her daughters, Colleen Santoni (Frank) and Marissa Walton (James); her grandchildren, Noah, Alex, and Luke Santoni, Andrew, Rhys, and Libby Walton and Evelynne Knight; her sister, Becki Sanchez (Danny) and sisters-in-law, Irma Saucedo and Lucy Saucedo.

A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Loretta’s life will be held on Friday,

April 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint, Texas with Father James Rowland officiating.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025, with Rosary starting at 6:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Hospice of East Texas or the Kidney Cancer Society 2025 81K Challenge - Team Lita <https://charity.pledgeit.org/2025Challenge/@TeamLita>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Rosary

APR **24.** 6:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
18221 FM 2493
Flint, TX 75762
(903) 894-7647

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Loretta Christina Knight



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 22, 2025 at 01:42 PM

EL

“ Loretta, I had you on my mind all of the sudden and since me and my Mom (Evelina Licon) had lost contact, I googled you and found you had finally joined Our Lord Jesus Christ! Oh how you will be missed. You were such an amazing friend to my Mom and I. We love you. My prayers are with your family. Sincerely, Larissa Acosta Licon

Evelina Larissa Licon - April 08 at 11:09 PM

TA

“ I will never forget Loretta. I taught with her a short time, but she and I were together on 9/11. How would one ever forget that? She and I prayed together that day, and she prayed with me on many occasions. I am thankful for her influence and presence. 🙏

Teri Ann - May 03, 2025 at 06:03 PM

AA

“ Sending love and great memories from Flagstaff, AZ. Was so happy to see Tía Loretta at the family reunion this summer and thank her for all the prayers on my behalf when I was recovering from the bicycle crash. I will always have fond memories of backyard family gatherings at the Knight house when we were kids. All my love and returned prayers to Tío Tim, Colleen and Marissa and all the family in this difficult time.

Andrés Adauto

Andres Adauto - April 25, 2025 at 03:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Loretta Christina Knight.

April 24, 2025 at 06:15 PM

JM

“ Jack and Ali Miller purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Loretta Christina Knight.



Jack and Ali Miller - April 24, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DM

“ Dolores & Mando Miranda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Loretta Christina Knight.



Dolores & Mando Miranda - April 23, 2025 at 11:21 PM

AO

“ Aramide O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loretta Christina Knight.

Aramide O. - April 23, 2025 at 09:10 PM

TF

“ The Reeves, Tellez and Lindberg Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Loretta Christina Knight.



The Reeves, Tellez and Lindberg Families - April 23, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Loretta Christina Knight.

April 23, 2025 at 12:45 PM



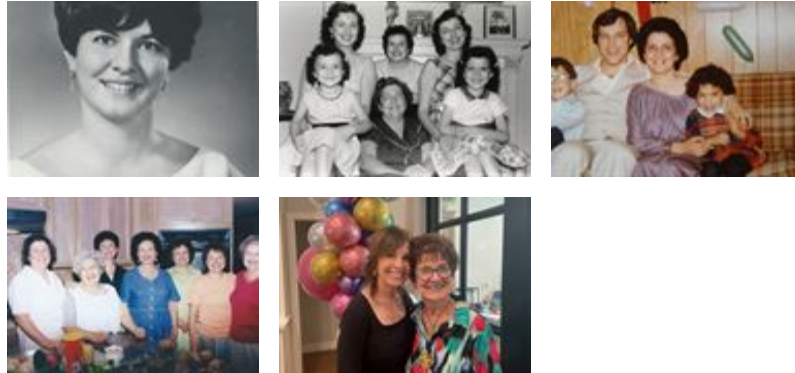
“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Loretta Christina Knight.



April 23, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*

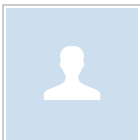


Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 22, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Loretta Christina Knight*.

April 20, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Loretta Christina Knight*.



April 20, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ *Rick, Pat, Bette, Kevin, Terry, Marilyn* purchased the *Love's Journey* for the family of *Loretta Christina Knight*.



Rick, Pat, Bette, Kevin, Terry, Marilyn - April 20, 2025 at 02:33 PM

CV

“ Thinking of you all during this difficult time 🙏
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Claudia Vargas-McCormack - April 19, 2025 at 11:32 AM

UG

“ us together. Women of God purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Loretta Christina Knight.



us together. Women of God - April 18, 2025 at 02:19 PM

TT

“ Tony Fleo and the SVP Dallas Team purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Loretta Christina Knight.



Tony Fleo and the SVP Dallas Team - April 16, 2025 at 11:57 PM

BK

“ Tim, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear Loretta. Although we were only together that one weekend in Cincinnati, David and I both loved meeting Loretta and thought she was such a lovely person. I've thought often since then of trying to make a trip to Texas to see you both again, and I wish we had done it.

I hope your deep sense of loss and grief is softened by all the beautiful memories you have and the love and caring of your family and so many others. We will carry your sorrow in our hearts and pray for peace and comfort for you and all your family. She is in God's loving arms!

Our sincere sympathy,
Barb Kraemer and David Koehler

Barbara Kraemer - April 16, 2025 at 09:57 AM

TK

Thank you Barb. I was so blessed to have her share her life with me. We had so many good memories together. I will miss her, but now all her pain is over. For that I am happy. If you ever get down to Texas, I would love to visit with you again. 😍

Tim Knight - April 18, 2025 at 12:18 AM

HL

“ Holly, Amy, Ami, Sam and Lisa purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Loretta Christina Knight.



Holly, Amy, Ami, Sam and Lisa - April 14, 2025 at 10:10 PM

LB

“ *My childhood is filled with memories at the Knight household. There was laughter and joy in the home. Mrs. Knight was always kind and always had a smile. Friday nights were for the rosary, her garden had roses, and her heart was full of love for Mother Mary. Her memories live on with all who knew her and who experienced her kindness. My deepest condolences to her family.*

Laura Strelzin Bagley - April 14, 2025 at 08:11 AM

PF

“ *Patrick & Kim Furlong & Family purchased the Fa
irest of All for the family of Loretta Christina
Knight.*



Patrick & Kim Furlong & Family - April 13, 2025 at 04:29 PM

WB

“ *Tim, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The
time is getting close for all of us as we celebrate our birthdays.*

William Bauman

William Bauman - April 13, 2025 at 09:30 AM

TK

*So true, Bill, but it still is a shock when it happens to your partner for
nearly 55 years. Hope all is well with you!*

Tim Knight - April 18, 2025 at 12:20 AM

DG

“ Tim, As sad as things are right now, you will remember the good times. They will buoy you up as you keep Loretta close to your heart.

DANIEL GAUNTNER - April 12, 2025 at 10:41 PM

BC

“ I remember Loretta's dedication in following promptings to go & pray for strangers, handing out medals & booklets, taking statue of Blessed Mother to homes in crisis & in general being a disciple of faith in action to all! Her likes are one in a million & it was a privilege of a lifetime to be in her midst! Farewell my dear Loretta Barbara Canchola, core member Women of God she founded.

Barbara Canchola - April 12, 2025 at 09:14 PM

TK

Thanks Barbara. She strengthened my faith by her example. I was blessed to have her in my life.

Tim Knight - April 18, 2025 at 12:23 AM

EH

“ Tim and Family, Praying with you and for you. No matter the circumstances, it is so hard to say Good By to those we love. Thank you God we have His promise in Jesus that we will be together again with Him, John 3:16, 1 Thes 4:13-18. Imagine the Joy in Heaven when one of God's saints comes home Psalm 116:15. See you there old friend. Ernie, Ann and Family Hollo

Ernie and Ann Hollo - April 12, 2025 at 05:16 PM

TK

Thanks for your uplifting message, Ernie. She was an example to me of what a good Christian needs to do: love others and share God's salvation story.

Tim Knight - April 18, 2025 at 12:26 AM

PT

“ Thoughts are with you, Tim

Peter E. Toomey - April 12, 2025 at 04:00 PM

TK

Thanks, Peter. We had a great life together.

Tim Knight - April 18, 2025 at 12:29 AM

JL

“ My prayers are with Loretta and the Knight family.

John Lynch - April 12, 2025 at 12:12 PM

TK

Thanks, John, I was blessed to have her in my life for 55 years.

Tim Knight - April 18, 2025 at 12:30 AM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Tim. You are both on my prayer list.
Your rommie, John

John L Izanec - April 12, 2025 at 09:15 AM

TK

Thanks, John. She is leaving a big hole in my life, but I am so happy that her suffering is over.

Tim Knight - April 18, 2025 at 12:28 AM

TF

“ *The Lizarraga Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Loretta Christina Knight.*



The Lizarraga Family - April 11, 2025 at 10:08 AM

NF

“ *Nancy C Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Loretta Christina Knight*



Nancy C Ferguson - April 11, 2025 at 09:13 AM

TF

“ *The Sleyter Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Loretta Christina Knight.*



The Sleyter Family - April 10, 2025 at 07:16 PM