



Suzanne L. Dorrell

January 12, 1929 - January 8, 2010

Suzanne L. (Konwinski), (Groff), Dorrell, died Friday January 8, 2010. She was born at home during a night time blizzard in Toledo, Ohio on January 12, 1929 , the only child of John Konwinski and Laura Posadny Konwinski.

As a daughter with working parents, Suzanne spent much of her preschool years with her beloved grandmother who spoke only Polish and loved to dance to the music from her old victrola. Growing up in Toledo, she had many fond memories of feeding the ducks at Sleepy Hollow, ice skating with her father and many trips to Toledo Beach with her family

Suzanne met and married Richard B. Groff of Groff's Hosiery and Ladies Fine Apparel, where she had been an employee. Suzanne spoke often of the many family gatherings and activities at the family home on the north shore of Lake Erie. Suzanne and Dick had three children, Laurie, Eddie and (John) Tracy. In March of 1965 the family suffered a tragic house fire from which Dick and the boys did not survive.

Many years later Suzanne married Judge Robert Dorrell who fondly called her Suzi. They were married by Bob's dear friend Monseigneur Schmidt at the historic St. Patrick's Church downtown and they spent 15 fun filled years together frequenting the Toledo Club, traveling with friends and enjoying watching their combined families grow and prosper.

Suzi lived long enough to enjoy seeing her granddaughter Kellie Marie attend

St. Mary's College of Notre Dame and Pratt Art Institute of New York, travel, marry Troy D. Smith of Maine, New York and have two beautiful great grandchildren Ian Knight Smith and Abigail Knight Smith who began calling her GG. For Suzi's 80th Christmas she traveled to up state New York to spend the holiday with them.

Suzi had been an avid reader, the library had been her mainstay and she especially enjoyed trading books with her close friends. She enjoyed history based books and anything that was about the American Indian. She even told the doctor at the hospital on her last day, "I want to die like an Indian...with pride." Of course the good old Enquirer wasn't far from her favorite chair!

To be near her daughter Laurie and son-in-law Kevin Knight, the loves of her life, she moved from Toledo in 2002 to Stonebridge in Powell, Ohio. She acquired many very, very special friends and neighbors that she adored. She also missed the dearest of friends from Westowne Court that she had shared so many precious, fun times with. No matter where she had lived and who she knew, all would agree how easy she was to talk to. Gracious, happy, and down to earth she even had a little metaphysical twist to her theories on life.

Her family's appreciation is extended to all her physicians that helped her live that quality life and to her special care giver Jeanne that made her feel and look like a princess each and everyday and made sure her beloved cat Onyx was always looking dapper. Always there for support, comfort and care were step granddaughter Liz (Steve) Buila, step daughter Jackie (Alan) Kiefer and step granddaughter Kirstin Kiefer. The youngest of the family, step great-grandson Evan Buila, was so special in Suzi's life and heart. She also spoke so proudly of stepson John Dorrell and his daughters Jill (Jeff) Stofa and Jennifer (Matt) Runkle. Although an only child, Sue had many cousins, aunts and uncles from the Konwinski and Posadny families. Surviving are Aunt Mary Jagodznski, cousins Tom (Jan) and Claude (Jill) Jagodznski, Uncle Delburt

Lawrence, cousin Ann Clarkson, cousin Barbara (Richard) Farmer, cousins Bernadine (Posadny) Miller, and Patsy (Posadny) Bull to mention just a few.

To celebrate her life, her memorial service will be held on her birthday, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of Peace at the Toledo Memorial Park, Sylvania, Ohio. Family and friends will be received 1/2 hour prior to the service. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Toledo Zoo or The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

Tribute Wall



“ We always enjoyed talking with Suzi whenever we met. She was a loving, lovely and gracious lady. Her reward will be great as she is welcomed to eternal life with her loved ones.##imported-begin##Sue and Arun Mathur Akment@aol.com##imported-end##

January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family,

Sorry for your loss,we will hold you in are prayers##imported-begin##MR.&MRS TIM KONWINSKI##imported-end##

January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences are sent to all of Sue's family.We had many fun times together.She was a very kind and caring person.Always talking about her loveing family.She will be missed alot.##imported-begin##Gracie Orahood##imported-end##

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“ Laurie, Kevin, Kellie: What a sad day today when I read the newspaper and saw your mom and grandma had passed away. I got to meet Suzanne when I took care of her in the operating room. Through small talk, she mentioned you, Laurie, and then Kevin and Kellie. I hope you remember me from 8 North; I also went to high school with Kellie. Laurie, although I only got to spend a short time with your mom, I knew she was a very lovely lady. You are all in my closest thoughts right now as you mourn her. With sincerest sympathy, Trish Malley.##imported-begin##Trish Stauffer Malley tna malley@att.net##imported-end##

January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie,
I was so sorry to read about your Mom's passing. Although it has been many years since I have seen her, I'll always remember the sweet person I knew. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time,##imported-begin##Nancy (McClain) Barnd nancybarnd@accesstoledo.com##imported-end##

January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie,

I was very sorry to read of your Mom's passing in this mornings paper. My Mom and Dad, always loved your parents and talked of all the good times they had with "Dick and Sue". My prayers are with you in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Nancy Freeborn Peluso mamapdmgr@hotmail.com##imported-end##

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“ Sue, I will miss our great times together and cherish our friendship. You will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with your loving family. Love Linda Pozmantir###imported-begin##Linda Pozmantir lpozmantir@yahoo.com###imported-end##

January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Laurie,

Lois and I were saddened to read about your Mother's passing. We extend our prayers and sympathy to you, Kevin and the rest of your family. From her obituary, we surmised she was a very special person who lived a full life.

With Sympathy,

Jerry and Lois###imported-begin##Jerry and Lois Borin###imported-end##

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“ Laurie&Kevin:

I was sorry to hear of your loss. I hope the wonderful memories of the time you had with your mom bring you comfort. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Betsy & Dennis###imported-begin##Betsy(McClain) & Dennis Nellis betsy15359@hotmail.com###imported-end##

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“ Sue my life long friend i will miss you dearly you will always be in my heart

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“ Irene, David, Jack, & Greg from Turner Avenue : Regrets & condolences from the Family that lived next door to the Konwinski's in the 40' & 50's. Irene is 95+ years old & speaks of the times being Neighbors in the "good old days".##imported-begin##the Bobak's d vdbobak@aol.com##imported-end##

January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie,

I was sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have very clear memories of days forty to fifty years ago on Drummond Rd.##imported-begin##*Barb (Bollin) King*
lking@bex.net##imported-end##

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