



# Peggy L. White-Knight

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## **Peggy L. White-Knight**

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**P**eggy White-Knight, passed on peacefully at her residence Wednesday evening, November 24, 2010 following a long illness. Peggy was born in Muskegon on October 7, 1926 to John and Luberta (Meeuwenberg) Wesselink. She attended schools in Reeman and Fremont and was a graduate of the La Parent Beauty Academy. An accomplished hairstylist, Peggy became a master hair designer, twice being selected to the U.S. hair design team for the World Festival Cup of Hairstyling competition in Paris and Amsterdam. Over the years, Mrs. White owned several salons including those in N. Muskegon, Norton Shores, Fremont, Traverse City and Las Vegas. She was the recipient of 2 Charles Awards for hair design, was past president of the Michigan Cosmetologist Association and a member of Hair America "OHFC". She started her own beauty college, the International College of Hair Design and hosted her own local television talk show "West Shore Spotlight". The former Peggy White married Mr. Michael Knight in Muskegon on August 17, 1974. Tragically Michael preceded her in death on July 4, 1988. Peggy White-Knight was a tireless champion and promoter of her beloved Muskegon and served on the board of directors of many committees and organizations. She was a member of Zonta, was first chairman of the (Muskegon Heights Downtown Development Authority) DDA, served on the Muskegon Hts. Festival Committee, the Noah project, North Side Spectacular, Great Lakes Clipper Preservation Society, the Muskegon County Winter Sports Complex and the Miss Michigan scholarship pageant. Peggy is survived by: daughter, Alexis Bauer (Roger) of N. Muskegon; two grandchildren, Zachry Bauer (Jennifer) and Ashlee Perry (Andrew); and three great-grandchildren, Owen, Lola and Josephine. A gathering of friends and family are invited to celebrate her spectacular life, 5-8 P.M., Thursday, December 2, 2010 at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey Street 231 789-1100. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Community



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Foundation of Muskegon County. You may share memories with the family at their on-line guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).




## Events


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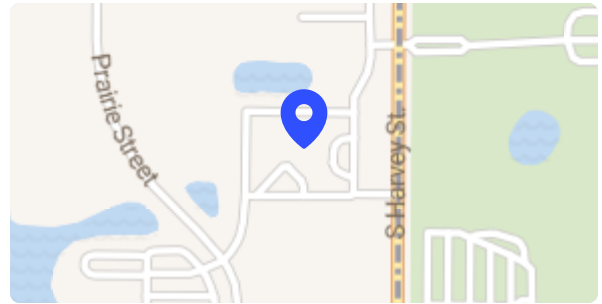
### Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 2, 2010

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Peggy was surely a trendsetter, and enjoyed working with her with many community events. She was truly an inspiration to many of us. If only we could have bottled her energy... How proud you must be for all the lives she taught, mentored, and helped in so many ways. Thank you for sharing her with the community, and hope your happy memories help you thru this time. With sincere sympathy...##imported-begin##Mardi (Monroe) Williams (formerly of Le Fleur Shoppe)##imported-end##

December 6 at 12:38 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I had the fortunate experience to meet and be in the company of such an outstanding woman. She was such a supporter and accredited professional in the Cosmetology Industry..God Bless ...she will be truely missed##imported-begin##Jim Hodges-Salon 51##imported-end##

December 5 at 12:21 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Peggy was the kindest, most generous and compassionate lady we ever had the privilege of knowing. Our lives were blessed to have Peggy as our friend. We loved her dearly and she will always be missed. God Bless her.##imported-begin##Jack and Marva Bushong##imported-end##

December 4 at 4:28 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

What a beautiful spirit may she rest in peace and may the Peace of God be with you all during this this of mourning and celebration.##imported-begin##Yourvette Price##imported-end##

December 2 at 5:11 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I met Peggy 24 years ago in 1986 when I went to work for the City of Muskegon Heights. Peggy was a champion of Muskegon Heights and served as the chair of the Downtown Development Association, for which I was also the director. She ran the hair college and cut my hair on a regular basis when it was long and dark. It was a little unnerving with a half a dozen of her students standing around her. She continued to do so up until a couple of years ago, whereupon, Alexis commented that I was a very brave man! Peggy conscripted me for a couple of her pet projects, including the Milwaukee Clipper and the Muskegon Sports Council. Peggy had the grace of a queen, the charm of a princess, the heart of a lioness, and the vision of a prophet. Her elegance, her intellect, and her beauty were a beacon whose light shown through to all who knew her. I can testify that Peggy was a person to whom nobody could say "no." Rochelle and I will miss her for a long time to come and we will drink a glass of champagne in a toast to her. We're so sad we were out of town for the memorial service and could not extend our condolences to Alexis, Zach, Ashlee, and the rest of the family in person. Peace and love be with you all.##imported-begin##Peter Sartorius & Rochelle##imported-end##

December 2 at 12:56 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lexie & family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember your mother as the beautiful lady she was, both inside & out. She was kind & caring to everyone & I felt prillileged to have her as my friend. So many wonderful memories of the past.She was a classy lady. With love, Sally Kidd##imported-begin##Sally Kidd##imported-end##

December 2 at 10:45 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Alexis and family, deepest sympathy in your time of loss. Thankful and happy memories of Peggy assisting me in a very successful career.##imported-begin##Jineen Vermilyea##imported-end##

December 2 at 7:11 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. What an amazing woman she was.##imported-begin##Harvey and Pat Fohlbrook##imported-end##

December 2 at 5:18 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We will miss one of the classiest ladies this town has ever had in Peggy White. Rest in peace with your beloved Michael.##imported-begin##MARK JASTRZEMBSKI##imported-end##

December 1 at 8:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Peggy White-Knight. I graduated from Peggy White's in 1979, and she always had a beautiful smile on her face when she visited the school, or had a wonderful, fun Christmas party. She had inspirational hair shows here in Muskegon, and in Chicago. Even the instructors were great. I'm sure Peggy and Marianne Jaeger are getting reacquainted after all these years, as well as Margaret Jaeger, Marianne's mother. I've always been proud to be a Peggy White Graduate, and have the ability to style hair for many different clients and family members, and for many different occasions. God Bless you, Peggy.##imported-begin##Ann Kammers Grant##imported-end##

December 1 at 5:37 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Alexis I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts to your family.##imported-begin##Beth Rios##imported-end##

December 1 at 5:35 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Muskegon has lost an icon, Peggy did so much over the years to promote and help local non-profits. She was a joy to be around and a class act! I enjoyed doing the "glamour" photo business with her and being a guest on her TV show several times. She will always be remembered. She leaves the legacy of a beautiful family and my prayers are with each of you.##imported-begin##Lynda Lear-Balkema##imported-end##

December 1 at 10:18 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother...She was a great women. She will be missed.You are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Port City Dental##imported-end##

December 1 at 9:49 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. Peggy was as classy as they get. I first met her when I worked at Mr. Quicks (I'm pretty sure I can remember her order - one egg sunny side up but not runny, one piece of wheat toast - and three pieces of bacon - CRISP and DRY). Was I close? She was admired by her beauty for she was just as beautiful inside as she was out. May God bless you during this most difficult time!!##imported-begin##Sharon Rindfusz##imported-end##

December 1 at 8:36 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lexi,Roger,Ashley,Zack and familySuch a pleasure to have been part of your mothers "hair family" ! She truly will be missed and what a legacy she has left behind! My thoughts are with you all.Sarah Smith/Raby##imported-begin##sarah smith/raby##imported-end##

December 1 at 7:46 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

BAUER FAMILY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER SHE GAVE HER ALL TO MUSKEGON. MY GIRLS PATTY AND KRIS WILL HOLD HER IN THEIR HEARTS FOREVER. PATTY WAS HER DANCER AND KRIS WAS HER MODEL. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FROM THE MYLENEK FAMILY##imported-begin##FAYE MYLENEK##imported-end##

December 1 at 7:27 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lexie and FamilyYour Mother was a wonderful woman. She was so kind to everyone. I was very honored to know her. The picture of her sure was beautiful.Love, Dianne##imported-begin##Dianne Wright##imported-end##

November 30 at 7:24 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Peggy White's Hair Academy provided for many young people a great start at a career and for many the opportunity to start their own businesses. Peggy White Knight, will be fondly remembered and greatly missed in the business community, as well as by her friends. May God's loving kindness bring you peace during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Tonette Brown Garner##imported-end##

November 30 at 6:31 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lexie and family, Charlie and I are so sorry we can't be with you for the celebration of the truly wonderful life of service your mom lived. Her sparkle and enthusiasm brought joy to those around her and her work and dedication to Muskegon will long be remembered. From our perspective, her greatest contribution is the lovely daughter she left to carry on her legacy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Charlie and Lenore###imported-begin###Charles and Lenore Chapple###imported-end###

November 30 at 1:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My sympathy goes out to the family. Peggy was truly a wonderful and aspiring woman to all who came in contact with her. May God bless you all.###imported-begin###yolanda jamison###imported-end###

November 30 at 1:41 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have fond memories of working for Peggy at her N. Muskegon salon and working with her in later years for the National Cosmetologist Assoc. of MI. Peggy was an inspiration to all she touched.###imported-begin###Martha Spoelman-Webb###imported-end###

November 30 at 4:59 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

What a beautiful picture of your mother. Our condolences to the family. May her memories be cherished forever.###imported-begin###Tim & Doreen Perry###imported-end###

November 30 at 4:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I remember your mom as she looks in this photo. what a beautiful and spirited lady. how happy you must be that she shared so many years with you. god bless karen (client from the 80's)###imported-begin###karen otoole###imported-end###

November 29 at 9:04 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Peggy L. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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