



El Odean Knight

September 30, 1934 - May 31, 2025

El O'dean Valeria Knight, 90, of Scott City, Missouri died Saturday, May 31, 2025 at her residence.

Ellie was born September 30, 1934 on the family farm in Jackson, MO to Allois and Wilhemia (Petzoldt) Philipps.

Ellie and Robert Knight were married on December 23, 1956 at St. Paul Lutheran, Jackson.

Ellie received a General Studies degree from Southeast Missouri State University.

Ellie and Robert were founding members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau. She served as a member of their board of directors, taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and started the Stephen Ministry. She served as Executive Director for Retired Senior Volunteer Program, with offices in Sikeston, Scott City, Cape Girardeau, and Chaffee while coordinating over 800 volunteers. She started the Scott County Ambulance as well as the Scott County Transit. She helped launch the funding for the Women's Shelter in Sikeston. She started the Girl Scouts troop in Scott City, including the day camp in the area. She served as a liason for government worker grants and retirements and started the Meals on Wheels in Scott

County.

Survivors include daughter, Valeria (Dan) Klaproth of Jackson, MO; two grandsons, Lee (April) Klaproth of Oak Ridge, MO, Philip (Katie) Klaproth of Republic, MO; three great-grandchildren, Cooper, Milo, Josie.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Visitation will be 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. John Dehne officiating.

Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be given to Saxony Lutheran High School.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
804 N. Cape Rock Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of knowing Ellie and working closely with hers when she was with RSVP and I was PR Director at Southeast Hospital. How I admired and enjoyed her! Mysympathy to the family.

Nancy Bray - June 03, 2025 at 11:23 PM

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Ellie was a lovely lady that I had the pleasure of working with and having as a friend for many years. She was a wonderful person! My sympathy to her daughter and grandsons.

Lana Johnson

Lana Johnson - June 08, 2025 at 09:55 PM