



## Stephanie A. Starnes

November 21, 2019

Stephanie A. Starnes, artist, pet lover, owner, Pet Land Memorial Park (pet cemetery) passed away November 21, 2019. She was born in 1946 to Thomas B. Starnes and Martha Louise Knight. Stephanie's pursuits in creativity led her to a life's work as an artist (painter) and teacher, photographer, writer and journalist. She received an art degree from UALR and also studied under Jim Valone with the Arts Center. Stephanie's art was exhibited widely as she was one of the first six artists selected in 1975 in the initial Artist-in-Residence Program through the Arkansas Arts Council.

Her diverse career included 10 years teaching art, creative writing and music to at-risk youth with Alexander Youth Services Center, and Rivendell Behavior Health Services in Benton. Her quirkiness and edginess set her apart and therefore she imparted her creativity touching the lives of many youth. Her love for animals was evidenced by her dedication to Pet Land Memorial Park, family owned pet cemetery, which will continue to be provided for and protected.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, and most recently by her beloved cousin, Dr. Mike Miles. She leaves behind many memories with her brother, Tommy Starnes and wife, Anita, niece, Amy L. Starnes and nephew, Thomas L. Starnes. Her closest friends will remember her for her strait shooting commentary and love of art.

In lieu of flowers, Stephanie would appreciate donations to the Pulaski County Humane Society, 14600 Colonel Glenn, Little Rock, AR 72210.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, (501)224-2200. Stephanie's online guestbook may be signed at [www.littlerockfuneralhome.com](http://www.littlerockfuneralhome.com).

# Comments

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“ Stephanie will be missed. The world got a little dimmer when she passed from it, but her light still shines thru all the young students she inspired, the friends she loved and her paintings left behind so that we can still see her in each one. There will never be another Stephanie Starnes, I will miss her.

**Mary Walter** - January 16 at 10:05 PM

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“ Stephanie was a wonderful painter whose work was under recognized. She led the way for other women artists.

**Susan Baker Chambers** - December 03, 2019 at 11:53 AM