

The Olive Jane Hathaway Animal Center Supply Fund

After the death of her mother, Olive Hathaway, Laura Snipes new exactly how to keep her memory alive and help a cause that her mother would have been proud of—by creating a fund with the Northern Indiana Community Foundation to support the Fulton County Animal Center.

Olive Jane Hathaway was a strong, hardworking woman and a devoted mother of three daughters. Her love of animals reached all the way to her childhood as her father was a hunter and was constantly surrounded by hunting dogs. Even after her own daughters were grown, Olive continued to keep 3 or 4 cats around the house at all times.

She was an only-child born in Hamlet, Indiana but lived in Rochester almost her entire life. She attended high school in Fulton County and was awarded the DAR award. After school, she worked at Brown and Brown Law Office as a secretary.

After the early death of her husband when she was only 40 years old, Olive raised her three daughters, Laura, Julia, and Karen, on her own and, as she always said later, they became her entire life.

Olive was a very hard-working, detail-oriented woman. She traveled occasionally with her daughters and enjoyed knitting, music, and reading. She was also known for her small stature yet incredibly strong, fierce personality. Her daughter, Laura, recalled that even though her mother faced many hardships in her life, she never let it show and was always glad to see them.

“She led a simple life,” Laura recalled. “She always loved the simple things.”

The fund through the Community Foundation was a way for Olive's daughters to honor the mother who had devoted her life to them. Now, through the Olive Jane Hathaway Animal Center Supply Fund, Olive's memory lives on, and the Fulton County Animal Center, a cause always close to her heart, will benefit from her forever.



*Olive Koomler Hathaway and below
with some of her best friends.*

