



Franklin D. Knight

November 2, 1939 - December 3, 2017

Franklin D. Knight, 78, of Cape Girardeau went home to His Heavenly Father Sunday, December 3rd after an ongoing illness at Landmark Hospital in Cape Girardeau. He was born November 2, 1939 to Lester Bryan and Thecla Clara (Westrich) Knight in New Hamburg, Missouri on the family farm. Both parents preceded him in death as well as his brother, Lester Louis Knight and brother-in-law, Curtis Clymer.

Frank had an amazing work ethic that began in his childhood working on the family farm and other area farms as a youngster and into his young adult years. He was graduated from Illmo-Fornfelt High School in 1957 where he was an accomplished track runner, long- and high-jumper, boxer, baseball and basketball player. He was named, "most illustrious student" as a senior. He continued to be an active member of community intermural sports (especially softball) well into his later life.

After working on the John I Hayes barge-line upon graduation from high school, Frank was the epitome of a self-made man who put himself through multiple night courses to work for the following companies: Firestone Tire, Gaylor's Shoe Store, American Republic Insurance and finally KFVS12 TV where he was employed from 1965-2000 when he retired as Business Manager. He and his wife also owned and/or built over 37 residential properties while working full time to supplement the family's income.

After serving in the Army National Guard and being stationed in California, he married the love of his life, Carol Sue Ervin on March 8, 1963. She preceded him in death on September 8, 2017.

Surviving family members include two children, Derek Knight and Tracy(Jimmy)Lohmeier and 4 grandchildren, David and Savannah Knight and JB and Caroline Lohmeier, all of Cape. He is also survived by two sisters and one brother-in-law; Marian Clymer and Phyllis (Jerry) Schwab all of Cape as well as 4 nieces and nephews: Mark (Pam) Blaylock of Cape; Will (Jill) Blaylock of Eureka, Mo.; Jeffrey (Katie) Schwab of Marietta, GA. and Kelly (Scott) Drew of McGregor, TX. He was also a proud great-uncle to 10 great-nieces and -nephews.

Frank was a faithful member of First General Baptist Church in Cape from 1965-1999 where he was Sunday School Superintendent, Church Trustee, member of the adult choir and Sunday school teacher. He was also a participant in over 10 years of "Freedom Celebration," a musical celebration of our Country's freedom that the church produced for years.

He joined Lynwood Baptist Church of Cape in 1999 where he was a member until his death. He served there as an active FAITH ministry team member, deacon, member of the adult choir and member of the finance committee.

Frank loved his family and was very much a family man. He lead by example and was the ultimate supportive father and husband. He coached several little league baseball teams and lead one of those teams to a city championship! He loved the outdoors which was his favorite place to be if he weren't on the back porch swing or sitting by the fireplace. His favorite pastimes were fishing, hunting and cutting wood. He spent all of his free-time busy in the yard, taking Carol for rides in the country or with his son and best friend, Derek. Frank was an eternal optimist as a father and role model. One would never hear him say

anything other than that he had a great day. For the last 4 years, he was the ultimate caregiver for his wife, a stroke victim. His optimism despite their challenging circumstances, defined him as a man, devoted husband and faithful follower of Christ. He was an inspiration to many.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 5 from 4-7 P. M. at Lynwood Baptist Church with a celebration of his life Wednesday at 10 A.M. at the church with Pastor Mark Anderson officiating.

Graveside services will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made in honor of Frank to Lynwood Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lynwood Baptist Church
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Service

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lynwood Baptist Church
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Life long memories and relationships are precious.... And for me as a young boy, it was watching Frank hit a softball a “country” mile, rounding the bases before the ball even hit the ground. Running through the back yard, climbing the white board fence we shared with the Knights to see Frank’s Saturday morning catch from Duck Creek which was always spectacular. Playing whiffle ball with Frank, Derek & Tracy in their back yard. Years later growing up, attending church and sitting next to Frank in the choir every Sunday, sharing his joy as Carol sang so “angelically”, often for Sunday special services. His personality would always light up the room, his laugh contagious and his character never wavered. Frank Knight was a 'gentle' Giant of a man who will be dearly missed. Today we rejoice knowing he and Carol (although apart for a brief moment in time) are now together once again forever in their heavenly home. To Derek and Tracy, my heart grieves as your hearts do. May God bless both of you and your families as you go through this most difficult time.

Aaron Barrett

Aaron Barrett - December 05, 2017 at 01:20 PM

TL

Wow Aaron! It's 8 months later and I'm just seeing this, but what a kind tribute to Dad and Mom both. We all loved your family and still do! What sweet memories! God bless you!

tracy lohmeier - August 01, 2018 at 07:41 PM

RF

“ It's interesting how people make your life better. Frank was one of those special people for me. He was a man you could trust and a man you could count on to exhibit a Christ-like approach to the trials and tribulations of everyday life. Being a young guy when I started at KFVS, I couldn't have had a better role model in the business community than Frank. That developed into a long personal friendship that I will value till the end of my days. To Tracy and Derek and the whole Knight family, you have my deepest condolences. Carol and Frank were both jewels for many of us and we share your sorrow. May God bless you with strength, solace and peace.

Robert Floyd - December 04, 2017 at 02:45 PM

TL

Thank you so much Robert! Mom and Dad thought so highly of you and quite enjoyed our near weekly visits on Sundays at Pagoda! Good times!

tracy lohmeier - December 05, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin D. Knight.



December 04, 2017 at 02:21 PM