



John Austin Knowles, Jr

March 16, 1928 - July 19, 2016

John Austin Knowles, Jr., 88 years old, passed away on July 19, 2016 at his home in Huntsville, Texas. He was born on March 16, 1928 in Newton, Alabama to Pauline Martin Knowles and John Austin Knowles, Sr.

Johnny grew up in Newton, Alabama. He said it was the best place to live. He graduated from Newton High School and kept in touch with high school friends his whole life. He went to his last high school reunion when he was 82.

After 2 years in the Navy, he attended Troy University. In 1949, he began a 20 year career in the Air Force. He was sent to Alaska, Florida, Tripoli, Ohio, England, and retired in Longview, Texas. He was a salesman for various companies in Longview until he moved to Huntsville, Texas to be closer to the grandchildren.

Johnny married Gloria Cauthen Knowles in 1951. They were happily married for 62 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pauline Knowles, his stepmother, Jo Knowles, his wife, Gloria Knowles, his daughter-in-law, Kim Knowles and his nephew, Buddy Garrison.

He is survived by his children, Cindy [Darrel] Martin of Huntsville, Texas,

Mickey Knowles of Longview, Texas, and Randy Knowles of Huntsville, Texas; his sister, Rose Reynolds of Orlando, Florida; his Grandchildren, Beth [Luis] Cornejo, Daniel [Lacy] Martin, Todd Knowles, Rachel Knowles; his great-grandchildren, Samuel and Stella Cornejo and Jay and Cooper Martin; and his nieces and nephews.

Johnny loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, gardening, and taking care of his dogs. He had friends all over the country he met through hunting and dog breeding. He was friendly and outgoing and could tell the best stories.

Mr. Knowles will lie in state from 8:00 AM till 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A funeral service will be held at 12:00 PM (NOON) on Friday, July 22, 2016 in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow the service at Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Lie in State

JUL 21. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfm.com

Service

JUL 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Austin Knowles, Jr*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - July 21, 2016 at 08:49 AM



“ *John Austin Knowles, Jr*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Johnny and my brother, Jimmy Bedsole, were the best of friends growing up in Newton, AL. After my brother died in 2008, Johnny called me regularly to just talk about our lives growing up in Newton, the place he always loved. I always had a smile and felt better because of his infectious positive personality. I have been missing those calls and just found out today why. I am very sad to learn of Johnny's passing. He has a beautiful family. God be with you all. Love, Jackie Bedsole Grantham.*

Jacqueline Bedsole Grantham - August 05, 2016 at 05:08 PM

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“ Angelina Santos lit a candle in memory of John Austin Knowles, Jr



angelina santos - July 22, 2016 at 09:15 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Austin Knowles, Jr.



July 21, 2016 at 10:55 PM

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“ David Benton & family purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of John Austin Knowles, Jr.



David Benton & family - July 20, 2016 at 04:59 PM

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“ THE OMCBA REGISTRAR, JUDY POORE purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Austin Knowles, Jr.



THE OMCBA REGISTRAR, JUDY POORE - July 20, 2016 at 09:26 AM

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“ I DID NOT KNOW MR. KNOWLES PERSONALLY, BUT HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL MT. CUR BREEDERS ASSOC. SINCE 1993, AND HAS MANY DOGS REGISTERED W/OUR ASSOC. HE WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER AND WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY FOR THE LOSS OF A PRECIOUS LOVED ONE. JUDY POORE, OMCBA REGISTRAR

JUDY POORE - July 20, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ I like to think about Gloria meeting him at those pearly gates!!! But I will also miss this most interesting, sweet man at Sunday dinners!

Dena Byrd - July 19, 2016 at 02:40 PM