



## Richard Murray Knappen

June 16, 1939 - October 23, 2024

Richard Murray Knappen, 85, of Huntsville, TX, passed away on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. Born in Iowa Falls, IA, Richard grew up in Marshalltown and Newton, IA, before earning a Bachelor's degree in business and education from the University of Iowa. He was a long-term resident of Illinois and California, where he worked as a teacher and bank examiner before embarking on a successful entrepreneurial journey, owning various businesses, including furniture stores, an auto dealership, and an employment firm.

Richard was an active member of the choir and parishioner at San Rafael Catholic Church in San Diego, and he continued his faith journey as a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church after retiring in Huntsville, TX, in 2018.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Maxine, and his siblings, Jack, Kathy, and Jeff. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Marilyn, and their two children, Rhett and Lesley. He is remembered by his sister Nancy, sisters-in-law Barbara and Nancy, brother-in-law Elton, and numerous nieces, nephews, and doggies.

Services for Richard will be Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, followed by burial at Brooke Cemetery. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.hmfm.com](http://www.hmfm.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Graveside Service

OCT **30**. 11:45 AM (CT)

Brooke Cemetery  
672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Richard has always been very special to me. He was my rock when mom passed away. His advice and our chats will be a part of who I am. I love you All! - Janet*



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**Janet Woody** - October 29, 2024 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Love, Janet, David, James and Bradley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Murray Knappen.*



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**Love, Janet, David, James and Bradley** - October 29, 2024 at 09:36 AM

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“ *Amy, Brandy, Linda, Naomi, & Taylor purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Murray Knappen.*



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**Amy, Brandy, Linda, Naomi, & Taylor** - October 29, 2024 at 07:21 AM

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“ *Amy, Brandy, Linda, Naomi, & Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Murray Knappen.*

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**Amy, Brandy, Linda, Naomi, & Taylor** - October 29, 2024 at 07:21 AM

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“ Elton and Nancy purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Richard Murray Knappen.



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Elton and Nancy - October 28, 2024 at 02:09 PM

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“ Elton and Nancy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Murray Knappen.

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Elton and Nancy - October 28, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Murray Knappen.



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October 28, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Murray Knappen.



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October 28, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Knappen.

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October 28, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ Marvin Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Richard Murray Knappen



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**Marvin Hyvl** - October 28, 2024 at 10:34 AM