



William H. Knotts Jr.

September 25, 1930 - March 25, 2019

William Henry Knotts, Jr., 88, of Iola, TX, died peacefully March 25, 2019. Bill was born in Houston, TX, on September 25, 1930 to Mary Lois Gilpin Knotts and William Henry Knotts. In 1933, the family moved to Iola, TX, and began farming land they had purchased along the Navasota River. Bill described his early childhood fondly, even though the Great Depression was hard for his parents. He enjoyed spending time at the farm with his father, riding horses and learning all he could about the land. Bill's family moved to Huntsville, TX, when he was 12. There he enjoyed participating in the Boy Scouts and reached the Eagle rank at age 16. Bill began college at Texas A&M in 1947. He met his future wife, Muriel Gwendolyn Cruse, in 1950 while she was attending Sam Houston in Huntsville. They married in 1951 and moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where he was stationed with the U.S. Air Force. Their daughter, Susan, was born a few weeks before they returned to College Station, TX, for Bill to finish his Civil Engineering degree at A&M. In 1957 Bill and Muriel moved to Huntsville where their two sons, William and John, were born. Bill joined his father at Builders Supply, a construction and ready-mix concrete company. Throughout the years, Bill maintained a constant work association with farming and ranching in Iola. He was able to spend a few of his final years living at the ranch, which brought him great joy.

Bill is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 64 years Muriel Cruse Knotts; mother Mary Lois Gilpin Knotts; father William Henry Knotts, Sr.; sister Lois Ann Russell; sister Mary Perkins; grandson Clay Warren Hunt; great

granddaughter Barbara Grace Hamilton; and daughter-in-law Janice Arlene Knotts.

Bill is survived by his daughter Susan Knotts Selke and husband Richard; son William Henry Knotts III; son John Cruse Knotts; granddaughter Allison Hunt Hamilton and husband David; grandsons Brian John Knotts; Bradley William Knotts and wife Taylor; Blake Allan Knotts; and great granddaughter Annabelle Grace Hamilton.

The family would like to thank the staff at Crestview Retirement Community and Hospice Brazos Valley in Bryan, TX. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Team Rubicon USA at www.teamrubiconusa.org or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William H. Knotts Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Bill, John and Susan! Harry and I were saddened to hear of your Dads passing! He was such a nice man and always made the Bohan family feel special! Sending love and hugs!*

grace and harry bohan - March 29, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ *I will always remember Bill for his integrity and willingness to serve his community. We didn't always agree but when we didn't, I knew Bill was coming from a place of values and we need more people like that.*

Rich Heiland - March 28, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William H. Knotts Jr..*



March 27, 2019 at 09:58 AM

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“ *With much love, Barbara and Homer Selke-Kern purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of William H. Knotts Jr..*



With much love, Barbara and Homer Selke-Kern - March 26, 2019 at 07:02 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of William H. Knotts Jr.*



M. Hyvl - March 26, 2019 at 06:03 PM

DP

“ *My prayers are with you and your family. My family lived on 23rd Street and the Knott's lived on Robinson Way. We all had a good time together. May God give you comfort and rest. Donna Sue Robinson Paschall HHS Class '74*



Donna Paschall - March 26, 2019 at 07:50 AM

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“ *I spent my youth with my friend John. The memories I have of Mr. Knotts affected me as a young man growing up. He always gave great advice on business decisions. All the times I spent shooting pool with John and his parents made me feel at home. R.I.P Mr. Knotts. Friend of the family Keith Hayden.*

Keith Hayden - March 25, 2019 at 06:12 PM