

Michael W. Knox

January 5, 1944 – February 1, 2019

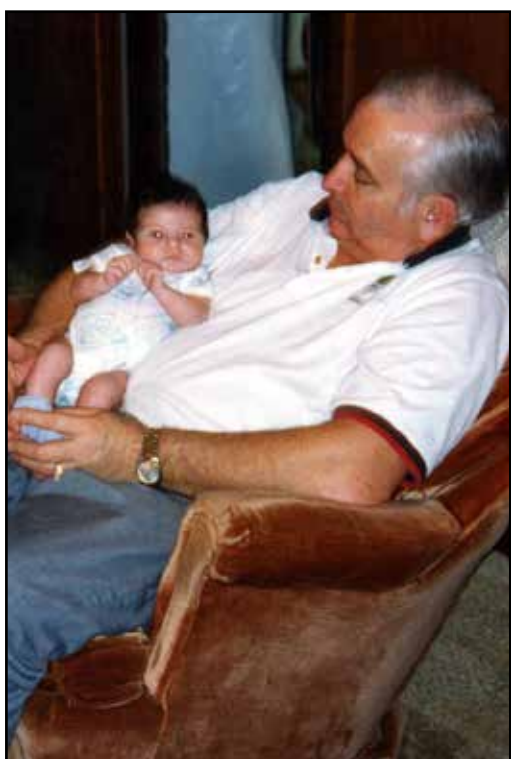


Michael W. Knox, 75, of Beaumont, Texas, died Friday, February 1, 2019, in Houston, Texas. He was born on January 5, 1944, in Klamath Falls, Oregon. He retired from Mobil Oil after 28 years as a Chemical Engineer after graduating from Texas A&M University in 1966. He was a member of Meadows Church of Christ in Beaumont. Mike was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

As his son would say, “Mike would give you the shirt off his back... THEN tell you how to put it on”!

Mike is survived by the love of his life and wife of fifty-three years, Barbara; son, Jason Knox and his wife, Amy; grandsons, Colby and Caden; granddaughter, Rainey; and great-granddaughter, Margaret Jane all of Beaumont; brothers, James Knox and his wife, Molly, of Atlanta, Texas and John Knox and his wife, Sue, of Jeffersonton, Virginia; mother-in-law, Wilodene Wilbanks; sisters-in-law, Jerri Scott and her husband, Gene, of Allen, Texas; and Kathy O’Kelley of Atlanta, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Olean Knox.







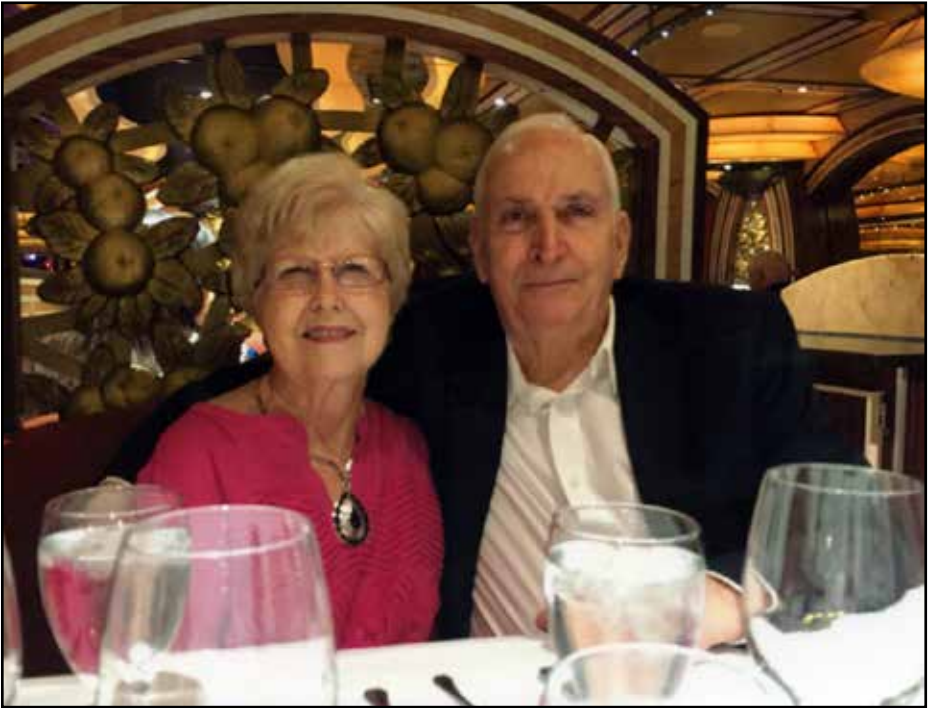
















Eulogy for Mike Knox

Barbara, Members of the Family, Dearest Friends

We gather here today to pay our final respects to Mike Knox. It is fitting that we meet here in Cass, the heart of East Texas. Mike was an adopted son of this great state. He grew to manhood here. He met and married Barbara while living here, and they chose this place as their final resting place among family and friends they love.

As I think about my beloved brother and words that might depict his wonderful life, faith, hope, and love spring readily to mind. Mike was truly a man of deep abiding faith. From early childhood he developed the same precious faith that was in his mother based on the inspired word of God, and he lived that faith throughout his life walking as Jesus walked, observing all things whatsoever he commanded us.

Mike was never without hope which was focused entirely on the grace to be his at the coming of the Lord. I cannot begin to count the times he admonished me to watch. Over the years that almost became a byword between us as we often ended phone calls and conversations with that wonderful reminder. As Jesus said, "What I say to you I say to all watch."

Faith and hope were important to Mike, but his greatest quality was love. He was perhaps the most loving person I have ever known, and he was generous with his love. He almost always considered the needs of others before his own. He was a loving husband, a loving father, a devoted son, and the most wonderful and giving of brothers. He loved Barbara all his life. You never had cause to doubt Mike's love for you. It was a precious gift he handed out to everyone everywhere. And, he never gave cause to doubt his love for the Lord. It will stand as a testament to his great life forever.

To say that Mike Knox was remarkable is like saying the sun rises in the east. A friend recently remarked to me that she doubted that anyone who had known Mike for five minutes would ever forget him. He never met a stranger in his life. He was always ready to provide a defense for the hope that was within him, and his speech was filled with compassion and good cheer. He was an encouragement to thousands over the course of his life, and I rank among those he helped the most.

With all these wonderful qualities, Mike displayed a level of wisdom rare among us, and he was smart enough to marry Barbara who was his perfect foil in life. She of the quiet and gentle spirit which is precious in the sight of God was able to meet his challenging person as an equal, and their life together is a model for us all.

Let me read from Psalms chapter 1:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

That could have been written with Mike in mind. He was an example of righteousness. Because of this, I can say with confidence he is in paradise at this moment waiting for us to join him. It is not difficult. We simply need to walk as he walked. Just as Jesus walked. If we do that, we are promised a grand entrance in the eternal halls of heaven. I can almost hear Mike now: "This is rocket man signing off. Come on up. I will be waiting for you."

Pray with me please.

Father in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy Name. Thank you for Mike Knox. Let his memory always live in our hearts until the day when we join him in the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Unto You be the glory both now and forever. In Jesus' name, amen.

Gathering of Family and Friends

Monday, February 4, 2019

6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Beaumont, Texas

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Hanner Funeral Home

103 West Main Street

Atlanta, Texas

Private Family Committal

Cass Cemetery

Bloomburg, Texas

Memorial Contributions

Meadows Church of Christ

9195 Dishman Road

Beaumont, Texas 77713

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Cass Cemetery Fund

c/o George Waller

1278 Farm to Market North

Atlanta, Texas 75551



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