



## Franklyn Duke Knowles

December 13, 1940 - November 1, 2020

Our beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Franklyn Duke Knowles chose a beautiful day to return to Heaven on November 1, 2020 in St. George, Utah. He was born on December 13, 1940 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Eugene Arthur Knowles Sr., and Pearl Delores Duke. He attended Onequa and Jackson elementary schools; Jackson Jr. High; West High, and the University of Utah. In 1960 he joined the Utah National Guard as a member of the newly organized Special Forces. He had the wonderful opportunity to serve a mission (1961-1963) in the South Africa Mission. In those days, the mission included the countries of South Africa, Northern Rhodesia, and Southern Rhodesia. He truly grew to love the people of these beautiful countries and returned many times. In 1964 he married Sue Richins (later divorced) and had two wonderful children Jilynne (Travis) Hafen, and Shawn (Susanna) Knowles, both living in St. George, Utah. He felt blessed with six fantastic grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, with one more coming in December.

Dad began his sales and management career in the health spa business. The remaining thirty-five years were spent within the development and growth in the franchise industry working with Spudnuts, Taco Bell, Sea Galley, Snelling Personnel, and Martinizing.

Dad has six sisters: Donna Edmund, Maxine Littleford (deceased), Waneta

Ensign, Carole Mitchell, LaRene (Terry) Lester, and Margie White, all living in the greater Salt Lake City area. He also has one brother: Eugene "Bud" A. Knowles, Jr. (DeAnn) in Bountiful, Utah. At age 69, while writing his history, Dad learned he had a brother, Deyon. Dad was heartbroken in never having had the opportunity to meet Deyon as he was "missing in action or buried at sea" and presumed dead in November 1943, after serving on the USS Preston. We are sure Dad and Deyon have now met and are sharing stories of their youth and celebrating their brotherhood.

Dad has always been active in the LDS Church. Upon returning from his first mission to South Africa in 1963 he served as assistant chaplain at the Utah State prison for five and one-half years. He also served as High Priest Group Leader, Ward Clerk, Bishops Counselor, and three times as a member of stake High Councils. He also served as ordinance worker in the Portland, Oregon Temple. In 2013 he was called to serve in the Johannesburg, South Africa mission for a second time, where he had the opportunity to serve as a branch president. It was a tremendous opportunity where he met many more wonderful and cherished friends.

Dad would want us to recognize and thank his doctor Heather Gilbert, MD, and all the chemo nurses and staff at the Intermountain Cancer Center, St. George, for their fantastic and professional service. Words cannot express his love and appreciation for their assistance and patience. Their friendship was greatly appreciated. We would also like to express our gratitude to Intermountain Hospice for their care and compassion.

Our family has truly been blessed. Dad repeatedly shared, "When I am gone, more than anything else, I will miss all my children and grandchildren." Dad, we know you are watching over us now and we will see you soon. XOXO

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 7, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the

Bloomington 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 3519 Manzanita Rd., St. George, UT. Visitations will be held Friday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and again Saturday morning, prior to the service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., both at the chapel. Interment with military honors will follow the service at the Tonaquint Cemetery. Masks and social distancing are required inside the church. The services will be live streamed at [www.Manzanita.SouthGateStake.com](http://www.Manzanita.SouthGateStake.com). In lieu of flowers please donate to the Church Missionary Department.

Family and friends are invited to share condolences online at [www.SerenityStG.com](http://www.SerenityStG.com) Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Bloomington 7th Ward  
3519 Manzanita R.  
St. George, UT 84770

## Viewing

NOV 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Bloomington 7th Ward  
3519 Manzanita R.  
St. George, UT 84770

## Funeral

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (MT)

Bloomington 7th Ward  
3519 Manzanita R.  
St. George, UT 84770

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Live Stream Funeral Service in memory of Franklyn Duke Knowles*



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - November 02, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *Frank was one of my favorite ward members. He had such a fun sense of humor and could always make me laugh. He will be missed by many of us in the Bloomington 7th Ward. Condolences to all of you for your loss.*

*LINDA SAPPINGTON*

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**Linda Sappington** - November 06, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Carol and I are so sorry to hear of the death of this wonderful man. We both have fun memories of him in our growing-up years and I especially enjoyed playing basketball with Frank on our Riverside Ward team. We echo your XOXO. David Weenig*

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**Dave & Carol Weenig** - November 05, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Franklyn Duke Knowles.*



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November 05, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Franklyn Duke Knowles.*



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November 03, 2020 at 12:27 PM