



William E. Knowles

August 15, 1920 - March 13, 2013

William E. Knowles 92, of West Hartford died March 13, 2013 at home. He was the loving husband of the late Elizabeth (Dettenborn) Knowles. He was born August 15, 1920 in Mansfield, MA. He was the son of the late Grace (Sylvester) and Benjamin Knowles. William was a retired Animal Control Officer for the town of West Hartford for 23 years. He had a compassion for all animals, especially for his longtime companion, his dog Abbey. William was also a Navy veteran of WWII, where he served this country in the Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic Theaters. He was a former member of the American Legion Post 96, of West Hartford. He was a 32nd degree mason for over 50 years, presently a member of Wyllys St John Lodge#99 in West Hartford. He was also a member of Sphinx Temple A.A.O.W. of Newington. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved his cabin in Maine where he enjoyed fishing and hunting with his wife and family, and sharing his knowledge of the outdoors with his grandchildren. He was a special dad to his son William Mark Knowles, of Broad Brook, and his 2 stepdaughters Donna S. Hollinshead (Hugh) of West Hartford, Cynthia S. Daigle (Mario) of West Hartford. He also leaves his grandchildren Joseph Hollinshead (Samantha), Dallas Texas, Krista Hollinshead of West Hartford, Mark Daigle (Amy) of West Hartford, Michael Daigle (Emily) of Glastonbury and 4 great grandchildren Ruby Hollinshead, Anna & Wyatt Daigle and William Daigle. Beside his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his grandson Christopher Knowles, daughter-in-law Lori Knowles and 11 siblings. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Pastor Dana Hallenbeck will preside at the private graveside service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mr. Knowles name to the charity of donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I am so sad to find out my grandparents death 'my sincere condolences to my family. Jason we Knowles nc

jason w knwles - October 27, 2015 at 08:38 PM

DG

“ Trips to the cabin in Maine were fun, from day one until you went home. A better time to remember, we shall not find. If you hear a rumble from the clouds, would you believe, Bill and Betty are up to their unique discussions. I shall truly miss our times together.

Dee Guyan - March 16, 2013 at 09:32 AM

JJ

“ On 3-13-13 an old grouch went to visit a beautiful person and decided to stay. What better trip he might have taken, i cannot say. They are together again and watching over all. Now I shall miss them both, but I say, Bill is happier by far. To those who did meet him, he touched your life in a positive way. And those who missed him, missed a fine character. I was privileged to call him friend. I know not what others may say or think; But i for one shall surely miss thee. Sleep well my friend.

John E Guyan, Jr. - March 16, 2013 at 09:07 AM

HM

Bill was always Howard's favorite uncle, and he had some good ones. Bill was more like a brother than an uncle. I met them first when they came to visit us in Texas for the first time. We all hit it off right away and I felt I had known them always. We did two things Bill had always said he wanted to do. Visited Mexico, (Matamoros) and San Antonio, the Alamo.. This started a series of trips back and forth between Connecticut and Texas, We enjoyed many a visit to their beautiful cabin in Maine, boatrides, and nights of riding out to see the moose population. There was never a dull moment with those 2. We took them to Big Bend Nat'l Park in Tx and Enchanted Rock near Fredericksburg, TX. Howard met Bill for several of his Navy reunions. Bill and Betty had a wonderful life. And their little discussions (or "talks") were something to hear. We loved them both so dearly and miss them more than words can say. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family, who took such excellent , loving care of them.

Howard and Pat Myers - March 16, 2013 at 10:23 AM

JK

Bill was a find man and the grandfather to my beautiful sons Cristopher w Knowles and His only living grandson Jason W Knowles.wish some one had told them 2 years later Jason is just now grieving-

jason w knowles - October 27, 2015 at 08:45 PM

RO

It's ok you were not mentioned.in the obit.We all know how you felt about your grampie.It is ok Jason.

Robin - January 23, 2023 at 01:42 PM