



Joseph Thomas "JT" Knight

July 29, 1932 - July 15, 2020

Joseph Thomas "JT" Knight, 87, of Sonora, passed away on July 15, 2020 suddenly while doing what he loved: working his farm in Flint Hill.

Visitation will be between 12 Noon EDT and 8:00pm EDT on Saturday, July 18, 2020 or Sunday 9:00am till time of the service at Manatee Funeral Home in Sonora. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic some limitations will be in place included occupancy limitations and the requirement that facial masks be worn while indoors

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am EST on Sunday July 19, 2020 at Manatee Funeral Home in Sonora with Bro. Phillip Knight officiating. Burial will follow at Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens on Leitchfield Rd. (Highway 62). Arrangements are by Manatee Funeral Home.

JT was born in Upton, the first son of ten children, to Joseph (Joe) Porter and Daisy Jane (Jenkins) Knight on July 29, 1932. He married Wilma Jean Sharp on June 14, 1952. He proudly served in the US Army in the early 1950's. He farmed and worked a variety of jobs until he and Wilma bought a farm on Melrose Road west of Sonora. He became a full-time farmer in 1976 and loved his farm and farming more than any other place on earth

He became a Master Mason at Stephensburg Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, FandAM. He proudly received his Graduate Equivalency Degree (GED) on his 64th birthday; he was excited to be featured in the local newspaper for this accomplishment. In the late 1980's he briefly went back to "public work" at HMH; his work ethic and great personality was instrumental in him being awarded HMH employee of the year in the first year he worked there, an honor he was very proud of.

JT loved the Lord! He has been an active member, deacon, and officer of Falling Springs Missionary Baptist Church near Upton for over 40 years. He was a leader in his family and

a rock that many leaned on over the years.

JT is finally able to reunite in Heaven those special people in his life who preceded him in death. These include his father, Joe; his mother, Daisy; his brother, Roger; his sisters, Golda and Lavonna; and many family and friends. He is also strolling across heaven with Wilma. The love of his life for almost 52 years, he has missed her every day since her passing over 16 years ago.

JT is survived by three children: Melissa Jean Hartmann (and her husband Andy); Teresa Dianne Alvey (and her husband Randy); and Douglas Thomas Knight (and his wife Bryanna). He is survived by three grandchildren: Deran Thomas Alvey (and his wife Audria), Dana Renee Segó (and her husband Joe), and Madeline Shelby Knight. Survivors also include four great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. He also leaves behind three brothers (Donald, Burton, and Johnnie) and three sisters (Patsy, Betty, and Shirley). A long life, a big smile and heart, and playful personality has resulted hundreds of others, who are left behind to smile at the memory of this wonderful man.

Cemetery

Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens

3817 Leitchfield Rd

Cecilia, KY, 42724

Comments



“ So sorry for your loss he was a very nice person and my mother-in-law and I spent a lot of time working for JT and Wilma in his tobacco he will be missed prayers for his family & friends .

Darlene Hatfield - July 18, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ First met J.T and the Hospital where we both worked, always a hard worker, even went and got his GED, i believe in his 60s , willing to help out anyone , great sense of humor , could give them and take them , I sorry for your loss, I'm sure he is missed and will be remembered by everyone who knew him.

George and Rose Peters



George A Peters - July 18, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Melissa, Dianne and Douglas, I know your hearts are broken and I am so sorry for that. We all know that we will see him again on the other side. He was always my big brother and I loved him dearly. The pain will lessen some as time goes by. Try to remember all the good times you shared. His family and his Lord were the 2 most important things in his life. Dianne remember all the good times you and Randy and J.T. had when he helped strip tobacco. Melissa remember all the good times you, Andy and J.T. had playing dominoes. He was always there if someone needed him. He loved his grandchildren and his great grandchildren...And counted on Deran and Joe to help him out. If there is anything I can do for all of you, please just ask. May God be with you and hold you in the palm of is hands. Love Betty and James.



Betty & James Sheroan - July 17, 2020 at 11:54 PM



“ Remember him testifying on Saturday night at Stonestreet. Made me believe he had the real gold. See you soon Bro. JT

Larry Jenkins - July 17, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ Brother JT,
I firmly promise to see you again someday. I have so many good memories in the lord with you. I loved my brother.

Danny Knight - July 17, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Dan Thomas lit a candle in memory of Joseph Thomas "JT" Knight



Dan Thomas - July 17, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ JT and I have a special connection. So sad to hear of his passing. There is an old gospel song called “Somebody Prayed For Me”. And JT did just that. He prayed for a little young lady that he didn’t know, and the Lord saved my soul. I will surely miss Bro. JT, but I will see him again on the other side.

Kathy Wheeler - July 16, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Kathy, thank you. J.T. had just told me about this last week. He had told me before, but I enjoyed hearing about your experience again.

Shirley Ogden - July 17, 2020 at 03:31 PM