
Jim Knox

1941 - 2021



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Jim Knox

October 24, 1941-April 1, 2021

Jim Knox passed away quietly at home on April 1, 2021 at the age of 79, in Houston, Texas.

Born in 1941 to Mabel and Tinsley Knox in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jim graduated from Western Hills High School, the University of Cincinnati, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta, and received his masters from Duquesne University. He was a lifelong Bearcat fan and loved going see Cincinnati play Houston in football and basketball after moving to Texas.

Married to Judy Knox in 1963, they spent their 58 years moving around the country as Jim worked for Alcoa, American Hospital Supply, Edwards Pacemakers, Soule Steel and finally started Valve Repair Service with John Goduto in Bettendorf, Iowa in 1984. The valve company would end up being his greatest legacy and he retired after running it for more than 30 years. A long time member of Davenport Country Club and former board president, Jim was an avid golfer. Jim enjoyed his retirement exploring Houston with friends and family and was the king of Flex Your Brain at Brookdale. He and Judy were also part of the inaugural Cruising with Brookdale just prior to the COVID shutdown.

With a slogan of 'We Can Do It' Jim was president for several iterations of the valve company, watching it grow from a single location in Bettendorf Iowa to a 6 state corporation recognized nationally for quality and service. He believed a company should be an extended family and treated everyone that way.

Jim is survived by his wife Judy, His children Jodie Schwirtz and Andrew Knox (Mary) and his six grandchildren Jackson Schwirtz, J.D. Schwirtz and Joshua Schwirtz and Olivia Knox, Logan Knox, and Isabella Knox.

In lieu of flowers and/or gifts, please consider a donation to two of Jim's favorite organizations. The scholarship fund for The Center for Living Arts (<https://www.centerforlivingarts.org> (click Donate here) Mailing Address Center for Living Arts 220 19th Street Rock Island, IL 61201) or the Meals program at Two Rivers Methodist Church (Two Rivers Methodist Church 1820 5th Ave. Rock Island, IL

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MEMORIAL EVENTS

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Judy - we're so sorry to hear about Jim! What a great guy! Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family!!

Jeff and Vickie Lenz

April 4, 2021

Judy & Family: Deeply saddened to learn of Jim's passing. He was a friend to cherish and the two of you even more so. Darv

Darv Schroeder

April 3, 2021

Jim was the nicest man. I so enjoyed our visits while cutting his hair.

JoAnn Hogenson

April 3, 2021

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