



John M. "J.M." Knight

February 5, 1928 - June 4, 2021

John M. "J.M." Knight, 93, died at 11:38 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2021 at his home in Alton. Born February 5, 1928 in Mt. Vernon, IL, he was the son of Angus and Mabel (Lamkin) Knight. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Abundant Life Community Church. In 1991 he retired from McDonnell Douglas as an inspector in the space program after 36 years of service. J.M. loved farming, gardening and wood working and enjoyed wintering in Florida. On October 24, 1952 he married the former Geraldine Smith in Broughton, IL. She survives. Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gala and Randy Mathenia of Godfrey and Lisa and Danny Heineman of Bethalto, one son, Randall Knight of Alton, nine grandchildren, Amanda Webster, Jarid Mathenia, Danielle Spann, Tabitha McGibany, Justin Mathenia, Kirsten Knight, Amy Snyder, Cory Heineman, and Alyssa Heineman, and 25 great grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, David Knight (Sharon) and Victor Knight (Janet), three sisters, Frances Branch, Pat Harrawood and Donna Young, two sisters-in-law, Marge Knight and Sammi Smith and a brother-in-law, Ron Lee as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, John David Knight, three brothers, Wayne, Marshall, and Dalton Knight, two sisters, Lois Smith and Fay Lee, and brothers and sisters-in-law, Dorothy Knight, Delores Knight, Junior Smith, Don Harrawood, Eulan Branch, Leroy Smith and Rolla Smith. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Abundant Life Community Church in Alton. Reverend Roy

Rhodes will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Abundant Life Community Church. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Avenue
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Abundant Life Community Church
Alton
Alton, IL

Funeral

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Abundant Life Community Church
Alton
Alton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *John M. "J.M." Knight*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John M. "J.M." Knight*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John M. "J.M." Knight.*



June 08, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John M. "J.M." Knight.*



June 08, 2021 at 09:40 AM

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“ Worldwide Nondestructive Testing purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John M. "J.M." Knight.



Worldwide Nondestructive Testing - June 07, 2021 at 03:26 PM

JG

“ Dear Gala, Randy and family,
We're so sorry to hear about the death of J.M. Our condolences and prayers to all of you.
Love,
Joe and JoAnn Garland

Joseph Garland - June 07, 2021 at 12:58 PM

SD

“ Our condolences to the family he was a great man sincerely Jeff and sherry Douthett

Sherry Douthett - June 06, 2021 at 07:14 AM

JK

“ Uncle JM would always remind us of how old he was but then remind you of how spry he was. He always had the greatest stories too. He for sure will be missed.

Jennifer Knight - June 05, 2021 at 09:28 PM

YB

“ JM was such a friendly guy. He always had a smile and a story to tell me about the farm or his family. My dad, Forrest, and JM had a good friendship and shared lots of hunting tales.
I know he will be missed but what an abundance of sweet memories and stories you all have!

Yvonne Bedwell - June 05, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John M. "J.M." Knight.



June 05, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John M. "J.M." Knight.



June 05, 2021 at 08:23 PM

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“ One of the best smiles and laughs!!
You will be missed.

Linda O'Donahue - June 05, 2021 at 08:04 PM