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MEMORIAL

Thomas Theodore Knox

NOVEMBER 5, 1956

thru

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025



SATURDAY

13 SEPTEMBER 2025

11:00 AM

Ann Street United Methodist Church
Beaufort, North Carolina

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR *Thomas Theodore Knox*

Gathering Music

Prelude

*The Family Enters

Words of Grace

Greeting

*Opening Hymn

Here I am Lord

VERSE 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

VERSE 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

VERSE 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

Scripture Reading

Witness

Prayer

Musical Interlude

Family Shares

Scripture

Commendation

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Thank you to Reverend Dena White for officiating this celebration,
Theresa Beacham and Chelsie Maddox for the special music!

Live Like Tommy

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile,
a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment,
or the smallest act of caring,
all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

--Leon Buscaglia

Following the service, the family requests you go out
and celebrate with the people you love
and raise a glass to Tommy for a life well lived!

Thomas (Tommy) Theodore Knox, 68, of Beaufort, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at his home on September 5, 2025 at 6:45 am.

Tommy, was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He was born on November 5, 1956 to the late Marvin and Nancy (Whitehurst) Knox. He was a devoted husband of 47 years to his high school sweetheart, Cindy. They welcomed their one and only daughter, Lisa in 1981 and became a family of three. He was deeply committed to his family and is survived by his wife Cindy Bayer Knox, his daughter Lisa and her husband, Patrick and his cherished grandsons, Garrison Thomas Rose and Lupton Knox Rose, a beloved nephew Jeremy Turnage and wife Ellen, and his sister, Joy Knox Willis.

Tommy was a graduate of East Carteret High School. He held many careers over his years, but his most favorite position was as the "face of Carteret Health Care". Everyone knew Mr. Tommy as the man with the bright colored shirts and beautiful ties, he worked in patient registration and was a friendly face for everyone coming into the hospital. Once the legend retired people would see him all over town and say how much they missed him at the hospital. He also worked part-time for 30 years at Munden's Funeral Home, which he absolutely loved. He adored everyone that worked there plus he loved being a face of comfort for friends and family at a time when they needed him most. Countless people thanked him for being there at a time when his face was their brightest light of the day.

He truly believed in the power of conversation, as he never met a stranger, he always had a friendly smile and was trying to spread kindness everywhere he went, even when he went to get his favorite sweet tea at Smithfield's drive thru.

He loved spending time with his family on a cruise boat vacation, golfing, drinking beer on the porch with friends, having Saturday breakfast at The Banks Grill, playing in the front yard with his grandsons, and traveling to hockey tournaments to see Garrison and Lupton take the ice. He was passionate about people, loved life, loved others and gave selflessly for all the years of his life.

The family would like to thank everyone at Duke Cancer Center for the excellent care shown to Tommy over the last 14 months. When he was first diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, we only expected a few months of time with him but due to their incredible care and treatment, we had 14 wonderful months of making memories. Thank you also to everyone who has called, texted, sent cards or stopped by to cheer him on and keep his spirits up during treatment, you will never understand the full impact they had on him and our family during this difficult time. Also, a huge thank you to Robin from hospice who quickly became a part of our family at our greatest time of need. She is a heaven-sent angel.

**In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of
Thomas Knox to the Duke Cancer Center**

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