

Celebrating the Life of
Larry Gene Knox

Our Gift: August 22, 1945

God's Gift: September 25, 2021



SFC Knox

Friday, October 8, 2021

Family Viewing: 10:00am

Homegoing Service: 11:00am

Word of Power Ministry

17400 Manderson Road

Detroit, MI 48203

Bishop Benjamin S. Hoke Sr., Officiating



2 Timothy 4:7 I fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

My Wonderful Journey...

*Loving husband, exceptional father, dedicated grandfather, terrific brother, wonderful uncle, loyal friend
"A Man of Excellence"*



Larry Gene Knox was born on August 22, 1945 in Shreveport, Louisiana to

the late Sam and Clara Knox. He was the 6th child born of 7 children, 4 of his siblings preceded him in death.

Larry was united in holy matrimony to his best friend, his soul mate and the "LOVE" of his life Belinda C. Knox on March 14, 1992. They shared 29 blessed, wonderful, amazing and loving years together. They laughed, they talked, they prayed, they fellowshiped, they travelled the world. They lived life together to the fullest. Larry and Belinda were blessed with seven lovely children: Tanya, Gregory, Monique, Lil Larry, Katherine, Kathleen and Andrew.

Larry was affectionately called "Nudaboy" as a young man by his family and friends. He was smart and exceptionally gifted with math and numbers. He received his first job when he was 8 years old. He worked as a Bookkeeper in the town's store and devised a systematic process, whereby the store owner could document and record credit transactions and cash payments, doing so without the use of a calculator or any assisted technology.

Larry began his education in the Redmon Spikes school district in Elmgrove, Louisiana. Upon graduating from high school in 1963, he enrolled for college and attended Grambling University for 3 years, majoring in Agriculture and Organic chemistry. Before completing his studies, he joined the U. S. Army. He furthered his education in 2001 and graduated from Northwestern Technological Institute, where he obtained his certification in heating, cooling air conditioning, refrigeration, troubleshooting, installation and mechanical codes.

Larry joined the United States Army in 1966 and served for 2 years as a Sharpshooter and received an Honorable discharge. Upon his discharge, Larry started working in the automotive industry in 1968 at General Motors and American Axle and held the following positions: Oil repairman (skill trade), and a Hilo truck driver. In 1970, working for General Motors and American Axle, Larry joined the Army Reserved 7th Training Division. He was assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion Training group. As an OPFOR Sergeant, he assisted in training and mentoring all OPFOR personnel assigned, and assisted in the NCOIC in Unit administration. He planned and coordinated all OPFOR activities for the Teams missions. He was also an Instructor -11BH40- Rank SFC-E7, and was responsible for teaching various MOSES (classes) NBC, Surveillance, Land Nab, Fundamental of M16 A1 Rifle, M18 A1 Anti-Personal Weapons and M18 Protective Mask. Larry traveled abroad and even served in the Vietnam War.

In 1991, Larry was ordered back to active duty as a Sergeant First Class by the Secretary of the Army in support of Operation Desert Storm. After Desert Storm, he joined the 3rd Battalion, 337th Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 85th Division. Larry received the Army Commendation medal. He also received decorations, medals, badges, citations, and campaign ribbons awards for: National Defense Service medal 2nd award, Vietnam Service medal, NCO Professional Development ribbon, Vietnam Campaign medal, Army Service ribbon, Sharpshooter marksmanship badge rifle for the M-16, and the Army Reserve Components Achievement medal 2nd OLC. After serving his country faithfully again, he finally retired in 1997, with an honorable discharge; completing 24 courageous years of military services.

In 2002, after his retirement from General Motors and American Axle, Larry and his wife Belinda relocated to Goodyear, Arizona. Of course to keep busy, Larry became a Security Officer and worked for Homeland Security in Arizona for more than 10 years.

Larry accepted Christ at an early age and served faithfully at the Waterloo II Baptist Church in Taylor Town, Louisiana. As an adult, Larry reclaimed his faith and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, the Author and Finisher of his faith. He joined St. Paul's Apostolic Faith Church under the late suffrage Bishop Kenneth J. Hoke Sr. and was baptized in the name of Jesus, and received the Holy Ghost. Larry continued to fellowship under the current leadership of Bishop Benjamin S. Hoke Sr, when he visited Michigan. He served as a Deacon and as the VBS school bus driver for more than 10 years at the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ in Arizona.

Larry, Nuda, Knox, Hubby, Dad, Army Buddy, Sergeant, Friend, Deacon, Brother, Papa.... was such a vibrant, loving, God fearing man. He loved to talk, joke and make everyone laugh. It didn't matter if you were a family member, a friend or even a stranger, if he could joke and put a smile on your face, he accomplished his goal. He truly believed in being a protector, provider and peacemaker. He loved helping others. He was always there with a listening ear and encouraging words to guide you in the right direction.

On September 25, 2021, at 1:06am, with his daughter by his bed side bringing love from the entire family, Larry quietly transitioned this life to life eternal, at Abrazo West Campus Hospital in Goodyear, Arizona. Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Belinda (she received her wings on August 14, 2021), and his son, Greg; his parents Sam and Clara Knox; and his siblings: Jessie, Willie Mae, Eugene and William.

Larry leaves to mourn his loss and cherish his memories: His daughters: Tanya (Christopher), Monique (Damon), Kathleen and Katherine (Demico). His sons: Larry and Andrew. His sister Lucille (Linton). His brother Danny (Donna). His sisters-in-law: Bernestine and Marlita. His brothers-in-law: John Jr and Carl (Sheila). His Best friend: Conner, and a host of grandchildren (27), great-grandchildren (19), nieces, nephews, other family members, veteran buddies, friends and his loving Arizona family.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

OT Scripture Reading	Pastor Lonnie Batties
NT Scripture Reading	Evang. Olivia Harden
Prayer	Evang. Olivia Harden
Selection	Word of Power Ministry
Obituary Reading	Renita Bobbitt
Acknowledgments	Renita Bobbitt
Selection	Word of Power Ministry
Remarks(limit to 2 mins).....	Family and Friends
Selection	Word of Power Ministry
Eulogy	Bishop Benjamin S. Hoke Sr
Interment	Great Lakes National Cemetery (Immediately following the services)
Repass	Word of Power Ministry Fellowship Hall (Upon return from the Cemetery)

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the waters. He restores my soul;
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me. All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*







Dad, I am going to miss you. I can't believe you are gone. I do struggle with good byes because it's hard to cut ties, however the Lord promised, I'll understand it better by and by. I look back on all the good times we had throughout the years. You are one of a kind. I will always remember your special smile. That caring heart, that warm embrace. Your wisdom and firmness, teaching me how to be a man. You being there through good and bad times. There will never be another one to replace you in my heart. I will always love you.

Love your son, Lil Larry



A True Gem.

You were a man of integrity.

You were always willing to listen.

You provided guidance and support.

You helped when needed.

You loved unconditionally.

We will miss you.

Your contagious laugh.

Your stories, jokes and infectious smile.

Forever in our hearts,

All of your children



*Tanya, Monique, Larry, Kathleen,
Katherine & Andrew*

*A grandfather is a special gift,
One that you took the utmost pride in.
You let us in.*

*Told us stories about how you grew
up. Shared your wisdom of the world
with us.*

*You were always there. Always willing
to listen. To share your home with us.*

Thank you, Grandpa.

*You took your time with each and
every one of your grandchildren, even
the smallest ones.*

*Just thinking of your memory brings
smiles to our faces. We're missing you
so much already.*

Love, Your 27 Grand Children



Dad, Dad, Dad.... Momma's gone and now you Dad...

I'm not quite sure what to really say.

*I feel stuck, in a state of EXTREME grief and TOTAL disbelief,
that you (nor Momma), are not physically here with me today.*

*I keep wishing, hoping, and praying that this is ALL
a cruel nightmare, so I can awake.*

Losing you & Momma.....seriously, how much more, can the heart take?

There's so much sadness, pain and fear.

It feels like I'll drown in my sorrows, if not my tears.

You encouraged me to be strong, so for you Dad,

I'll try my best, and do my part.

*But it's so hard, because this intensifying pain,
has entrapped my heart.*

You're no longer suffering, no longer alone.

What we deemed as a loss, you saw it as a blessed win.

Now, you're at peace, and I rejoice knowing

You & Momma, are together again.

*Dad, I love you, and there's not even enough words,
to even begin, to describe, what I want to say.*

But, I do feel some comfort, because I know, I will see you again, one day.

I Love you, Your Daughter Monique



We are going to miss you.

We love you so much

Goodbye Papa.



Love,

Your 19 Great Grand Child ren

I love you Brother!

Always have,

Always will!

Love, Smokey (Danny)

*One good man can make a difference.
He can set one example that others
want to follow in the way he leads;
The way he loves; the way he lives.
The encouraging words he speaks can
turn doubts & worries in to confidence
and courage and he can change a life.
Just by being part of it.*

Your Lil Brother, SFC Conner

~ Bye ~



One night I dreamed a dream.
 As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
 Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
 For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
 One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
 I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
 I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
 especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
 there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
 "Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
 You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,
 there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
 Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

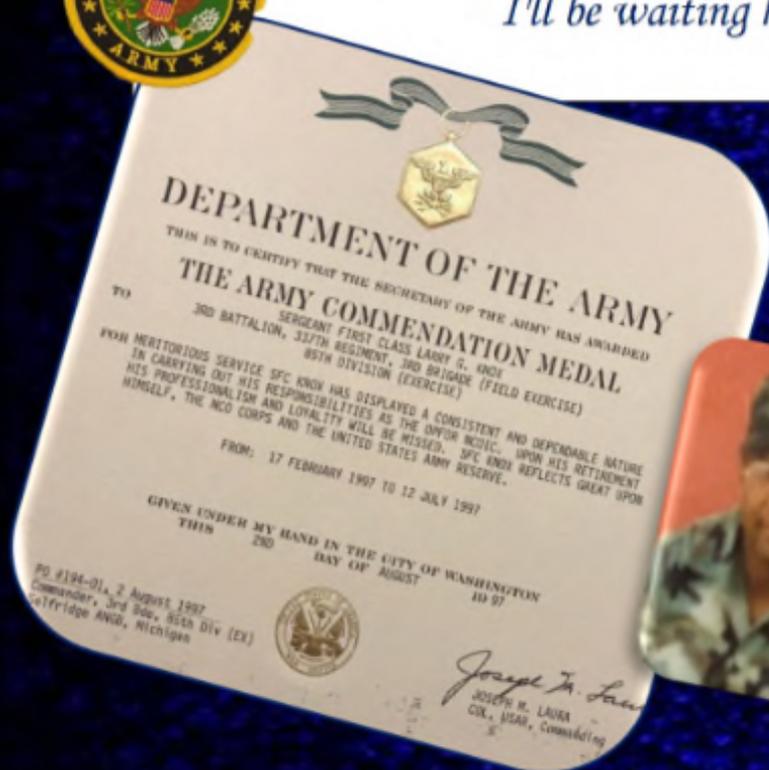
When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.
 All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me. I am not alone.
 Belinda and others are here with me, to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me. I will be okay.
 Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me. This is not the end.
 I'll be waiting here for you all, when we meet again.





Honorary Pall Bearers

Emmitt Conner
Sgt. Castell
Sgt. Hawkins

Danny Knox
Sgt. Slaughter
Sgt. Adams

Pall Bearers

Kevin Watson
Paris McCallum
Michael Evans Sr

Christopher Carson II
Geoffrey Townsend Jr
Chandler Carson

Flower Attendants Family and Friends

Final Arrangements

James H. Cole Funeral Home - Northwest Chapel
16100 Schaefer Hwy.
Detroit, Michigan 48235

Interment

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly, Michigan 48442



Acknowledgements

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There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks.
May God's blessings of peace and love continue with you forever.

~ Thanks, *The Knox Family*