



Robert Earl Knighton

November 2, 1944 - October 2, 2024

Robert Earl Knighton 79, of Hurricane, WV returned to his Heavenly Home on October 2, 2024 surrounded by his family.

Bob knew the Lord at an early age. He was blessed by two loving Christian parents and extended family who loved God & taught him well. As a result, Bob testified of his faith often singing hymnals to crowds at church as he grew up. His voice became a favorite of many over the years. He was never ashamed to share his gift of song and praise Jesus.

He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1962 and joined the United States Air Force right after. He served as an Airman 1st Class and was later deployed to the Vietnam War where he guarded his post very well. When he returned from Vietnam, he asked the love of his life to marry him. He and Beverly had a quick wedding in December of 1965 while he was in WV on leave for Christmas and they moved to Homestead Air Force base in Florida thereafter. They enjoyed their honeymoon months as he served out his time devoted to our country.

They later moved back to WV and Bob went to work for the United States Postal Service at the Charleston Distribution center. He was a mail handler, then mail clerk, and later became an express/priority mail expeditor. He gave his best to his work and was a devoted employee for many years before

retiring in 2004.

Bob & Beverly had 3 children from their precious union. First came Bobby in 1969, Chris next in 1972, and then baby girl Bethany in 1978 to make the family complete. Over the years, they took many family vacations to Myrtle Beach, SC, Florida, and state parks throughout WV amongst many other adventures. Bob was always ready for fun and could be found splashing in the waves with his kids and riding all the roller coasters he could find.

As parents, Bob & Beverly were dedicated to raising their children in church and ensured all were ready to go to each Sunday morning (even if late!) and other mid-week services and revivals. Bob would sing favorites “It is Well with my Soul”, “As the Storm Passes By” and “How Great Thou Art” among others on request, he faithfully served the Lord and his fellow Christian brothers & sisters with whatever was needed. He taught his children the importance of depending on God.

Bob enjoyed sports in his spare time a great deal. He played softball with the post office, bowled in local leagues, and golfed whenever he could. When he wasn't playing sports, he was watching them on TV. He was a die-hard Cincinnati Reds baseball & WV football fan! He loved enjoying sports with his sons, and they have inherited his fan spirit.

Bob could be found at every ball game, concert, school event and special occasion his children & grandchildren had over the years until it became too hard for him to leave the house. His wonderful wife became caregiver and spent countless hours watching over him, feeding, encouraging and helping in all ways.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents: Earl V and Sylvia Knighton; sister: Sue Neal; mother and father in-law: Lloyd and Geneva Wilkerson; and many

other Christian friends & family who have gone ahead.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years: Beverly Knighton of Hurricane, WV; sons: Bobby Knighton of Malden, WV and Chris Knighton (Rachel) of Hickory, NC; and daughter: Bethany Chapman (Isaiah) of Scott Depot, WV; son in-law: David Ferris of Culloden, WV; brother, Cliff (Phyllis) of Norman, OK; brother in-law, Rick Neal of Cross Lanes, WV; sister in-laws: Barbara (Sam) Boardwine of Beckwith, WV and Jenny Hamm of Montgomery, WV; grandchildren: Miracle Knighton, Corey Knighton, Benjamin Knighton, Casey Knighton, Matthew Ferris, Emilee Knighton, and Sammy Ferris; as well as his great grandchildren: Amira, Annie, and Astella.

Funeral Service for Bob will be 1:00pm Friday October 11, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with Pastor Joe Scarberry officiating. Burial will follow in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens.

Friends may visit the family an hour prior to the service.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Bob's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Knighton family.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens

5233 Rocky Fork Road
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Funeral Service

OCT 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Earl Knighton



Chapman Funeral Homes - October 11, 2024 at 02:58 PM

SA

“ Love and prayers! Uncle Bob was always so loving and fun to be around . You will be missed! Rest in heaven. We will see you when we get there !

Samantha - October 11, 2024 at 12:16 AM

RW

“ Rick and Scott Neal, Tina and Neil White purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert Earl Knighton.



Rick and Scott Neal, Tina and Neil White - October 10, 2024 at 02:05 PM

CL

“ Charleston WV Area Local#133 purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Earl Knighton.



Charleston WV Area Local#133 - October 09, 2024 at 12:58 PM

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“ Charleston WV Area Local#133 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Earl Knighton.

Charleston WV Area Local#133 - October 09, 2024 at 12:58 PM

NS

“ Beverly and Family, my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. My prayers and thoughts are with you. May God Bless each of you.



Nancy Strickland - October 08, 2024 at 06:07 PM

CP

“ Beverly and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am sure you have great memories to help you thru the sad times, reflect on those and the times you laughed. God bless you all.

CAROL J PAYNE - October 05, 2024 at 01:48 PM

BC

“ *Daddy you were the absolute best. Thank you for all the ways you showed us your love. I'm so glad you are in heaven, seeing all the beautiful sights, your parents, sister & others. And that now you fully know just how much you are loved by Jesus. We will see you again soon. I love you!!*

Bethany Chapman - October 05, 2024 at 09:26 AM

BB

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Family. R.I.P.*

BRENDA BROWN - October 05, 2024 at 01:50 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Robert Earl Knighton, give you peace,
comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You
will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Air Force Veteran, Robert Earl Knighton, is "A True American Hero" God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 04, 2024 at 07:28 AM