



Calvin O. Knauth

October 6, 1930 - June 14, 2017

On June 14, 2017, Calvin O. Knauth of Eureka, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior. He was born on October 6, 1930, in Jarrell, Texas. During his life he lived in Jarrell, Florence, San Marcos, Dripping Springs and Eureka, Texas. His last thirty-eight years were spent in Eureka.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar Fritz and Nora Mae (Glass) Knauth; grandchild Colton Lee Knauth, sister Ruth Montgomery; and brothers Winifred “Wimpy” Knauth, Edmund Knauth and Frederick “Fred” Knauth.

Calvin graduated high school from Florence ISD in 1948 and then served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant in the Korean War. He returned to attend Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, Texas in 1954, where he played baseball and met the love of his life, Patricia Ann Formby. Calvin and Patty were married on August 26, 1955, at First Baptist Church, Corsicana by Dr. William Shamburger and they moved to San Marcos, Texas to continue their education.

Calvin holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from Southwest Texas State University as well as his administrator’s certificate from The University of Texas in Austin. As an educator, he taught school in Kyle and Buda for two years, and then served as Hayes County Assistant School Superintendent for four years. He

served as Superintendent of Schools for Dripping Springs ISD for sixteen years. Calvin ended his career in education by teaching his final six years at Kerens ISD. He retired in 1986.

In 1979, Calvin and Patty left Dripping Springs, Texas and started cattle ranching in Eureka. Calvin was later joined in the cattle business and formed K & K Cattle Company with Kurt and Michelle Knauth. The joy of his life was having his children build homes on the ranch and raise his three grandchildren so near him.

Calvin served as a deacon in First Baptist Church, San Marcos; First Baptist Church, Dripping Springs; and First Baptist Church, Corsicana. He was a faithful, dedicated servant of God and of his family. Calvin was a lifetime member of the Texas State Teachers Association, and he served as president of the Hays County Teachers Association. He was a member of Navarro County Retired Teachers Association.

Calvin was known to have a great sense of humor and he had a love of wildlife and the outdoors. He was an avid sportsman and fisherman, and he enjoyed bird-watching, barbequing, reading, and listening to gospel and classical music. He enjoyed playing both "42" and dominos.

Calvin is survived by his wife of 61 years, Patty Formby Knauth of Eureka; daughter Amy Knauth Cook and husband Michael Cook of Eureka; son, Kurt Knauth, and wife Michelle Knauth of Eureka; granddaughter Callie Cook; grandsons Cooper Cook and Connor Knauth; sisters Hazel Brooking and Ida Merideth; brothers Lee Roy Knauth (Marie), Robert Knauth (Gwin), Kenneth Knauth (Deanie) and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Pallbearers will be Cooper Cook, Connor Knauth, Chuck Burns, Lance Cook,

Truett Lewis and Bill Roberts. Honorary pallbearers will be Jerry Ashcraft, Don Tekell, Monte Trimble, Oak Cove Domino Group and the "42" Supper Club.

Visitation will be held at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home, 1530 N. 45th Street, Corsicana, Texas on Friday, June 16, 2017 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, June 17, 2017 in First Baptist Church, Corsicana at 510 W. Collin, Corsicana, Texas followed by the burial at Eureka Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Special Ministries at First Baptist Church, 510 W. Collin, Corsicana, TX 75110 or to Eureka, Mildred, Navarro and Richland Chambers Crime Watch, 8405 S. Hwy. 287, Corsicana, TX 75109.

Officiating will be Dr. Danny Reeves and Rev. B.F. Risinger.

Cemetery Details

Eureka Cemetery

SECR 3110
Corsicana, TX 75109

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
510 West Collin
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Calvin O. Knauth



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - June 16, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ Calvin O. Knauth

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

AH

“ Calvin was our Dripping Springs school superintendent, but he was also our family friend. The Knauths lived next door to my grandmother, Elizabeth Hall. Calvin hunted deer with my dad, James R. Hall, and was often in our home. One "opening day," while field dressing a nice buck, Calvin lost his wedding ring in our pasture. All the hunters present that day, along with my mother, brother and myself, walked the area looking for Calvin's wedding ring, but to no avail. Calvin returned a few days later and brought a friend who had a metal detector. My brother, Mike, and I were very interested in this metal detector process, and to the pasture we all returned to look for the ring. Calvin's friend systematically began his hunt for the ring while Calvin looked on and Mike and I sat nearby. I, while seated, looked to my left, and on the ground, about a foot away, lay Calvin's wedding ring. I picked it up and shouted, and I'll never forget how much it meant to Calvin to have his ring again. He laughed and gave me a hug, and joked about the value of the metal detector, all while thanking his friend. What a thoughtful and good-hearted man Calvin was. The world is a better place because of who he was and how he lived his life, and I know many will miss him.

Alice Hall

Alice Hall - June 16, 2017 at 11:34 AM

PK

Alice, thank you so much for sharing this story. I remember Calvin losing the ring and getting it back, but I had forgotten where it was. I remember it well, now. We all loved your family. Calvin loved being around your dad and mom. We also loved having your grandmother living so close to us. We always said that your grandmother was probably saying, "Well, where are they going now?" Thank you for the good memories.

Patty Knauth - June 22, 2017 at 04:58 PM

MC

I'm sorry for being so late responding to Calvin's passing. It wasn't just a happenstance how I came about meeting Calvin and his wonderful family. A friend & I had been crappie fishing a lot on Richland Chambers. We met Calvin through his generosity to allow us access to the creek from their property. Always enjoyed visiting with him. I'll never forget the day I stopped by to ask him about fishing the creek. His wife mentioned that Calvin was out on the bulldozer they'd just bought. Calvin sure looked happy. That's how I'll always remember him. Dad enjoyed talking with him as well.

Michael Cates - March 26, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Life Tributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - June 16, 2017 at 10:57 AM

JR

“ Calvin was a man of God, who loved his family, his church, and his friends. His quiet sense of humor will always be my favorite way to remember him. He and BF had a lot of fun exchanging cartoon quips. His memory will always live in my heart as a treasured gift from our Lord.

Jan Risinger - June 16, 2017 at 07:49 AM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss I was a student at Dripping Springs when he was there he was a great man and was very compassionate with his students.

Linda Holweger Holloway

Linda Holweger Holloway - June 15, 2017 at 09:39 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Calvin O. Knauth.



June 15, 2017 at 06:40 PM



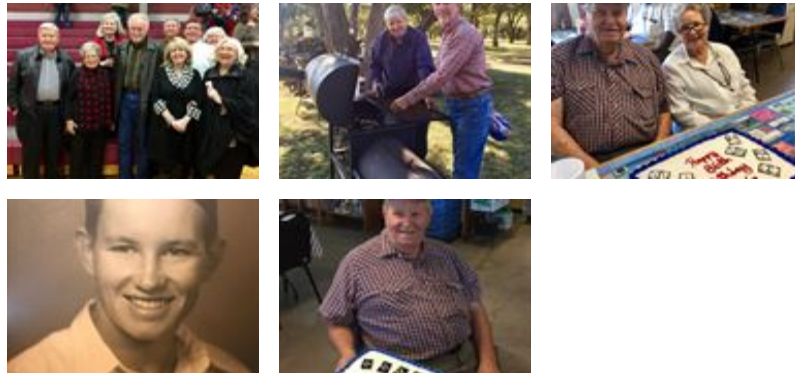
“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Calvin O. Knauth.



June 15, 2017 at 06:33 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - June 15, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ Will and Alli Wolf purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Calvin O. Knauth.



Will and Alli Wolf - June 15, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ Some folks pass through this world and leave it as they found it. But some, like Calvin, took the time to do special things, that made the world more beautiful. For this was the kind of star that blazed a bright path through the sky and passed our way, but once. There will never be another like him.
Sending much love and prayers, for strength, through his loss.
Rebecca Huffman.....Austin, Texas



Rebecca Huffman - June 15, 2017 at 02:24 PM

BA

Patty & family, we were so privileged to know Calvin, his great sense of humor, & his love of the Lord. We have fond memories of your time at Dripping Springs. You & Calvin made our family's time at Dripping Springs FBC special. Love & prayers for comfort.
Barb & Marc Alarco

Barbara Alarcon - June 15, 2017 at 08:50 PM

BE

“ *So sorry for the loss of Your loved one, Calvin. May You put Faith in the words mentioned in at Isaiah 26:19 and allow to give you hope and comfort at this difficult time.*

Be - June 15, 2017 at 06:18 AM

MH

“ *Our love and prayers to Patty and the family. Calvin was very special to us! He will be greatly missed. May God wrap His loving and comforting arms around each one of you today and in the days ahead. Sorry we won't be there this weekend. We will see you Patty when we get back from Malta. Love you!*

Mike and Debby Hill - June 15, 2017 at 05:17 AM

WO

“ *With heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. OBE Corporate Dallas Office purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Calvin O. Knauth.*



With heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. OBE Corporate Dallas Office - June 14, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *So Sorry for the family's loss. Thoughts and Prayers are with you all.*

*Tami Smithen Lineberger
Greenville, SC*



Tami Lineberger - June 14, 2017 at 04:11 PM