



Carl Ray Knott

January 31, 1927 - April 16, 2015

A visitation for Carl Ray Knott will be Sunday, April 19, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., April 20, 2015 at Sanders Memorial Chapel with interment following at City of Lubbock Cemetery with military honors.

Heaven opened its pearly gates wide today and the Lord called home one of his angels. He sent his angel to the arms of Charlie Cecil and Cordie Knott on January 3, 1927 and called him home on April 16, 2015. Carl Ray Knott was their first son followed by another son Duane Knott and a daughter Barbara. Carl graduated from Frenship High School and attended Texas Tech before going into the Army during World War II. Upon leaving the Army, Carl began farming with his father; he farmed several farms in Lubbock before moving to Morton Texas, where he farmed for many years. Carl eventually returned to Lubbock and continued farming until the mid-seventies, when he began a weed shredding business that he operated for over 40 years. Carl was also part owner of Knott's Mini Storage. Carl had a love for the land that only a farmer can truly understand. He took long rides in the country to check out the crops and he was a true advocate for water conservation. He often spoke about the future of irrigation and was deeply concerned when he saw the once abundant water tables being depleted to the last drop, in an effort to make a crop. He worked closely with an AJ News Reporter to educate her on the history and future of irrigation in the South Plains area. Carl also had a strong disgust toward injustice. If he saw something he felt was wrong, he would do

something about it. During the last five years of his life he began a project to ensure our veterans of the military that were buried under indigent circumstance, were buried with the recognition, respect and dignity they deserved. His efforts, along with the help of others, provided military tombstones to over one-hundred forty veterans buried in the indigent section of the Lubbock Cemetery. He also provided signs designating the burial sites of the three Medal of Honor Recipients at the City of Lubbock Cemetery. While Carl was very serious and committed to many things, he will be remembered most for his kind nature and his sense of humor. Carl loved to tell jokes and share stories of all the things he had experienced in life; and in eighty-eight years of life he had a few stories and jokes to tell. He sometimes told some stories and jokes more than a time or two, but he had such a good time telling them that you just had to hear them one more time. Carl's jokes and stories were his way of spreading happiness and bringing a smile to someone's face. It is not what he did. It was who he was. He was the salt of the earth with a full cup of humor. I know we will all miss hearing his jokes. The most important thing in Carl's life was his large family. He married the love of his life Joyce Page, they were married fifty four years and they had three daughters; Carla, Carmella and Carlana. Among these three daughters he had one son, Rodney. As the family tree grew Carl was blessed with two grandsons; Mark Hacker and Derek Knott, two granddaughters, Crystal Hacker and Melissa Anderson. Through the years he was blessed again with four great grandsons; Garrett Hacker, Brice Hacker, Jonah Knott and Zacchaeus Knott. The female side of the family tree continued to grow as well; and three great granddaughters were born; Ashton Sumpter, Delilah Knott and Madeline Davis.

Carl has left behind a wonderful legacy in the way he conducted his life. His word was his bond and a handshake on a turn row was the best way to seal a deal. Carl was not a big church goer but he had his relationship with the Lord. I believe his faith could be summed up as; it is not so much what you do in church on Sunday morning that will get you into heaven, but how you conduct

yourself the other six days of the week. He certainly walked the walk. Carl faced his battle with cancer head on and lived life on his terms. He never complained or felt sorry for himself, but instead, considered himself lucky to have lived such a long wonderful life. He taught us all so much about life and in the end he showed us how to face death with courage, dignity and a full cup of humor. Yes, he joked and kidded with all of us till the very end. Wouldn't be any other way....

A special, heartfelt thank you to The Wound Care Center, Hospice of Lubbock and Comfort Keepers. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to The Haven Animal Care Shelter in Lubbock, TX.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
director@sandersfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Service

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
director@sandersfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl Ray Knott



Sanders Funeral Home - April 18, 2015 at 09:52 AM

JK

“ Going to miss your phone calls and swapping jokes. Rest in peace, cousin Carl Ray. Love and sympathy to all Carl Ray's family, Jerry & Carol Knott

Jerry Knott - April 20, 2015 at 08:55 PM

PL

“ Rod I am so sorry for your loss. My God bless you and your family with the peace and comfort that surpasses all understanding.



Pam Lofland - April 19, 2015 at 09:16 AM

Gabby Sanchez

“ Gabby Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Carl Ray Knott



Gabby Sanchez - April 18, 2015 at 10:52 AM

MB

“ *Marlene C. Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carl Ray Knott.*



Marlene C. Brown - April 17, 2015 at 05:35 PM

MM

“ *Carl was always upbeat & funny. He was all for improving the resting place of soldiers gone before him. My family & I will help our Vets and do what we can to help further that cause.*



*So go rest High on that mountain Carl . You earned it my friend.
Melody K. McLain*

Melody K. McLain - April 17, 2015 at 05:02 PM

BF

“ *Brown Family lit a candle in memory of Carl Ray Knott*



Brown Family - April 17, 2015 at 04:38 PM