



George Knowlton Carpenter

May 20, 1947 - May 14, 2024

George Knowlton Carpenter passed away peacefully on May 14, 2024 in Lubbock, TX after a valiant battle with cancer. He was 76 years old. He will be missed in his cherished roles as husband, father, Gramp, brother, son, uncle, and friend.

George was born May 20, 1947 in Denver, CO to Everett & Janet Carpenter, and spent most of his formative years in Phoenix, AZ. George graduated from Central High School in Phoenix in 1965.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a medic in Vietnam. Following his military service he earned a degree in Forestry from Northern Arizona University and became a forest ranger and firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service, serving in Florida and New Mexico. George loved working in this capacity, but after more than 10 years made the decision to become a carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, where he worked for over 30 years. Given his outgoing nature, love of driving and active lifestyle, he was well-suited to work with the USPS.

He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1979 and served faithfully in many capacities throughout the years. His favorite way to worship

and serve was through his work in the LDS Temple in Lubbock. He treasured the many friendships he built through his service and associations in the church.

In 1987, he married Judy Dow Gordon and moved to Lubbock, TX. He worked hard to develop relationships with Judy's three children and to help his own two sons integrate into the blended family. They enjoyed road trips across the West and Midwest together, family game nights at home, and spending hours in the pool whenever one was available. In his retirement years, a favorite travel routine was to visit children and grandchildren who lived out of state for a week or two at a time. When he wasn't visiting, he loved keeping in touch via FaceTime, often through simple but meaningful traditions like story time with Grandmama and Gramp.

A skilled gardener, George took great pride and satisfaction in a nicely manicured landscape. Between his work as a forest ranger & postal carrier and his passion for yardwork, he was rarely inside for long periods. He enjoyed studying the weather and was a connoisseur of classic cinema, preferring black-and-white era productions. He was a voracious reader, appreciating everything from mystery novels to biographies, and he never missed an opportunity to share his favorite book, The Book of Mormon, with anyone who would listen or accept one. He particularly relished discussing ideas on business, current events, and politics as well as exchanging articles & jokes with Clay, who was not only his idolized older brother but a friend and advisor as well.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Everett Knowlton Carpenter & Janet Duffey Carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Dow Gordon Carpenter; children Matthew Carpenter (Jessica), Laurisa Murrow (Jeff), Brandon Baker (Amy), James Carpenter (Lily), and Roxanne Tubbs (Bryan); brother Clayton Carpenter

(Pris); and 15 grandchildren.

Visitation for family and friends will be at Sanders Funeral Home (1420 Main Street, Lubbock TX) on Thursday, May 23 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 24 at 10:00am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (7016 Frankford Ave, Lubbock TX). George will be laid to rest at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
7014 Frankford Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79424

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Knowlton Carpenter



Sanders Funeral Home - May 23, 2024 at 05:07 PM

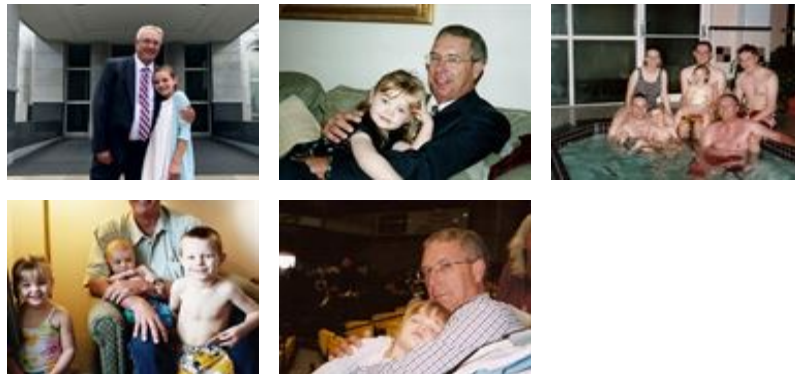
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“ I tried this before and it erased after a whole paragraph, so just say your friendship was very important to me and I will miss our phonecalls.

Richard Filloon - May 27, 2024 at 06:28 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - May 23, 2024 at 01:03 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - May 22, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ Judy Marvin and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of George Knowlton Carpenter.



Judy Marvin and Family - May 22, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of George Knowlton Carpenter.



May 22, 2024 at 03:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Knowlton Carpenter.



May 22, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ Patrick D. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Knowlton Carpenter.

Patrick D. - May 21, 2024 at 08:04 PM

JJ

“ Jay and Alice Jensen purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of George Knowlton Carpenter.



Jay and Alice Jensen - May 21, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Knowlton Carpenter.



May 21, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of George Knowlton Carpenter.



May 21, 2024 at 12:37 PM

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“ The Kohl's HR Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Knowlton Carpenter.

The Kohl's HR Team - May 21, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Knowlton Carpenter.*



May 19, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of George Knowlton Carpenter.*



May 19, 2024 at 12:14 AM



“ *I've known George and his family dance the early 90s when we were in the same LDS ward and for a few years I was able to be his family's home teacher. During the past 4 years George and Judy served faithfully as Pam's and my ministering brother and sister. I got to see more of George at the temple where he served on a weekly basis. We will miss this good man!*

Steve Corbett - May 18, 2024 at 10:08 AM