



Donald Eugene Knight

August 5, 1932 - March 8, 2019

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US Army 1952-1955

8/5/1932-3/8/2019

At age 86 Don entered eternal life into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and into the arms of his family members who predeceased him.

Don was born in Sterling, IL. , where he spent his childhood with his parents, David and Edith Knight, brother Ed, and sister Dede, who predeceased him.

He graduated from Sterling High School with athletic honors. He excelled in sports earning Varsity letters in basketball, baseball, football, and track.

Upon completing his High School years Don enlisted in the US Army, serving his tour in Korea. He was medically discharged and spent his recovery at Great Lakes Naval Hospital IL. He attended Murray State University, Ky. and graduated with a degree in accounting.

Don fell in love with the desert on his first trip to Tucson and moved here in 1961. He was employed by the City of Tucson Water Dept. from which he retired.

After moving to Tucson, Don met his wife Beatriz Rene Ruiz "Betty" and were married in 1968. They raised two sons, Albert (deceased) and Steve.

Don was active in his retirement years working for UofA Athletic Dept, doing what he loved, working, football, basketball and baseball games.

In addition to his wife Betty, Don is survived by his sister-in-law and best friend, Gloria Ruiz, son Steve (Diane), Lupe (Albert). Also, Grandsons, Steven (Misty), Matt (Mariah), Drew (Lauren), Aaron, and Alex Knight. Great Grandchildren, Matthew, Izabella, Gloria Belle, and Nicholas Knight and Ethan and Maddie Spalding.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 601 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. Tucson AZ. Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Burial to follow at Holy Hope Cemetery. Fr. Cyprian Hibner, O, Carm. Officiating. The Family Request for health reasons, no fragrances. in lieu of flowers, remember Don in your prayers and fondest memories. If you prefer, you may honor him with a personal donation to the charity of your choice.

Events

MAR **Mass** 09:30AM

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Sacred Hearth Catholic Church

601 E. Ft. Lowell Rd., Tucson, AZ, US, 85705

Comments



“ For the years I'd known Donald Knight, he was the epitome of one's biggest fan. whether it be his children and their families, their friends and friends' families, his grand and great grandchildren, and his favored Arizona Wildcats - in every sport! He was the most hospitable in that he really gave of himself - at home or away. He served as a grand example of good manners and respect for one another, that we all took to heart as we tried to model his examples. Mr. Knight will surely be missed by many. His last few years took a toll on his freedom and mobility, because of serious health challenges, and we all missed his presence. Thankfully he is out of the pain and trials that each new day brought him, and welcomed into the arms of of our Lord where he can continue to watch and pray for us all. Our sincere condolences go out to all his family and friends, who we'll keep in our prayers.

Jeanne Maher - March 18 at 09:32 PM