



Mr. Glen McQuade Knight

August 31, 1932 - July 31, 2020

Glen McQuade Knight died on July 31, 2020, at Lexington Medical Center after a difficult battle with COVID19. Born during the Great Depression on August 31, 1932, in Murrell's Inlet, SC, Glen was orphaned at an early age upon the death of his father, Frank Knight, and, shortly thereafter, the loss of his mother, Mabel Williams Knight. He and his two brothers were separated and often moved from one to another relative's household during those financially stressful times. Glen's maternal aunt, Ruby Williams Butler, and uncle, Otto Butler, however, fostered him and gave him his most consistent and loving home life. Ruby and Otto were known and loved by Glen's children as "Grandma and Papa Butler". Although multiple moves meant attending many different schools in different towns, Glen graduated from Simpsonville High School in the class of 1949. Shortly after high school, he enlisted in the US Army and served during the post-WWII occupation in Stuttgart, Germany, from 1950-1952. Upon his honorable discharge from the service, he returned to Columbia, SC, and attended Ruby and Otto's church, Eau Claire Baptist, and there met the love of his life, Madelyn Campbell. They married on June 11, 1954. He was offered a full college scholarship for orphaned youth through a fund established by former Governor James F. Byrnes. Glen attended the University of South Carolina in 1962 and later attended the Executive Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma.

Well before Child Labor Laws were widely enforced, Glen started working as a little boy to help support himself and his relatives. He was a short order cook making omelets and grilled sandwiches when he was almost too small to see over the counter. He milked cows at 4:00am on a dairy farm before school. He painted houses and assisted a carpenter. By the time he was 17 and enlisting in the army, he had picked up many skills and lessons that shaped his future career, hobbies, and interests. In the Knight household, no one could make an omelet like Glen, and no one enjoyed a glass of cold milk better than that former dairy hand. What he learned house painting and helping on construction sites led to a lifelong avocation and a business ownership in woodworking as well as to the undertaking of many home improvement projects in his own home and in those of friends and family. In the first few years of marriage, he was employed by Colonial Stores (grocery store chain), then moved to Computer Records, one of Columbia's earliest data

processing companies in the 1960s. Glen made a career move to banking in the early 1970s as a branch manager for Standard Federal Savings and Loan. A successful tenure as branch manager led to his promotion as Standard's Vice President of Mortgage Loans. After a full career in the savings and loan industry, he became co-owner of the Cabinet Tree, an opportunity that allowed him to share his talent and love for woodworking with customers. In semi-retirement, he served as Sales Manager for the Rent-All Shops.

Outside of his professional life, Glen was very active in church and civic service, particularly as a long-time member of St. Andrews Baptist Church. He sang tenor in the choir, taught Sunday School, and served as a Deacon, Chair of Deacons, Chair of Pastor Search Committee, Building Finance Committees, a member of construction crews for several church-led mission trips (both domestic and international), and in many other volunteer roles within church ministry and outreach. In addition to his service through St. Andrews Baptist, he volunteered as a woodworking instructor for children at Camp Kemo for many summers. Glen also faithfully volunteered at Camp Discovery, Habitat for Humanity, and the Harvest Hope Food Bank.

Career, church activities, and community contributions were most certainly meaningful to Glen, but of primary importance in his life was love for God, family, and friends. Glen lived his life in service to God and shared his Christian faith openly. All who knew him can attest to the fact that he was a fervent family man – committed husband, proud dad, and doting granddaddy. Glen and Madelyn celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary this past June – a true testament to their constant devotion. He supported his children and grandchildren in ways unique to each and taught all of them the virtues of faith and family as well as life's essential lessons such as "measure twice, cut once". Too numerable to list are the many friendships he cherished over the years. Whether golfing, fishing, woodworking, enjoying a meal, or just sharing a good laugh together, Glen always believed each friend was important and every interaction special.

Surviving him are his dear wife, Madelyn Campbell Knight, and their children, Glen Marcus Knight (Pam), Frank McQuade Knight (Amanda), and Kelly Knight Long (Brady). He was blessed with beautiful grandchildren: Jessica Knight Blake (Joshua), Korin Knight Rogerson (Andrew), Campbell Brady Long, Jacob McQuade Long, Puddy, Buster, Brynn, Tyne, Darwin, and Fossey. His beloved great grandchildren are Joseph Douglas Blake, John McQuade Blake, Porter Mack Rogerson, and Maeve Campbell Rogerson. Glen's foster siblings are Jerry Butler and Roseanne Butler Mankin. Glen and Madelyn have many well-loved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Clyde and Bruce Knight; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Chickie Butler, Margie Knight, Sam and Anita Reed, Bob and Cleat Walker, and Jim and Prue Compton.

For public health concerns, there will not be an in-person celebration of Glen's life at this time. The virtual service for Glen will be held at 11 a.m, Thursday, August 6, 2020. A live stream may be viewed by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/SABCColumbia>, as well as a backup link on his tribute wall at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](https://www.ShivesFuneralHome.com). Contributions in his memory may be sent to St. Andrews Baptist Church, Camp Kemo, Mayo Clinic COVID-19 Research, and American Lung Association COVID-19 Action Initiative.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - August 06, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ I have fond memories of Madelyn and Glen Knight teaching our youth Sunday School class at St. Andrews Baptist Church. I felt so loved and valued by this family. I really appreciate Glen Knight affirming my ordination to the Gospel ministry and being a part of my ordination council at St. Andrews Baptist church. I will never forget Mr. Knight's kindness and support. I know that Glen Knight will be missed by his beloved Madelyn and family. Know that my prayers are with you all and I am believing that God's Love, that never fails, believes, hopes, and endures all things, will hold you all during these moments.

Blessings of comfort and peace to you all,

Rev. Dr. Joey Hinson
Chaplain, Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, Cleveland, OH

Joey Hinson - August 07, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Knight, Mark, Frank, Kelly and family. My deepest condolences to you in your loss. During our brief time at SABC, your family was like my second family, and Mr. Knight was like a second father to me. Although time has separated us, the love we all received from Mr. Knight, and all of you will never be forgotten. You all are a very special family. Mr. Knight was a true patriarch, and an example of Christ for all of us. I'll never forget the camping trip to Oklahoma I shared with your family, and all the grass cutting Mark and I did to save up for that trip. Weeping may endure for a night, but great joy comes in the morning. Thank you Mr. Knight blessing us. We'll see you in the resurrection.

Ed Taylor (Charlotte NC)

Ed Taylor - August 06, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Mr. Taylor,

My dad, Mark, speaks of you often and would love to reconnect. If you wouldn't mind, please send me an email with your contact information. Jessicakblake@gmail.com.

Jessica Knight Blake - August 06, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ Glen was a special friend at St. Andrews Baptist church. My deepest condolences to Madelyn & all the family

Ann Dawson - August 06, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ I have been trying for days to find the right thing to say. Mrs. Knight I am heart broken, I am so sorry. It has been 15 years since I got the amazing blessing of being in y'all's Sunday school class. This time in my life was a mess, I had just lost my grandfather who I consider my best friend. You both took my brother (Will) and I in and helped us in way neither of us could ever express. I will never forget Mr. Knight putting me on his shoes and dancing me around the room when the lessons were over. I still have my wooden cat above my door he made and ever Christmas my parents breakout the Angels he made. Mr. Knight was one in a million and Heaven gained a turely wonderful Angel.

MacKenzie Swink - August 06, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ So sorry and sending prayers for the family. Have known Glen for years growing up in Eau Claire Baptist Church. Wonderful memories of him and Madelyn each Sunday. May he RIP and God bless him now that he's in Gods hands. Bobby Haynes

Bobby Haynes - August 05, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. thought the world of Glen
james sturkie

James k sturkie - August 05, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you.
Aunt Myra

Myra Strock - August 06, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ Thank you so much, Myra! Brady and I so appreciate it! Kelly

Kelly - August 06, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Dear Mr. Knight,
Their will never be another you on this planet. You were the best Sunday school teacher a girl could have. While you are gone, the memory of you lives on in our hearts. your wife was the first one to instill a love of teaching in my heart. These many years later I have you and your wife to thank for that. Rest in peace to the most beautiful soul!



Nikk Spencer - August 04, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Glen McQuade Knight.



August 04, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Marshall and Doris Edwards want the precious family of our friend, Glen Knight, to know how very saddened we are to hear about the death of this great man. We remember him as a person of great optimism, joy and encouragement. He will be greatly missed by the congregation at St. Andrews Baptist Church, where he invested his life in such an amazing way. We send each of you our love, our gratitude, and our prayers.

Doris Edwards - August 04, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ There will never be another like Glen and Madelyn. Thank you for being such an inspiration to a young married couple. And thank you Mrs Madelyn for teaching Nikki all those years ago in VBS and being the first person to say "that girl will be a teacher one day", how right your were! Love always BJ & Dwayne Sandlin



BJ Sandlin - August 03, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ Henry & Donna Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Glen McQuade Knight



Henry & Donna Rollins - August 03, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Madeline, I am so sorry to hear about your losing Glen. I know how devastating this must be for you and everyone in the family. It has been a long time since I have seen you, but have fond memories of both you and Bruce's Uncle Glen. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Gloria Smith

Gloria Smith - August 02, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Knight family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. I have so many warm memories of Mr Glen and your family over many years. He will be missed.

Juli Hancock - August 03, 2020 at 02:08 PM