



## Richard Allen Knopf

December 12, 1938 - August 9, 2014

### RICHARD ALLEN KNOPF

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heavens” Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

#### A Time To Be Born

Richard Allen Knopf was born in Pittsburgh, PA on December 12, 1938, the first child of John Anthony Knopf and Marjorie Louise (Stewart) Knopf

#### A Time To Plant

Dick graduated from Wilksburg High School in Pennsylvania, and after receiving an electrical engineering degree, worked with an architectural firm in Eastlake, Ohio then moving to Mentor to begin his career in the fire service; teaching, writing, mentoring, leading for the next 55 years in Ohio, Michigan and Texas. His book, *A Fire Chief's Checklist*, is in its third printing and is distributed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He was active in IAFC for many years and served on committees with the Texas Fire Chiefs Association and many local service organizations.

#### A Time To Love

Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Cindy (Groff) Knopf and was blessed with a son, Carl. His marriage to Linda Vendeland (Jack) of Sarasota, FL was also blessed with three children, Simon, Karen and Cindy. He married Jean Bowen Fall Knopf in 1991 and welcomed her four children, Courtney, Erica, Megan and Clint Fall.

#### A Time To Find

Dick's Christian faith began at home and was strengthened in the past 40 years with ministries in the Red Oak Church of Christ, Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for over 20 years as Children's Leader and weekly studies at the Red Oak and Millbrook Rehabilitation Centers.

#### A Time To Reap

Dick retired from the Lancaster Fire Department in 2011, devoting over 50 years of service.

#### A Time To Die

Richard Allen Knopf departed this life August 9, 2014 resting peacefully with Jean by his side. He had been healed from cancer in 2012 for which he gave glory to God in his book, *An Incredible Journey*. When cancer returned, he considered his life a win-win, either be cured again or go to heaven to be with the Father.

#### A Time To Rejoice

Dick leaves many family members who cherish him, his wife, Jean; his children and grandchildren: Carl and Stacey Knopf of Flower Mound, TX and their children, David, Mitchell and Lauren; Courtney Fall of Dallas, TX; Jason and Erica Fall Burleson of Summertown, TN and their children, Grant, Gavin, Grayson and Gage Cooper; Daniel and Megan Fall Whitworth of Irving, TX and their children, Silas, Will and Maggie; and Clint and Amanda Fall of The Colony, TX and their son Evan, awaiting the August birth of Emma Monta; Simon and Cheryl Knopf of Saunderstown, RI, Karen McIntire (Steve Rolik) and her children Morgan, Brandi, Summer and Owen McIntire; Cindy (Darin) Blood and their children Darin Jr, Beau and Monica and one great-grandchild, Carter Blood., of Mentor Ohio. He is also survived by his loving sister, Nancy Knopf of Vermilion, Ohio and brother, Robert and Becky Knopf of Woodland, Washington and their daughter, Heather and her husband, Mike of Carefree, AZ. He and Jean were blessed with her family of three brothers and their wives, Tim and Barbara Bowen, Huntsville, AR; Wayne and LaRinda Bowen, Irving, TX, Steven and Marilyn Bowen, Red Oak, TX and many, many nephews, nieces and cousins from both their families.

The Lord is good, a refuge in the time of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.”Nahum 1:7

# Tribute Wall



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Knopf.* ”



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August 22, 2014 at 04:41 PM



“ *Nancy Love lit a candle in memory of Richard Allen Knopf* ”



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**Nancy Love** - August 21, 2014 at 08:13 PM



*Dick was such a kind and gracious man. His kindness was spread to so many people whose life he touched. He will be missed but he will also be in heaven watching over everyone he cared about.*

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**Nancy Love** - August 21, 2014 at 08:19 PM



“ *LARRY AND DEBBIE FLATT lit a candle in memory of Richard Allen Knopf* ”



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**LARRY AND DEBBIE FLATT** - August 20, 2014 at 07:36 PM

SB

“ Words come hard sometimes when it comes time to pay tribute to a great man -- a non-assuming, humble, but great man. Writing as I look at his picture makes me and -- I am sure -- all of us miss Dick the more. I just noticed that Dick was born on December 12, the day my, Jean, Tim, and Wayne's dad died; and he died on August 9, the day our mother was born: Just a small signal to show how much a part of our family he was. Dick and I had some of our best moments when things were the toughest. We visited in the hospital when he had heart surgery a couple of years ago and had prayer, and he came by my and Marilyn's house about a year ago after my vocal cord surgery and engaged me in an impromptu study of the Holy Spirit. I was still on limited word-count, but it was the best study we ever had (which should tell me something! :) ... And, of course, many of you know of our 100 mph trip together to the hospital in 2006 when one of us was having a heart attack. I miss my good brother-in-law and am thankful that God sent him our way to make us all a little better. May God bless his memory and you all during this time! ~ Steven Bowen

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**STeven Bowen** - August 19, 2014 at 09:35 PM

RA

“ Ronnie & Kathy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Richard Allen Knopf



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**Ronnie & Kathy Anderson** - August 19, 2014 at 05:04 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Knopf.*



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August 19, 2014 at 10:08 AM



“ *I was so blessed to have Dick as a brother-in-law. I will miss him being in his room and always greeting me with a huge hug. We had many wonderful times together especially our hamburger suppers on Sunday evenings. I love you and I am grateful for the humble Christian life you led. Your sister-in-law, Marilyn Bowen*

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**Marilyn Bowen** - August 18, 2014 at 08:01 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Simon L Knopf*



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**Linda Miller Knopf Vendeland** - August 18, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Bob Knopf** - August 18, 2014 at 01:35 PM



*I love this picture!*

**Jean Knopf** - August 18, 2014 at 08:44 PM

LD

*Great pic!*

**La Donna** - August 19, 2014 at 06:15 AM

JK

*I love this picture of him. He so enjoyed that trip.*

**Jean Knopf** - August 19, 2014 at 09:37 AM

NK

“ *I am so thankful that Dick is safely Home with his Lord. I will miss his great hugs, but reunion day will come. Thanks, Jean, for all you did for him throughout your years together and especially at the end.*

**Nancy L. Knopf** - August 18, 2014 at 12:45 PM

LD

*Nancy, for sure we will miss his great hugs and smile.*

**La Donna** - August 19, 2014 at 06:08 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Simon L Knopf*



**Simon Knopf** - August 17, 2014 at 07:19 PM



*All 3 of you have his great smile. Your father will be missed greatly.*

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**La Donna** - August 19, 2014 at 06:13 AM