



CHARLES HENRY KNAPP

Mr. Charles Henry Knapp, age 84 of Ft. Smith, Montana, passed away at home on September 16, 2007, with his wife at his side. Mr. Knapp was born on February 16, 1923 in Atlanta, Georgia to Charles and Bessie (Aurand) Knapp. The family moved to Texas when Charles was 12. Mr. Knapp went on to graduate from Milby High School in Houston.

Mr. Knapp joined the Navy after the attack on Pearl Harbor and he was a patriot and was very proud to service his country. While serving in the Navy, he became the youngest Master Chief Petty Officer of WWII at the age of 19. Mr. Knapp was honorably discharged from the Navy as Master Chief Petty Officer in 1945.

Mr. Knapp was no stranger to serving our country, as his father was the 4th most decorated war hero of WWI. Mr. Knapp was a senior in high

school when he entered the military, and was serving his country at the time of his graduation. Due to his absence, his father accepted his diploma on his behalf, dressed in full uniform including his many decorations.

On June 10, 1964, Mr. Knapp married the love of his life, Anita Carl Goodman in LaPorte, Texas.

Throughout his life, Mr. Knapp and his wife traveled extensively in the U.S. mostly involved with lodging and food services in Texas, Missouri, Alaska and Montana, including seasonal work at Red Lodge Mountain, and most recently his Airport Shuttle Business between the area lodges located on the Big Horn River and the Billings and Sheridan Airports.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Anita Carl Knapp, of Ft. Smith; children Randy Steven (Brenda) Knapp, of LaPorte, T.J. Knapp-Ates, of Ft. Smith, Michael Evan (Marie) Knapp, of Hallsville, and J.J. (Steve) Hilbers, of Ft. Smith; nine grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and many, many dear friends.

The hearse was escorted to Ft. Smith from Billings by the Patriot Guard on Friday.

Funeral Services for Mr. Charles Henry Knapp were held at Saturday, September 22, at 11:00 a.m. at the church in Ft. Smith. Interment followed with Military Honors in Ft. Smith Cemetery.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.michelottisawyers.com.

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