



**HORACE BAYNE  
(MUTT) KNOX**

Mr. Horace Bayne (Mutt) Knox, age 88 owner of Knox Furniture Store, passed away at Whitehall Nursing Home on June 21, 2008. Mutt was born March 11, 1920, in Houston County, to the late Leo and Dovie Arnold Knox. Mr. Knox school years were spent in Crockett, where he graduated from Crockett High School in 1938. Mr. Knox proudly attended Baylor University, graduating in 1942 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Mr. Knox worked at Waco Hall on the Baylor Campus to pay for his education.

Mr. Knox served in the United States Marine Corps from 1942-1945, serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II and earning the rank of First Lieutenant. Mr. Knox participated in operations associated with the Guadalcanal Campaign, the Battle of Cape Gloucester, the Battle of Peleliu, and the Battle of Okinawa.

Mr. Knox was awarded both the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars for heroism, and received numerous other personal and campaign medals. Mr. Knox continued to serve as a Captain in the Marine Corps Reserve following World War II, and his time of service was a source of pride to him. When he shared stories of his time in the service with his son and grandsons, they were able to see the man that few other people knew. In 1945, Mr. Knox returned to his hometown of Crockett, and began working for his father, Leo, at Knox Furniture. Mr. Knox would later become the manager and sole owner. During his days at Baylor University and during the war years, he knew he would return to Crockett to make his home. Mr. Knox was proud to tell people that he had been "right here at Knox Furniture for over 60 years."

If Mr. Knox had a personal motto, it would have been "Salesmanship and Service." The longtime owner of Knox Furniture loved selling and personally knowing his customers. His service to the

community was on-going. Mr. Knox felt that the expansion and beautification of his store mirrored his efforts to stimulate economic development in Crockett.

Mr. Knox led a very fulfilled life running the business that he loved, serving the community, and spending time with his many friends playing golf. His love of this game has been passed down several generations. His grandchildren gathered many great memories behind the wheel of 'Bapaw's golf cart.' Mr. Knox was also a hunter and enjoyed his time on the deer lease with his friends. Their "camp" was a source of great enjoyment. He taught his children and grandchildren how to hunt, fish and enjoy nature and conservation of wildlife and natural resources.

On June 8, 1947, he was united in marriage to Dorothy "Dottie" Jane Eubank in Dallas. His marriage to Dottie set the foundation for all of his successes. Their closeness during their 61 years of marriage was obvious to everyone. He was quoted as saying "she is an important factor in business and with the children." Mr. Knox was always quick to praise her talents and her individual service to the community. He was proud of their strong marriage and the fact that all decisions (personal, business, or community) were made together.

Mr. Knox enjoyed travel and was very proud of having visited all 50 states and many countries. "Foreigners" was the term he often used for anyone outside of the great State of Texas. His road trip to Alaska was an adventure that he talked about for years. Mr. Knox had a great sense of humor and best of all could laugh at himself. He never met anyone that he didn't consider a friend and someone to get to know.

Mr. Knox was a member of First Baptist Church, Crockett, where he raised his family and was a member of the A.S. Lee Men's Bible Class. He was the first president of the Crockett Jaycee's and organized the building of the park swimming pool, promoted and ran the Fiddler's Festival in Crockett, and helped plan the first rodeo that is now hosted by the Crockett Lions Club. Mr. Knox was also President of the Lions Club, serving the club in all areas of stewardship to the community. He was President and a member of the Crockett School Board for many years, taking an active role in both the academic and athletic life of the school.

Mr. Knox served as President of the Houston County Economic Development Foundation that was instrumental in

securing the Dolly Madison Furniture factory and other industries. He served as the director of two local banks. He was a Life Member of the Masonic Lodge and Shriners International Fraternity. He took pride in being a member of the Baylor Bear Foundation and watching members of his family attend the University he loved so much.

Mr. Knox had a love for his family, his work and especially for Crockett. He will always be remembered as an honorable and loving husband, dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy Knox, of Crockett; son Larry Ray Knox and wife Suzan, of Crockett; daughters Barbara Knox Buholz, of Crockett, and Debbie Knox Barton and husband Wes, of Ruston, La.; seven grandchildren Trisha Knox Woodford and husband Heath, Bradley L. Knox and wife Jordan, all of Crockett, Mark A. Buholz and wife Stephanie, of Dallas, Kathryn B. Dennison and husband Gabe, of Austin, Jake W. Barton and wife Karen, of Cypress, Kevin W. Barton, of Na-

cogdoches and Luke W. Barton, of Huntsville; great-grandchildren, Jack C. Woodford, Tori Woodford, and Cordell L. Knox, all of Crockett; sisters Peggy K. Mattox and husband Bob, of Crockett and Alma K. Taylor, of Abilene; brother-in-law Murphy George, of Lufkin; and aunt Minnie Arnold Hester, of Crockett; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many longtime friends.

Preceded in death by his infant child; parents Leo and Dovie Knox; one brother Willie Hayne Knox; and sisters Doris Faye Knox, Dorothy Knox Hill Barker, and Bettye Knox George.

Funeral Services for Mr. Horace Bayne (Mutt) Knox were held at 2:30 PM, June 23, at First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Jeff Moran, of Houston, and the Rev. Reggie Gregory officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Memorial Park.

Serving as Pallbearers were Bradley L. Knox, Mark A. Buholz, Jake W. Barton, Kevin W. Barton, Luke W. Barton, Gabe Dennison and Heath Woodford.

Honorary Pallbearers were Mr. Morris (Boog) Easterly, and Mr. Ronald Dowell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Lone Star Chapter, P. O. Box 816148, Dallas, Texas 75381-6148 or to the charity of choice.

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