



Wayne Lee Knight

December 13, 1943 - February 1, 2026

Wayne Lee Knight, age 82, transitioned to his heavenly home on February 1, 2026, at St. Vincent Hospital.

Wayne was born on December 13, 1943, in Searcy, Arkansas, to the late W.L. Knight and Corrine Knight. He was a graduate of Griffithville High School, Class of 1962. He was preceded in death by his sister, Judy Ann Nichols; his brother-in-law, Sonny Nichols; and two of their children, Tim Nichols and Ann Nichols. He is survived by their son, Martin Nichols, and his wife, Rene Nichols. He was also preceded in death by his in-laws, Hubert Floyd Ross and Eva Ann Ross of Bald Knob, Arkansas, and his sister-in-law, Donna Edwards.

He is survived by Donna's son, Monty Thompson, and his wife, Traci Thompson. Wayne is also survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Virginia Sue Knight; two sons, Kenny Wayne Knight of Searcy, Arkansas, married to Christina Knight, and Jeremy Craig Knight of Mobile, Alabama, married to Amy Payne Knight. He was a proud grandfather known as Papaw to Brantley Wayne Knight, Spencer Craig Knight, and Catherine Renee Knight, and a loving great-grandfather to Josie Knight and Eva Ann Knight. He is also survived by three step-grandchildren: Mykal Henderson, John Hatcher III, and Nicholas Hatcher.

Wayne was known for his strong work ethic throughout his life. He built custom cabinets and owned his own cabinet shop for many years before

transitioning into the funeral service industry. For more than 40 years, he faithfully served White County and was affectionately known by many as the “gravedigger” of White County. If you knew Wayne, you knew how deeply he loved his farm, where he raised cattle and created countless memories. He took great joy in hosting family gatherings, parties, and even weddings at the farm fondly known as “Wayne’s World.” It was truly his happy place.

A celebration of Wayne’s life will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026, at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob, Arkansas. Visitation for family and friends will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by the service at 2:00 p.m. An additional visitation will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at Shady Grove Cemetery in Bald Knob.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob – Judsonia.
www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)
1272 Highway 367 North
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Funeral Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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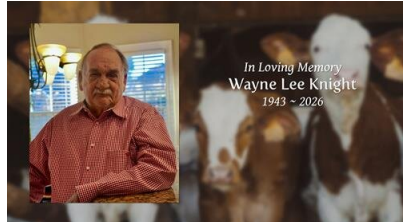
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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Lee Knight



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 08 at 02:14 PM

MN

“ Martin,Rene Nichols purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wayne Lee Knight.



Martin,Rene Nichols - February 05 at 10:35 PM

MN

“ Martin,Rene Nichols planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Lee Knight.

Martin,Rene Nichols - February 05 at 10:35 PM

BW

“ Brenda W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Lee Knight.

Brenda W. - February 05 at 04:12 PM

LT

“ *Brother Waynes was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him. Our heartfelt prayers are with his sweet family. condolences to friends and family.*

Larry and Carolyn Turley - February 05 at 03:53 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Lee Knight.*



February 04 at 09:56 PM

GT

“ *Mr. Wayne was a great man! I loved the time that I got to work with him! You won't mind a better man than him. He will be missed by everyone who knew him! Kenny Wayne praying for you and the rest of the family!*

Georgia Tucker - February 04 at 09:43 PM

RS

“ *Prayers for the entire family, Our arms are giving you all caring hugs. Mrs. Knight, Laura and I love you and if you need anything let us know....*



Randy & Laura Stice - February 04 at 07:58 PM

JH

“ Wayne's Family; Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Johnny & Mary Hodges

Johnny & Mary Hodges - February 04 at 04:44 PM

MT

“ Marilyn Thomas purchased the Light Remains Tribute Blanket for the family of Wayne Lee Knight.



Marilyn Thomas - February 04 at 01:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Lee Knight.



February 04 at 10:09 AM

LF

“ Love, Pastor David & your OPC Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Lee Knight.

Love, Pastor David & your OPC Family - February 04 at 10:09 AM

FN

“ Frank Nelson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wayne Lee Knight.



Frank Nelson - February 03 at 10:24 PM

VL

“ Vince and Becky LaCoste purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wayne Lee Knight.



Vince and Becky LaCoste - February 03 at 10:01 PM

VL

“ Vince and Becky LaCoste planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Lee Knight.

Vince and Becky LaCoste - February 03 at 10:01 PM