

Robert Lee Knowles

August 10, 1954 - March 1, 2023

Robert Lee Knowles, 68, of Hendersonville, NC, gained his angel wings on March 1, 2023, in Asheville, NC, after a 10+ year battle with his lungs. Born in Modesto, California, on August 10th, 1954, he became a lifelong resident of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Philen Farms had these kind words to say about Robert. He was a master pruner who flew out to Modesto, California for the first ten years to train all of our stone fruit, pome fruit (apple, pear and quince), persimmon and fig trees for maximum productivity in a high-density orchard setting. A native pruning genius with more than 50 years of experience, Robert, along with his wife, Mary, were invaluable in getting Philen Farms off to a proper start.

Robert was a family man who loved traveling with his wife, entertaining the entire family at holidays and special dinners, and especially spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other extended family. He loved pruning his apple trees, and he enjoyed deer hunting. He also enjoyed watching televised church services and binge watching Netflix with Mary.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of almost 40 years, Mary Knowles; children: Gail Dellinger, Crystal Wilson, Dale Bryant, Charity Burton (Jason), Sandra Phelan (Walter), and Ginger Knowles; grandchildren:

Rebecca, Tanner, Zane, Gage, Jax, Troy (Angel), Casey, Jason, Libby, Scott, Chris, Sarah, Cody, Kaylee, Christopher, Dylan, Marshall and Zoey; great-grandchildren: Noah, Greyson, Owen, Wyatt and Khloe; siblings: Leonard Knowles, Ernie Knowles, Irene Knotts (Ralph), Loren Knowles (Leah), Andy Knowles (Chris), Jimmy Knowles (Carmen), Mary Hanson, and George Bradley (Jeanie); and a large extended family who loved him unconditionally including numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Waiting at Heaven's gates to welcome him are his beloved mother, Eleanor Irene Miller; his father, Lloyd Lee Knowles; his sister-in-law, Cindy Knowles, and his baby niece, Tony Knowles.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions and donations.

Previous Events

Reception

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Zirconia Missionary Baptist Church
674 Zirconia Road
Zirconia, NC

Celebration of Life

MAR 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

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674 Zirconia Road
Zirconia, NC

Tribute Wall



“ Highlands Cremation & Funeral Care - Maple Springs created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Lee Knowles



Highlands Cremation and Funeral Care - March 10, 2023 at 09:55 AM



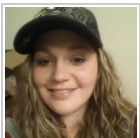
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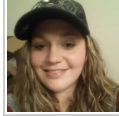
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“ Sandra Phelan sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Lee Knowles



Sandra Phelan - March 09, 2023 at 05:27 PM



*I LOVE YOU DADDY!! MY HEART BREAKS WITHOUT YOU!!!
THANK YOU FOR FIGHTING AS LONG AS YOU DID TO BE WITH
US AS LONG AS YOU COULD. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY
HEART.*

Sandra Phelan - March 09, 2023 at 05:29 PM



*Amen I truly love you so much
.I wish you where still with me.i feel empty inside.my heart is aching so
bad but you aren't suffering any more.*

Mary (wife) Knowles - March 10, 2023 at 11:11 AM