



James Eagle Knight

March 17, 1924 - July 18, 2013

KNIGHT, JAMES EAGLE

James Eagle Knight, 89, a resident of Albuquerque, NM died Thursday, July 18, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Oleta Knight of Albuquerque; and one son Dwaine Knight of Las Vegas, NV. Major Knight had a long and honorable career in the United States Air Force. He entered military service on May 13, 1942 and completed 20 years plus active military service. During his service to our country Major Knight has earned the following decorations and service awards: Air Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and Air Force Longevity Service Award ribbon with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. He was also authorized to wear six bronze service stars for participation in the India-Burma, Central Burma, China Defensive, China Offensive, Korea Summer-Fall, 1952 and third Korean Winter Campaigns. Jim Knight loved flying P-40s, P-51's, F-80's, playing golf, fishing, but most of all he loved his lovely wife of 67 years, Oleta. Services for James Knight will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at 1st Baptist Church 401 Ave. 1 South, Chillicothe, TX 79225 with interment to follow with military honors. Please visit our online guest book for James at www.FrenchFunerals.com.

FRENCH - Westside

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Tribute Wall

SZ

“ I have the fondest memories of visiting with your dad on the course. He was so soft spoken and so proud of you. My family extends prayers and love to your mom. Dwaine, the ole apple didn't fall to far from the tree when he had you as a son. Deeply sorry for your loss Dwaine.

Love and prayers...Sam Zimmerly

sam zimmerly - July 30, 2013 at 10:22 PM

JH

“ When our family moved into the neighborhood some 15 years ago Jim & Pat were the first to welcome us with open arms. As a family, we all grew to love Pat & Jim very much. We loved to sit & visit with them in their living room. It was so fun to get to know the history of our neighborhood of which they saw grow all around them. Our children loved to get to know them when they did yard work for Jim & Pat. Our daughter, Amber says Pat & Jim were like grandparents to her as we lived 1000's of miles from Amber's. Pat was able to give Amber some advice when our daughter married an "Air Force man" as Pat had been an "Air Force wife" for many years. Jim was such a model for our son's Christopher & Ryan of what integrity is in a man. Jim's love for his wife Pat was wonderful to get to see up close! Jim, we will deeply miss seeing you getting the mail, paper, etc. God Bless You Jim for all the "beautiful footprints" you left in each of our lives!

With Much Love & Thoughts
Rod & Julie Hammer & Family

Julie Hammer - July 24, 2013 at 10:05 AM

KC

“ I am writing this for my Aunt Jean Brock Walton. She and Oletha (Boone) were best friends in Chillicothe. My aunt wanted to send her condolences. I am the daughter of Joy Brock Baldree. I live in Albuquerque and visited the Knights on one of my parents visits. My parents are deceased and have been for a number of years. You and your son have many wonderful memories and those will comfort you in the days ahead. God bless you. Karen Baldree Cullen

Karen Baldree Cullen - July 24, 2013 at 08:34 AM

KG

“ Whether evaluated by his long service to his country, his devotion to his wife of nearly 70 years, or the passing on of the highest of values and integrity to Dwaine, which in turn are being passed on to many more, Mr. Knight was a remarkable man. Gina and I are so sorry for your loss Coach.

The Gardner Family

Ken and Gina Gardner - July 23, 2013 at 01:08 PM

JD

“ I have had many great chats about Mr. Knight with his son Dwaine. The most important of those conversations was Coach talking about his Dad and always "doing the right thing" Coach credits his father with instilling many of his honest qualities which he has since past along to generations of young golfers.

*JC Deacon
UNLV Assistant Men's Golf Coach*

JC Deacon - July 22, 2013 at 05:56 PM

DA

“ While James' accomplishments in life speak for themselves, another true measure of a man is his family. By this measure he was extraordinary. 67 years of loving marriage, and an incredible son to carry on his legacy. Our deepest condolences from everyone in the Rebel Golf Foundation.

Dan Albregts
President

Dan Albregts - July 22, 2013 at 05:36 PM

EV

“ It was with sadness that we learned of Jim's passing. We were Jim & Pat's next door neighbors on Columbus Circle for nearly 10 years. Being Air Force retired, and also a pilot, I did everything I could to get him to talk about his WWII experiences. I have always been in awe of the "Greatest Generation" and what they sacrificed and accomplished for our Nation. Thanks again Jim, AND Pat. Both of you will always have a special place in the hearts of the Voorhis family. Our daughter Kasi, from about the age of 3, loved going to their house for "Happy Hour." And NO, Mom & Dad weren't always invited. She wanted "Mr. Jim" and Pat to herself. What wonderful memories we have of the Knights. May you Rest in Eternal Peace Jim. Our Prayers and Condolences to Pat and Dwaine. Your husband and father was a true gentleman and Patriot. We shall miss him. Ed, Jeanie and Kasi Voorhis

Ed Voorhis - July 21, 2013 at 10:06 PM

KA

“ *The Gladys Smart family are sorry to hear of your loss. We so enjoyed Mr. Knight throughout the years. He was a wonderful neighbor and we will miss him greatly.*

Gladys Smart, Kathy, Warren, and Sheri

Kathy - July 21, 2013 at 07:50 PM