



## Emile Jack Pourroy, Jr.

March 16, 1958 - October 27, 2019

Emile Jack Pourroy, Jr. passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at the age of 61 after a courageous two-and-a-half-year battle with brain cancer.

Emile, also known as “Knute” to his close friends and family, was born on March 16, 1958 to Patsy and Emile Pourroy, Sr. His childhood was enjoyed in sunny Santa Monica, CA where he spent summers swimming and enjoying the beach at Lifeguard Station 26.

At the young age of 19 he opted to invest his time learning a trade to support his family and became an electrician and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He was co-owner of a successful electrical contracting business and worked in the industry for over 35 years.

Giving back to the community in which he lived and helping others was vitally important to him and gave him much satisfaction in life. He was a loving and devoted father to his four children and often spent his free time at their sporting and scouting events. For many years, Knute volunteered for the Boy Scouts to spend quality time with his sons, Kevin and Ryan and to be a mentor for others. He also served as a facilitator for the Youth Confirmation program for his Catholic Parish as his children were completing the program.

Knute had a strong passion for the mountains and hiking outdoors. He served

as a volunteer reserve deputy for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's department on the Santa Clarita Valley Search and Rescue Team for 27 years holding the important leadership positions of lieutenant and captain.

When confronted with his diagnosis, Knute chose to face it head on, turning to his strong faith in God and the support of his family to lead him through his battle with cancer. He never complained and always made a point to be positive, often joking and laughing with his medical team with the goal of making everyone smile.

He is preceded in death by his parents Patsy and Emile Sr., and his son Ryan. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife Suzanne; step-son Joseph and step-daughter Rebecca; his daughter Jacquelyn and son-in-law Matt; his daughter Andie and son-in-law Michael; his son Kevin, daughter-in-law Jamie and beautiful granddaughter Charlotte; his sister Debbie; his brother Gary and sister-in-law Beatriz; his sister Desiree and brother-in-law Amado; his sister Deanna and brother-in-law Robert; his in-laws (Jeff and Isabel, Cindy and Ron, Andrew, and Jennifer), uncles, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family, and his four poodles—Soleil, Mozelle, Marcie and Ruby.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at

Grace Baptist Church ,22833 Copper Hill Drive, Santa Clarita, CA 91350.

Search and Rescue was an important part of Knute's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Santa Clarita Valley Search and Rescue, P.O. Box 5955, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Pourroy family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Emile Jack Pourroy, Jr.*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Emile Jack Pourroy, Jr.*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Emile Jack Pourroy, Jr.*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

PM

“ I known Knute sense the 8th grade,we grew up together ,many memories,stores I could tell, like it was yesterday.Through Knute I met his mom,dad,sisters and brother.I always felt like i was part of his family,been their through the good times, weddings, grad night,family gathering, xmas eve candy games witch i cheated all the time ,Dessi knows what i'm talking about. He all most joined up with Steve and I when we joined the Marines.We kept in touch when i was over seas.And i was their though the bad times too, when his beloved mother ,father and son pasted away. I know he was very hurt and sad that he could not attend his sons funeral ,but he gave me the greatest honer to tell me that he was very grateful that I attended his sons funeral in his place,he felt like a part of him though me was their.it still bring a tears to my eyes.I would not have gotten in the trade if it wasn't for Knute,he's the one who told me about it.He stood by my side when i got indentured into the IBEW. i worked for him for over 20 years with SPEC elect. He also introduce a version of a xmas song that he like and thought i would too.he told me to watch a video with Bing Crosby and David Bowie and their version of the little drummer boy.I loved it, I went out and bought it. It's,one of my favorite Xmas songs, every time i would heir it, it would remind me of Knute and that was before his cancer and passing.So he left me with a special memory that i will have for the rest of my life,of a good time during the xmas season ,spending time with friends and family and hearing that song witch will bring a smile to my face and knowing that Knute is part of that . Rest in peace Knute,until we me again,your step bro,phil.

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PM - December 10, 2019 at 07:04 PM

PR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Patrick Rissler - November 10, 2019 at 01:41 PM

Mary Ann Downs

“ God bless each of you and Emile's soul journey. He was always a devoted friend and I will always remember his kind smile.

Mary Ann Downs - November 09, 2019 at 03:02 PM

CN

“ My sincere condolences on the loss of a childhood friend. May your family find peace & joy in the memories you made together.

Cherie Nelson - November 09, 2019 at 01:41 PM

TA

“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of Emile Jack Pourroy, Jr.



Tammy - November 07, 2019 at 08:26 AM

JT

“ I'm sure gonna miss Knute ... and you Suzanne. I always enjoyed our visits however brief they stay with me in fond memories. He was a super special guy and so much fun. Your family is in my prayers for peace and comfort. What an outstanding beautiful soul he is.

*We celebrate birthdays but heaven celebrates us coming home.  
The angels are singing. Love you*

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**Julie Tyler** - November 06, 2019 at 04:45 PM

CD

*Jacqueline, I am so, so sorry. You and your family are in my prayers.*

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**Cyndy Dorchester** - November 14, 2019 at 04:37 PM