



Lynton Randolph Knapp

July 16, 1937 - September 25, 2019

Lynton Randolph Knapp, known to everyone as 'Randy' passed away at home in the early morning hours of Wednesday September 25, 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Meta Knapp; his four children, Denise Forant, Allen Knapp, Eric Knapp, and Jennifer Knapp; sister, Dorothy Fry; and his four grandchildren, Kevin Knapp, Kyle Knapp, Kit Stuckey, and Emma Stuckey.

Randy led an uncommon life. He was born on July 16, 1937 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Harry and Mary Lou Knapp. As a young child, Randy moved to California where his family lived in a de-winged B-17 bomber that his father transformed into the family home. His mother, Mary Lou, was on the television program called 'Queen for a Day' where one of the contestants was chosen to have their wish granted. She wished for a bike for her son, Randy.

He was a radar weapons operator in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-1959. After leaving the Air Force he went to work for EG&G, a Department of Energy contractor, where he assisted in the design and testing of the U.S. Nuclear weapons that were developed during that era. During this time, he ran for the position of Nevada State Senator, and was backed by Barry Goldwater, US Senator.

He also worked for Rockwell International, a contractor for NASA, where he

assisted in building the Saturn V rocket motors for the NASA Astronaut program. Following that he moved back to California and attended Berkley to finish out his college education where he majored in Physics and Electrical Engineering, and later received his Master's in Business.

Later in life, he worked as an engineer for a technology firm and was instrumental in developing the barcode system that is used to this day. After many other successes, he started his own business in small data-storage systems that went public on the American Stock Exchange. This company was instrumental in developing how computers talk to disk operating systems. Some of his accomplishments led him to a prosperous career as a consultant for various tech companies.

Anyone that knew Randy, was aware of his passion for the sea and sailing. He owned boats his whole life and sailed all over the world; from Seattle to Puerto Vallarta Mexico, the Caribbean, and Hawaii. He was most at home behind the helm of a boat, making everyone as green as the cigars that he smoked.

When he moved to North Carolina, he loved boating on Lake Norman, and enjoying the fellowship of the men from his church at their weekly prayer breakfasts. As a way to fill his days, he became an Uber driver and gave thousands of people rides hearing their stories and sharing his. Randy was a force to be reckoned with and lived an exceptional life.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 2 at Bethel Presbyterian Church, 19930 Bethel Church Road, Cornelius, NC 28031.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Knapp family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Presbyterian Church
19920 Bethel Church Road
Cornelius, NC 28031

Tribute Wall



“ *Lynton Randolph Knapp*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Lynton Randolph Knapp*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Lynton Randolph Knapp*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *As Meta's older brother I was at their wedding in the backyard of my parents house in Pomona. I've known him for almost 50 years and will miss his wit and the conversations we used to have when we got together. I also enjoyed riding on all of his many watercraft. He was an excellent yachtsman. After Meta and Randy moved to North Carolina my mother followed soon thereafter to be with her daughter.. I will always be thankful to Randy for the way he helped take care of of Mom as she got older and more fragile, he was wonderful to her. Sail on my Brother!*

Ross Leimbach - September 30, 2019 at 03:52 PM

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“Randy and I were both "Minnesota Boys" who married one of the Liembach sisters. We became brothers nearly fifty years ago so I got a chance to know Randy at a very personal level. Most of all I learned to respect Randy for his intelligence, wisdom and devotion to his family. I watched Randy in times of great prosperity and joy as well as at times of difficulty and challenge. He always took a positive approach to every situation and gave fair and impartial consideration to all others involved. He loved his family, his church, his boats and cars, and his businesses and more. He was active at all levels of life right up to his last days and will be missed by all who knew him. I know Randy's vision of heaven would not be Pearly Gates and fluffy clouds, rather calm seas and favorable winds. Travel well, Randy

Jim Shane

Jim Shane - September 30, 2019 at 11:08 AM