



Mary Elizabeth Knox

July 26, 1922 - December 21, 2022

Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Gudger Knox of Mooresville passed away on December 21, 2022 at the age of 100 after a brief illness. She was the youngest of 10 children born to Ada Gouger and James Craig Gudger in south Iredell County, between the towns of Mt. Mourne and Davidson, NC.

Lib graduated from Davidson High School. She married Joseph Vandon Knox in 1941 and the couple settled in Mooresville where they raised three children, Carolyn, Van, and Judy. Her husband, Joe, was Mayor of Mooresville from 1969-1999 making her the First Lady of Mooresville for 30 years, a position she filled with grace and dignity. She certainly made the saying, "Behind every great man is a great woman" true.

In the mid 80's, Lib helped open a branch office of Knox Realty where she was co-owner and manager.

She was an excellent seamstress and wonderful cook. She loved life and her family. Lib was a member of the Mooresville Golf Association. and scored a hole-in-one on the local course. She belonged to a bridge club and enjoyed playing for years. She crocheted, worked jigsaw puzzles, and in later years did word searches. Right up until the end, she stayed active and especially liked to dine out.

Lib was a woman of strong faith and an active church member her entire life, most recently at Prospect Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Knox is survived by her children, Carolyn Louise Sigmon (Lannie), Joseph Vandon Knox, Jr. (Violet), and Judith Ann Marsh (Steve); five grandchildren, Todd Sigmon (Christine), Marc Sigmon (fiancé Kara), Jeff Knox (Jenn), Lauren Marsh, and Parker Marsh (Amy); and nine great-grandchildren, Jonathan Sigmon, Joseph Sigmon, Audrey Sigmon, Joshua Knox, Jemma Knox, Jake Hamilton, Paige Quinn, Parks Marsh and Luke Marsh, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death in addition to her parents, were 7 brothers; James Gudger, Jesse Gudger, Craig Gudger, Charles Armour Gudger, Robert Gudger, Patton Gudger, Frank Gudger; two sisters Ellis Norvell, and Isabelle Sigmon, and step-grandson Jason Hamilton.

Interment will be a private event for the family at Glenwood Memorial Park. The celebration of life service will be held at Prospect Presbyterian Church at 2:00 on Tuesday, December 27 with Rev. Will Gipe officiating. Visitation will be held immediately following the service in the family life center. Memorials may be made to Prospect Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Prospect Presbyterian Church
9425 NC-152
Mooreville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

CP

“ I didn't hear of Liz Knox's passing until last Sunday, and I am sorry for your loss. Mary Elizabeth was the last of 27 first cousins of my Mother. I'm glad I got to see her last year and would like to see you sometime. God bless you all.

Catherine Pierce - January 01, 2023 at 08:41 AM

SH

“ Lib was a beautiful person. Truly a lady. I am so sad to hear of her passing. I worked for her dentist and know a lot of her family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. We will see her again! 🙏🙏🙏
🙏🙏🙏 Susie Overcash Hillman

Susie Overcash Hillman - December 28, 2022 at 09:52 PM

MS

“ Mrs. Knox was a wonderful lady and friend of my Alexander family in the Mooresville ARP Church. It is hard to say goodbye to our loved ones at any time. Wayne and I are thinking of you and praying for you. Mary Alexander Sloop (and Wayne)

Mary Sloop - December 27, 2022 at 09:35 AM

TN

“ Totally a Lady. Praying for family and friends. Lib and Joe are together again.

Tom Nixon - December 26, 2022 at 11:13 AM

DC

“ *Mrs Lib Knox, will be deeply missed I know that people everywhere will cherish each memory that they was able to share with such a wonderful lady , love goes out from my heart to Carolyn, Van, Violet, Judy and family..
I enjoyed the time with her.
Love Darlene*

Darlene Cowan - December 24, 2022 at 03:04 PM

MR

“ *Carolyn and family, I am sorry to learn of your precious Mother's passing.
May God grant peace and comfort.
Our love and prayers,
Mott and Harold*

Martha Robertson - December 24, 2022 at 12:38 PM