



## Graham "Botia" Forrest Knight

August 29, 1939 - July 31, 2020

Graham "Botia" Forrest Knight, 80, of Salisbury, NC passed away Friday, July 31, 2020 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

He was born August 29, 1939 in Orange County, NC to the late John Walter Knight and Mary Hargis Knight. Mr. Knight was retired from Cone Mill where he was a Master Mechanic for 35 years and was head sheet metal fabricator of M&M Heating and Air. Currently he was the owner of Knight Custom Construction, LLC and built numerous homes over the past 25 years.

Mr. Knight was a member of Corriher Heights Baptist Church. He was an avid player of billiards, won numerous horseshoe tournaments, and loved to rebuild old cars including a 63 Nova, Monte Carlo SS, an ElCamino and was currently working on 57 Chevy. He was a member of Elks Lodge of Salisbury and the Hudson Miller Tatum VFW of Salisbury. Mr. Knight spent countless hours of baseball coaching, donated countless monies, goods and services to numerous friends and family over the years.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sons, Graham Forrest Knight, Jr. and Bunn Walter Knight as well as his brother, JW Knight. Surviving is his wife of 45 years, Wanda Teal Knight; son, Keith Knight and wife Sarah; daughters, Deborah Carol Knight and Susan Knight Ballard and husband James; sister, Mary Sue Johnson; grandchildren: Korbyne Hill, Lainey Ballard, Nicole Foster, Graham Steele Knight and Jonathan Knight; and great-grandchildren: Fred Foster, Ian and Miriam Doering.

The family will receive friends from 1:30-3 PM Sunday (Aug 9) at Corriher

Heights Baptist Church in Landis, NC. A memorial service will follow at 3 PM, conducted by Pastor Jeremy Collins. Masks and social distancing is strongly encouraged.

Memorials may be made to Corriher Heights Baptist Church Building Fund, 1980 NC HWY 153, China Grove, NC 28023.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Knight family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for strength and comfort for your family. I worked with Botia at Cone for a number of years.

*Jane Snider*

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**Jane Snider** - August 09, 2020 at 04:33 PM

GF

“ No words can express the love and friendship we have for the Knight Family. No better friends and neighbors for 38 years! Botia, you have left an empty space in our hearts.

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**Gary and Katie Mayhew and Family** - August 09, 2020 at 11:57 AM

AM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Botia was a wonderful man with a big heart. He will be sorely missed. Mike & Alyssa Murphy

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**Alyssa Murphy** - August 08, 2020 at 10:42 PM

ES

“ we are so sorry for your loss. he will be missed by many



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**Eddie & Jean Safrit** - August 06, 2020 at 06:18 PM

MK

“ *Very sorry for your loss. I have not known Mr. Botia for very long but I enjoyed talking with him and seeing him out and about around the house. He was constantly doing something for others, myself included. He was a sweet man and will be greatly missed.*



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**Martha Karnes** - August 05, 2020 at 05:14 PM




“ *81 files added to the album Graham F. Knight*



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**Keith Knight** - August 04, 2020 at 06:08 PM

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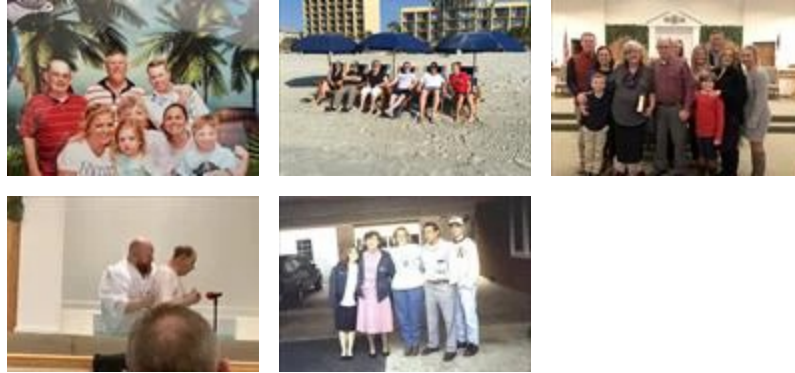
“ *Such a loving person. I will also cherish the memories of seeing him cheer on the baseball  team. I will never forget the game he danced at the game in the stands.*

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**Felecia Young** - August 04, 2020 at 05:47 PM

Susan  
Ballard

“ Thanks for all the memories, Dad. Rest easy. I'm sure gonna miss you.



Susan Ballard - August 04, 2020 at 05:30 PM

SH

“ Botia was such a great dad & papaw! We loved watching how he loved his family so well. Kirk will cherish the many memories spent with him & Keith over the years especially playing baseball & our boys will never forget him cheering them on at the ballpark. Our deepest condolences are with Wanda & the entire family. We love each of you dearly & wish the comfort of God to surround you in this time of unimaginable grief. Sending all our Love, The Huffmans

Savannah Huffman - August 04, 2020 at 04:54 PM

BE

Life's change so much when you lose someone you love. And Botie was such a great person. We've enjoyed living beside him for years. We never knew what to expect with him. He always had a trick up his sleeve. We will miss him and his smiling face. Wanda I know you are lost right now. But know you are not alone, I am right down the walkway if you need anything. My prayers and love for all of you. Rest in peace Bodie. The Lanes

Belinda - August 04, 2020 at 08:03 PM

JH

*I played ball against Keith in high school and then played three years of Legion ball with him and I can remember Botia always being at Newman and was there for a lot of practices. I also worked for Botia for two years at Cone Mills in high school. He knew what a struggle it was for some to work, play ball and go to school so he really took care of his ball player employees. Minimum wage back then was between \$3.25-\$3.75 an hour but Botia paid us \$7.95 an hour so we'd always have a little money in our pockets. That was even a good wage for some adults. It was one of the most enjoyable jobs I've ever had.*

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**Jarrold Heglar** - August 05, 2020 at 07:54 AM

JH

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. I apologize, I got caught up in memories and forgot to send my condolences.*

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**Jarrold Heglar** - August 05, 2020 at 07:56 AM