



Dirk A. Knowles

May 16, 1987 - November 25, 2020

Dirk A. Knowles, 33 of Bluffton, passed away on Wednesday morning, November 25, 2020.

Dirk was born on May 16, 1987 in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He was a 2005 graduate of Bluffton High School where he was an all-around athlete. Dirk loved to play football, baseball, and run track. He excelled as a high school football player and as a college player for the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne where he graduated in 2010. Dirk also loved individual competition and participated in many "Spartan" Races.

Dirk was a beautiful man and a kind, loving, dedicated father and son. He enjoyed biking, fishing, body building, playing his piano, video games and spending time with his family but most of all he enjoyed spending time with the pride and joy of his world, his son, Hayden Knowles of Gas City. Dirk was a friend to everyone he met and would go out of his way to help those around him.

Other survivors include his parents, Bruce & LaNae Golder of Bluffton, sister; Teshanna (Dominic) Monfred of Palm Harbor, FL., stepbrother Justin (Brandy) Golder and stepsister Jennifer (Miguel) Golder, both of Ormond Beach, Florida along with many cousins and aunts and uncles.

A Celebration of Dirk's life will be held at 2 P.M. on Saturday (June 26, 2021) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can visit with the family for an hour prior to the service. A private family burial will take place at Grove Cemetery in Poneto.

Memorials may be made in Dirk's memory to an educational fund for his son, Hayden. Checks can be made out to Bruce & LaNae Golder and mailed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Grove Cemetery

5136 South 100 East
Bluffton, IN 46714

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dirk A. Knowles*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 26, 2021 at 01:05 PM

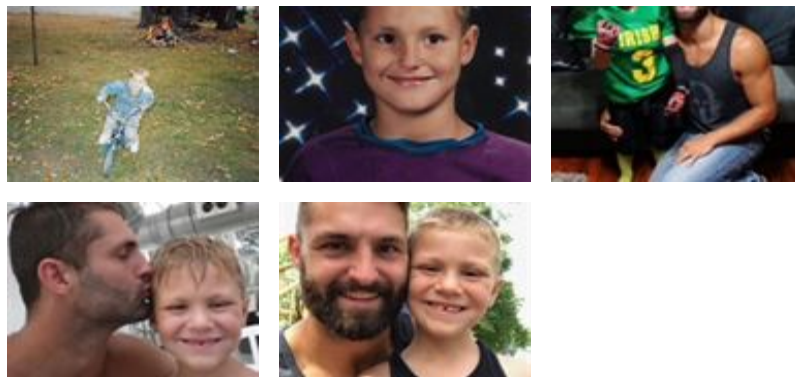


“ *Dirk A. Knowles*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *142 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 24, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Dirk A. Knowles.



June 23, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Dirk A. Knowles.



June 23, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *April (Arnold) Bodenheimer* lit a candle in memory of Dirk A. Knowles



April (Arnold) Bodenheimer - June 23, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket* was purchased for the family of Dirk A. Knowles.



June 19, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dirk A. Knowles.*



June 17, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *Bluffton High School Class of 2005 purchased the With Distinction for the family of Dirk A. Knowles.*



Bluffton High School Class of 2005 - December 08, 2020 at 12:57 AM



“ *Dirk was my first baby and one of my favorite memories of him is when he was approximately 14 months old.*

Dirk lived in a little house on Sarah Ann bayou and he loved to swim of course. One morning we were all getting ready to go swim and I was trying to get his swimming trunks (he was not big on wearing clothes when swimming): on him. The back door was open and he seized the moment and dashed butt naked across the yard (he was and athlete back then too) towards the water. I was running after him and I was hollering Master Dirk your Mammy says get your Naked butt back here. So I became Mammy on that day.

I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful young man. I am praying daily for his family and friends. Just know LaNae', Bruce, TeShanna, Hayden and all other family members I love you.

Eddie Sheppard - December 06, 2020 at 10:14 PM

PA

“ From the deepest part of my heart, I give my condolences and prayers to his name and his family. Sending prayers for comfort and strength and God's angels to surround each and everyone during this time of sorrow. All of my love, Peggy Antosh.



Peggy antosh - December 05, 2020 at 07:43 AM

CB

“ So many great memories with you Dirk. You always had a smile on your face. Watch over us. Until we meet again.

Chad Burbrink - December 02, 2020 at 09:36 PM

MM

“ Thinking of all of Dirk's loved ones and friends during this sad time.



Mindy Monticue - December 02, 2020 at 05:57 AM

CM

“ LaNae, Tshanna, Hayden, and Family, Wayne and I would like to express our deepest sympathy. I know you all must be devastated by the loss of Dirk.. We will be praying and thinking about you during this sad time. Cindy and Wayne



Cindy Monticue - November 29, 2020 at 08:18 PM

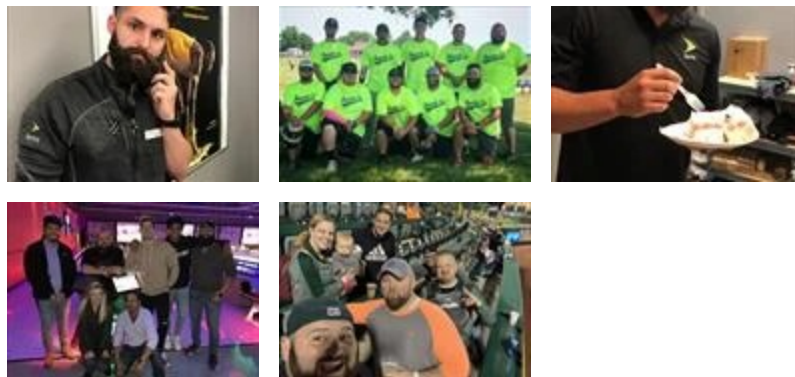
DN

“ Our sincere condolences and prayers for the family. Dirk was a wonderful father and great young man to know, he will be truly missed..God’s comfort and healing 🕊️🙏

David Nunn - November 27, 2020 at 09:51 AM

KH

“ So many memories over the past 15 years. I still remember the first day we met at USF. I love and miss you so much Dirk.



Kerry Henry - November 26, 2020 at 10:39 PM

JK

“ I am remembering all of the wonderful times growing up with Dirk from playing in the hay maze tunnels, ice skating on the Poneto ponds, and summers spent camping fishing and swimming at our uncle's pond.

Jordan Knowles - November 26, 2020 at 02:20 PM

AL

“ We miss you so much already.. but we know you live on through our son.



Ashley Lopez - November 26, 2020 at 02:01 PM