



Marlin Allen Knowles, Sr.

December 8, 1946 - January 2, 2010

Marlin Allen Knowles, Sr., 63, Poneto, died unexpectedly at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, January 2, 2010 at his home. Born in Montgomery, Ala. on Dec. 8, 1946 to Marion T. and Lena (Betts) Knowles, he married Rita Smith on June 3, 1966 in Muskegon, Mich.; she survives. A Wells County resident for 50 years, he was a 1964 graduate of Bluffton High School and attended Purdue University. Mr. Knowles worked for 16 years as a project manager for International Harvester, and then 27 years in the engineering field for Elkhart Products Corporation in Geneva. He was an avid gardener, an outdoorsman and was always ready to pick up a game of pitch-and-catch. Survivors in addition to his wife include his mother of Bluffton; two daughters, Laura Lacey Knowles of Ann Arbor, Mich. and Sara D. Muller of Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.; two sons, Marlin A. "Mak" Knowles, Jr. of Arcadia and Jordan T. Knowles of Washington D.C.; two brothers, Lon Knowles of Lake McClish, Hudson and Mitchel Knowles of Bluffton; one sister, LaNae E. Redding of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Emma Knowles and Price Knowles. He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, "M.T." Marion Thomas Knowles, Jr. and Marlo Kent Knowles. Per his request, there will be no funeral service. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. The body will be cremated. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marlin Allen Knowles, Sr.*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mak, I am so sorry to hear the news about your dad. You and your family are in our prayers.*

Corby##imported-begin##Corby L. Blem##imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 09:13 AM



“ *Dear Rita, Sara, Mac, Lacey and Jordan and families,*

I was so saddened to learn of the loss of Marlin. Your families are in our thoughts and prayers daily. I have so many good memories of spending time with your family. May you feel the presence of God during the difficult days ahead. Praying for strength, grace and mercy in the coming days.

God Bless,

Jill, Bret & Mitchell Fair##imported-begin##Jill, Bret & Mitchell Fair##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 12:03 PM



“ We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love and support we have received since Marlin's passing. We want to thank our families, our wonderful neighbors and friends for their love and caring. Thank you also to all of Marlin's co-workers past and present for the special memories and words. We would like to thank especially the Poneto Fire Department, Len Smith and Steve Rush, the EMTs, Deputy Bradly, and Detecitve Paxson for the quiet, professional, and kind way they helped us all. Thank you to Mike Chaney and his co-workers that have made an almost unbearable situation bearable.

Thank you again to each and everone who has supported and helped us.

Rita Knowles & Family

Lena Knowles & Family###imported-begin###Rita Knowles & Family -
Lena Knowles & Family###imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 08:50 PM



“ I am so very sorry this happened. Things in life occur and we will never know why. And we find are selfs standing alone with questions and no answers. I have worked in ems for longtime, and have seen love ones taken away at blink of the eye. But I believe in God and his plans. Don't ever think you are alone, your not!! If you need anything please call.. I am around, and if not I will be soon.
love tyler###imported-begin###tyler reidt ###imported-end##

January 07, 2010 at 08:50 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about Marlin. I am thinking of you all.###imported-begin###David Hitchens###imported-end##

January 07, 2010 at 04:38 PM



“ Rita,
I knew Marlin from the first day he work with us at INT'L Engineering. We worked hard and still had fun for 16 years. Thanks to Marlin. He was a joy to know and work with. I did get to talk to him at the annual horse pulls. He was a very good fellow man. We are very sadden by your lost.
Electrical Dept
Jim Roussey##imported-begin##Jim Roussey##imported-end##

January 07, 2010 at 03:40 PM



“ Marlin and I graduaded together from Bluffton High School. The family has our sincere sympothy for their loss.##imported-begin##Steve Foster##imported-end##

January 07, 2010 at 02:52 PM



“ Sara, Rita, and family-Mindy Monticue let me know about Marlin. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are going out to all of you at this time in your lives.##imported-begin##Kristin (Huss) and Matthew Wolf##imported-end##

January 06, 2010 at 09:40 PM



“ At times like this it is hard to know what to say, but do know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. I have many fond memories of spending time at your house getting into trouble with Jordan, my cohort in crime. During this time, I had the privilege of getting to know Marlin and his great sense of humor. While I cannot imagine your family's sorrow at having to say goodbye, you can be sure that you do not grieve alone. Marlin is a great guy and will be sorely missed by all those who had the privilege of getting to know him.##imported-begin##Justin and Heather Gardner##imported-end##

January 06, 2010 at 08:58 PM



“ Rita, Sara, and family

Just wanted you all to know I am thinking about you. Take care.##imported-begin##Mindy Monticue##imported-end##

January 06, 2010 at 07:42 PM



“ Lacey

I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. May you be granted peace during this difficult time.

blessings,

Liesl Bayouth##imported-begin##Liesl Bayouth Benner##imported-end##

January 06, 2010 at 04:35 PM



“ Rita, Lacey and all, I am so sorry about your loss. He was always so funny and full of life! I loved coming to your house and being teased and picked on by him. He will be missed greatly. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I know he is watching over you all. God bless!

Sandi Hughes Lemmel##imported-begin##Sandi Hughes Lemmel##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 11:38 PM



“ Dear Rita and family, We were deeply saddened to read of Marlin's passing. All of you will be in our thoughts during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Deb (Smith) and Mark Clark##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 07:57 PM



“ Rita, Lacey, Mak, Sara and Jordan...I am so sorry for your loss. Although I haven't seen Lacey or Mak since we were in high school, please know that I am thinking of you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mark Boxell##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 06:00 PM



“ Dear Rita, We are so very sorry to read about Marlin....we will be praying for you and the family. We are still out west.

our love and prayers

Tom & Sue Dick##imported-begin##Tom & Sue Dick##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 05:44 PM



“ Dear Rita and Lena:

I am so sorry that I am unable to get back to Indiana to extend my condolences in person. Please know that I have thought about Marlin several times yesterday and today since I learned of his untimely death. I particularly remember the times our families shared camping together in Michigan.

I want to extend my deepest sympathies on your loss.

Marilyn##imported-begin##Marilyn Osborn Barnett##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ Knowles Family,

I am deeply saddened at the news of Marlin's passing. I have many wonderful memories of times spent with your family...watching Jordan play hockey...visiting at various family gatherings. I will never forget how your family supported me during a very rough time in my life. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. If there is ever anything I can do, please know that I am ready at the waiting. May God be with you and provide comfort in the days ahead.

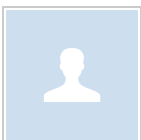
Tim##imported-begin##Tim Conarro##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 04:44 PM



“ Mak and family I am sorry for the loss of your father. I know the grief is strong at this time, but remember there are those who stand with you to be your support. You are in the prayers of many at the Cicero United Methodist Church. In Chrsit's love and service. Rev. Byron##imported-begin##Rev. Byron D. Fritz##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 01:49 PM



“ Rita,

I am so sorry to hear of this, was shocked when i read it in the paper. I can still remember all the good times we had at all the basketball games in high school :); oh how time flies been a long time since i have seen ya. Will keep you in our prayers##imported-begin##Sandy "Garrett" Habegger##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 01:42 PM



“ Dear Rita and Family,
Marlin's family was such a big part of my childhood. I will never forget seeing Marlin out in your garden in his overhauls singing. He was always upbeat. I wish you and your family comfort and peace during this time. Sincerely,
Claudia###imported-begin##Claudia Kizer-Al-Tamimi###imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 01:03 PM



“ Rita,

our Sympathy goes out to you and your family###imported-begin##Trudy and Fred Murray###imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 11:40 AM



“ Dear Rita, Jordan, & family,

I was shocked and saddened to hear of Marlin's passing. I remember fondly his quick wit and wonderful sense of humor. Everyone who knew him felt joy in his presence. May your memories and the strength and support of friends and family sustain you in this time of sorrow. Know that I am thinking of you all and praying that God will give you comfort in the coming days.
Linda###imported-begin##Linda (Bergman) Worman###imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 10:52 AM



“ Sara,

I was so saddened to hear the news of your father passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cara (Hullinger) Teeple##imported-begin##Cara (Hullinger) Teeple##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 08:31 AM



“ *My thoughts are with you and your family at this time. He was a wonderful man and father. I know he will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jill Grady(Harshman)##imported-end##*

January 05, 2010 at 07:05 AM



“ *Rita, Lacey, Mak, Sara, and Jordan,
I am so deeply saddened by the news of Marlin's passing. Please take comfort in knowing how many lives he touched with his kindness and smile. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Jane##imported-begin##Jane Noe-Prescott##imported-end##*

January 04, 2010 at 09:38 PM



“ *Rita and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Marlin's passing. I never knew him well, but my son Scott really adored him, and had fun times at your home. Prayers and much love to you and the family.##imported-begin##B.J., Marion and Scott Gray##imported-end##*

January 04, 2010 at 09:30 PM



“ Sara and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I hope the many happy memories you have of your dad bring you some comfort during this difficult time. Peace be with you always...##imported-begin##Tonya (Black) Aerts##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 09:04 PM



“ Rita-Please accept my sympathy for your loss. I e-mailed Ryan as he was in school with Jordan. We have a spouse grief support group and you are welcome to join us whenever you feel ready. We meet for lunch once a month. Your family will remain in my prayers. Sincerely, Suzanne Feedback##imported-begin##Suzanne Feedback##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 07:45 PM



“ To Mitch and family,
Just wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow and great loss.
I remember you talking of Merlin very highly Mitch when we were in school, and how funny and intelligent he was. You were a proud brother.
I just loss my mother last week, and my heart goes out to you and your family Mitch. May God be with you all to ease you pain.
Hold on to good memories and know that he is in a more beautiful, peaceful place.
My heartfelt Sympathy for you and yours.

Love and Friendship Always,

LeAnda Niblick##imported-begin##LeAnda Niblick##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 07:35 PM



“ Rita so sorry to read about your husbands death...much sympathy being sent your way.
I shall always remember that you had the best smile ever...
Diana###imported-begin###Diana Johnson Shappley###imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 07:25 PM



“ Mitch and Family, So very sorry to hear of your Brothers' passing.
We will be thinking of you.###imported-begin###Al and Debbie Massey###imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 06:50 PM



“ Rita, I was so saddened to learn of your husband's passing on.
Please know that I am thinking of you; praying for comfort for you and fondly remembering our first grade time together at your home.###imported-begin###Andrea Stoller###imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 06:14 PM



“ Rita, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Sandy###imported-begin###Sandy Vore Garcia###imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 05:38 PM



“ I had the privilege of working Marlin at EPC for several years.

He was always kind and a gentleman.

He was funny, could always tell a good story and was a joy to work with.

I will miss him.##imported-begin##MARIE NESBITT##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 04:44 PM



“ Your family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Sherri and Noah Bulger##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 04:06 PM



“ Rita,
Sorry to hear of Marlin's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Maggy

(BHS classmate)##imported-begin##Maggy (Rose) Bond##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 03:40 PM



“ Marlin and I worked together for a long time at E.P.C. He was a good man and a good boss. I'm sure E.P.C. will miss him. He was someone who could be counted on to know what to do, how it should be done, and then would get it done. No one worked harder than Marlin. I'm so sorry for his passing.

Vern##imported-begin##Vernon Saxman##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 03:13 PM



“ Rita, so very sorry to learn of the loss of your husband. Know that my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jan Elliott Cohen##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 02:37 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Marlin's passing. Both Dave and I worked with him at EPC, what a character he could be. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss.##imported-begin##Dave & Rhonda Hayes##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 02:27 PM



“ Rita I am so sorry to hear of your loss I hope and pray you have a support group of friends around you. Please feel free to call me- 816-244-7343 cel.no or home 785-985-2891 anytime. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as well as the kids.We do have such great memories to cherish. Love Pennie##imported-begin##Pennie DeBolt Jones##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 02:04 PM



“ Dear Rita,
I wish I could hug you, the pain has to be terrible. We wish for you the peaceful ending he planned.
You are in our prayers and our hearts as is Marlin.
Linda and Tom Claussen##imported-begin##Linda Flowers Claussen##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 01:00 PM



“ Dear Rita & Family - It has been many years since we were in Poplar Grove & BHS together, Rita, but I always remember you with great fondness. I remember staying overnight with you in Poneto, going to your father's grocery store for an ample supply of penny candy. I thought you to be the luckiest girl to have a dad who owned a grocery store!!! I am just so very sorry to hear about Marlin - much too young to be taken. We never know the date or hour, though...and must lean on God for understanding. Please know I am thinking of you with love & prayer. Susan (Rupel) Schafer##imported-begin##Susan Schafer##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 12:58 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Marlin's passing. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mack & Diana Smith##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 12:33 PM



“ Rita and Family,
We just can't believe it.....Marlin was such a dear and a 'kidder'. He was so much fun to be around. Please know we love you and are praying for you all. Our kids and their families also send their love and fond memories of Marlin. You are in our hearts and prayers. Love you!##imported-begin##Kathy and Phil Gray##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 10:27 AM



“ I was truly saddened to hear of Marlin's passing. My condolences and prayers go out to his family.

Denny##imported-begin##Dennis Thompson##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ Rita and family, we were sadden to hear of Marlin's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Larry and Mary Branstetter##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 07:32 AM