

Obituaries

Mr. Richard "Ricky" Carl Knotts

On Wednesday, August 26, 2020, Mr. Richard "Ricky" Carl Knotts, 63, went home to be with the Lord while a patient at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, August 30, 2020, on the lawn of Lilesville Baptist Church with Rev. Teddy Lawson officiating.

Ricky was born August 17, 1957, in Anson County, and was a son of Margaret Martin Knotts and the late Maynard Claude Knotts. He was a 1975 graduate of Charlotte High School. He had various career interests, including Knotts Grocery Store, being a painter and most recently selling used appliances.

He was a member of Lilesville Baptist Church where he has served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and was known as the "bubble gum man." He loved his Lord and his church family.

Ricky was a collector of "things," especially antiques, and he often referred to his "stuff" as his children's inheritance. He enjoyed time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren. He had a loving and giving spirit.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 33 years, Connie Griffin Knotts; his sons, Max Griffin, Sr. (Elizabeth Allen) and Carl Knotts (Kristy), all of Lilesville; his grandchildren, Savannah, Mason, Ashlyn and Max, Jr.; his mother, Margaret Knotts of Lilesville; his brothers and sister, Maynard Knotts, Jr. (Robbie) of Charlotte, Mary Faulkn (Johnny) of Southport and Wayne Knotts (Libby) of Lilesville; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Maria Pieger and Angie Smoot (Tim), all of Lilesville and Tim Boiling (Carolann) of Lexington; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his sisters and brother-in-law, Shirley Glover (Tom) and Paulette English.

Because Ricky was a graduate and supporter of Hebron Colony Ministries, the family requests memorials be made to them at P.O. Box 407, Santee, SC 29142.

Ricky encouraged many men struggling with addictions to be a part of Hebron Colony, and there are many success stories because of his influence on the lives of those people today.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Joan Elaine Penird Porten

Mrs. Joan Elaine Penird Porten, 78, died peacefully at her home on Monday, September 21, 2020.

There will be a service to celebrate her life at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Thursday and other times at the home.

Joan Porten was born September 5, 1942, in Auburn, NY, and was a daughter of the late Floyd William Penird and the late Virginia Avery Hart Penird. She was a graduate of Auburn East High School and E. J. Myer Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse in New York for a number of years before she and her husband followed his dream of becoming a farmer. They moved to the Deep Creek Community of Wadesboro in 1973 and owned and operated Porten Farms.

Joan loved being outdoors. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing golf, horses and cooking. She shot a hole in one at Twin Valley Country Club.

Those left to cherish her memory are her high school sweetheart and husband of 59 years, Dick Porten; her children, Kelly Porten Ourth (John) of St. Louis, MO, Bill Porten (Becky) of Las Vegas, NV and Jack Porten (Kristi) of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Theodore, Tess and McKinley; her beloved Cocker Spaniel Belle; and her extended family of the Portens and nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Matthew Tyler Porten and her brother Carl Penird.

Her family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to Community Home Care and Hospice for the loving way in which they cared for Joan, the Grace Senior Center for the services they provided and to their neighbors and friends in the Deep Creek Community for the outpouring of love they have shown to her and the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Home Care and Hospice, 1791 E Broad Ave., Rockingham, NC 28379.

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