



Rolla McKnight

June 15, 1931 - February 17, 2011

Mr. Rolla DeLoss McKnight, 79, of Wynne passed away Thursday, February 17, 2011 at his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, DeLoss McKnight and Thelma L. LaRue Graddy, and step-father Glen Graddy.

Mr. McKnight was born in Wynne on June 15, 1931. He was a 1949 Graduate of Wynne High School. DeLoss attended the Arkansas State Teacher's College and University of Arkansas. Mr. McKnight was a lawyer, farmer, and miller. He served his country during the Korean War and retired in 1991 from the Arkansas National Guard with the rank of Major. He was a member of the Arkansas Jaycees, Wynne Rotary Club, Cross County Arkansas and American Bar Associations, Reserve Officers Association, American Legion and a 32nd Degree Mason. DeLoss was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Wynne.

Survivors are his son, DeLoss McKnight, III and wife Petey of Lee's Summit, Missouri; daughters, Annita Carolyn M. Hall and husband Bobby of Fordyce, Arkansas; Frankie M. Sullivan and husband Brent of Wynne; brother, Michael Graddy of South Carolina; sisters, Rita M. Hudson of Birmingham, Alabama; Linda G. Caldwell of Little Rock; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 19, 2011 at Kernodle Funeral Home, 1 – 3 PM, with services following at Kernodle Funeral Home at 3 PM with burial with full Military Honors in Cogbill Cemetery.

Casketbears will be the U.S. Army. Honorary Casketbearers are Buddy Murray, Joe Dugan, Walter Pierce, Rick Proctor, Bob Ford, Don Watson, Curt Hagler, Jerry Blackburn, Jim Shaver, Jim Luker, Joe Boeckmann, Jack Killough, Earnest Dallas, Ken McClanahan, Albert Hess and the WHS Class of 1949.

Memorials may be made to the Cross County Historical Society or American Cancer Society. Kernodle Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Rolla McKnight*

Linda Lace - March 26, 2011 at 10:58 PM

MH

“ *Deloss was such a good and lovely person and so happy and well respected. He will be truly be missed. The last time we saw him we were having a meal together, talking, laughing and reminicing @ Delores house @ a family get together. Everyone that knew Deloss loved him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Mike & Sandra Hall - February 28, 2011 at 12:28 PM

TW

“ *Frankie and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of bereavement. Asking God to comfort and minister strength for the coming days.*

Tony Wells - February 23, 2011 at 08:28 AM

GB

“ *We are sorry to hear of the death of your father. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this time.*

Gene & Beth Boeckmann - February 19, 2011 at 04:55 PM

BP

“ *Reunions won't be the same without DeLoss. Every time I cook popcorn rice I think of DeLoss. What a good friend! We miss you already, DeLoss.*

Betty Ann Baker Parker - February 19, 2011 at 01:18 PM

ML

“ Dear Annita, Mac, Frankie and family - I am so sorry to hear of Mr. DeLoss' passing. My family and I have many fond memories of your father. You are in our prayers.

Marla Lammers - February 19, 2011 at 12:21 PM

NB

“ Deloss was seven years older than me, but I spent many days playing in his neighborhood as a child. He always had something to say to me, and then he would break out in this big smile. He possessed this wonderful sense of humor that everybody loved. My sister considered him one of her best friends, and also enjoyed the friendship of Rita. This video captures the essence of Deloss, and I enjoyed it very much because the pictures of him as a young man are exactly as I remember him. He was certainly someone that people in Wynne will always remember with love.

Neal Foust Brown - February 19, 2011 at 08:03 AM

LH

“ My condolences to DeLoss' family. He was a generous and giving man and always willing to help whenever he could. I know he will be dearly missed.

Lil Herman - February 19, 2011 at 12:26 AM

PY

“ I enjoyed the opportunity to be his employee. He taught me a lot and always made me feel like part of his family. I will miss DeLoss very much.

Phyllis (Shaw) Yunker - February 18, 2011 at 03:11 PM

TM

“ *Mac, Frankie, and Annita: I'm sorry about your father -- I know you will miss him.
I have fond memories of evenings with all of you out at the lakehouse. DeLoss was gracious and interesting.
I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the service, but I'll be thinking of you. Thompson*

Thompson Murray - February 18, 2011 at 02:21 PM

IW

“ *To DeLoss' Family; I am so sorry for your loss. My thought and prayers are with you and all of DeLoss's family.
Irene*

Irene Witt - February 18, 2011 at 12:33 PM

DP

“ *He was a great man, our thoughts and prayers go with the family.*

Danny and Judy Pufahl - February 18, 2011 at 11:31 AM

HG

“ *Hal and I want to express our joy for getting and know and love Mr. DeLoss and his family which is also our family. Our hearts are heavy for you but also joyful of much he was spared of. God is good. We are praying for God's peace and great memories for you.
We love you,
Hal and Jane Graves*

Hal and Jane Graves - February 18, 2011 at 11:12 AM

DM

“ *In sympathy..*

David & Brenda McFadden - February 17, 2011 at 09:12 PM

BD

“ DeLoss's Family: Our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers for God's Peace on DeLoss McKnight. Having served in the National Guard and many other business and family occasions, I can say, as a friend, that DeLoss will be missed, but not forgotten.
Buddy and Jo Diebold

Buddy and Jo Diebold - February 17, 2011 at 08:33 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Deloss. I always enjoyed his company when he came down for a visit and i'll always remember a nice fishing trip we went on in florida back in the 80's. He will be missed.

Doug McKnight - February 17, 2011 at 07:12 PM

BH

“ The Class of 1949 has lost its leader. We wish him well on his journey. He will be as missed as he was loved. God bless him.

Bridget Hart - February 17, 2011 at 04:17 PM

BW

“ Such a kind person that I will never forget. In 1964 he help me to get custody of my precious daughter. To all the family, I am so sorry.
Betty Willis-Daggy

Betty Willis-Daggy - February 17, 2011 at 02:15 PM

PR

“ My love and sympahty are with each of you. He was a very special man, loved much and will be missed so very much.

Peggy Ratheal-Williams - February 17, 2011 at 02:09 PM

RC

“ We have known Deloss many years and will miss him. He is now at rest and free of pain. His life here at Wynne has been a significant contribution to the community.

Robert & Lavella Crawford - February 17, 2011 at 02:02 PM

AH

“ Deloss will be missed so much, but I know where he lives! With our Saviour, Jesus in Heaven.He had a wonderful singing voice,had a kind spirit, and selflessly gave of himself to others. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Ann Hart - February 17, 2011 at 11:46 AM