

## Bernard D. Knauss

April 17, 1932 - November 19, 2018

Bernard Dale Knauss of Mabank passed away November 19, 2018 surrounded by family and friends. He was born April 17, 1932 in Hamar, North Dakota to William J. and Vivian Ella (Gress) Knauss, both of whom preceded Bernard in death along with his son, Dean Knauss.

Bernard graduated from Tolna High School in Tolna, ND after which he attended, and studied at, Wahpeton State College of Science. Bernard was a proud military veteran having enlisted in the Army and he served in Korea until being honorably discharged. On April 2, 1955, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Charlotte, at Sigdal Lutheran Church in Bernard's home town of Hamar, ND. They moved to Texas in 1957 and in 1960, he and his cousin, Jack, opened Terrell Equipment. His honesty and easy-going personality made every customer feel as though they had not only bought quality products but they also made a loyal friend in Bernard. He and Charlotte moved to Mabank and where Bernard was very active in several organizations including the American Legion Post 310 in Gun Barrel City, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary of Cedar Creek Lake where he was a part of Floatilla 514 for 26 years and a member of the Cedar Creek Yacht club and the many friendships and memories made on the lake will be treasured by all who knew him. His faith was a constant in his life and he and Charlotte both attended First United Methodist Church-Mabank. A devoted husband, loving father, and steadfast friend, Bernard will be missed greatly by his family and

friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife of over 63 years, Charlotte Knauss, of Mabank; son, Dale Knauss and Donna Hardin, of Mabank as well as several other extended family members, his church family and a host of friends.

Funeral service for Bernard will be 2:00 pm Saturday, November 24, 2018, at First United Methodist Church, 501 S. Third St. Mabank, with the family receiving friends beginning at 1:00pm to service time. Services will be under the direction of Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations.

In honor of Bernard's love of helping others, his family would encourage all, that instead of floral tributes, to consider making a donation to your choice of a charity such as a local church ministry food pantry, animal rescue, a veteran's assistance organization or the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
501 S. 3rd St.  
Mabank, TX 75147

## Celebration of Life

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard D. Knauss*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



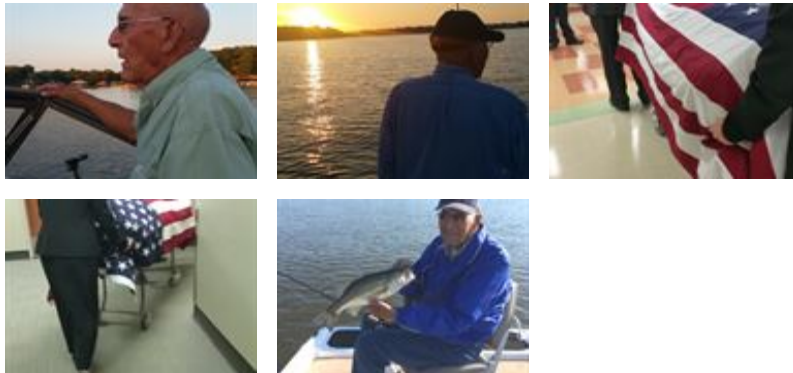
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard D. Knauss.*



November 24, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ *170 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - November 23, 2018 at 12:41 PM

LG

“ *What an awesome family. I really loved it that Bernie "joined the choir" in these last couple of years. Charlotte couldn't leave him alone, and we so needed her in the choir (and she loves to sing too). Bernie came with her and never complained. Often when we finished a selection, he would give a grand applause (he was the only spectator)! I know he has seen the face of Jesus now, and it will be just a temporary separation for his family and friends who know the Lord. My thoughts and prayers are for them this day!*



Lance Douglas Gutierrez - November 23, 2018 at 11:09 AM

RC

“ *I have always thought the world of my uncle Bernie, he and my dad taught me to ski, I have been sailing, when it was just Bernie and I, and at the end I loved just sitting on his back porch with him for visits. I will miss you, uncle Bernie. Love you, Rochelle XO*

Rochelle Cowan - November 23, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard D. Knauss.*



November 22, 2018 at 05:57 PM

SP

“ *Each day, in so many ways, Bernie quietly showed his love for Charlotte, his family & those closest to him. Bernie could always make me smile. I will miss this kind, witty, thoughtful & loving man.*

Sherri Prince - November 21, 2018 at 07:55 PM

VF

“ Vernon Griffin and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard D. Knauss.



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**Vernon Griffin and Family** - November 21, 2018 at 04:33 PM

RT

“ Bernie with sidekick, Charlotte beside him, provided two of my Dad and Mom's best and funniest companions while in Terrell and after. If laughter is the grease of life, these two provided it for all who came close. Bernie will be missed. Our sincere and best wishes to Charlotte and his family as you celebrate his life and laughter.

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**Rick Traylor** - November 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM

SN

“ From the time I met Bernie at the age of 6yrs old We had many boat rides, and lots of great memories on the water and just life in general he was a amazing friend and a great mentor and will miss him very much ....

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**shane nichols** - November 20, 2018 at 08:55 PM

SN

*Dale prayers for your family and Charlotte I love you guys so much!!!!*

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**shane nichols** - November 20, 2018 at 09:56 PM

CA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I did not meet this man but I loved seeing the post that was posted by his son about their fishing excursions. You knew that he was a great man as you listened to his son speak of him. Prayers and blessings to the family and friends.

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**carolyn** - November 20, 2018 at 08:41 PM



Jacques van der Plas

“ I was very fortunate to have met this gentleman... he loved being out on the water and I know he loved sailing...Peace to you Bernie.  
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**Jacques van der Plas** - November 20, 2018 at 07:49 PM

DC

“ Darlene (Birdsong) Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Bernard D. Knauss



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**Darlene (Birdsong) Cantrell** - November 20, 2018 at 07:31 PM

LN

“ Bernie was such an outstanding person & a wonderful friend & neighbor! He was one of the first ones I met when we moved to the neighborhood. He regularly stopped to talk on his daily walks. I always enjoyed my visits with him. He always made me smile! He had a kind soul! I will never forget him. My life is blessed for having known him. Our love and prayers are with sweet Charlotte & Dale & family. May God bless you with His comfort & peace.

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**Linda & Kenneth Napps** - November 20, 2018 at 06:21 PM

LN

“ *Linda & Kenneth Napps lit a candle in  
memory of Bernard D. Knauss*



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**Linda & Kenneth Napps** - November 20, 2018 at 06:12 PM