



Ronald Knos

December 23, 1929 - February 18, 2012

Ronald David Knos, 82, of Prescott, Ariz. passed into the arms of Jesus on Feb. 18, 2012. Born Dec. 23, 1929 in Buffalo, N.Y., he was the only son of the late Malcolm Knos and Leona Hansen. During the Korean War, Ron was drafted into military service while attending the University of Buffalo. After extensive military and officer training, Ron served as second lieutenant and was honorably discharged in 1955. Ron met Ellie Fusco on a blind date set up by friends and the two were married on Nov. 5, 1955. They eventually had three children. Ron's career as a trouble shooter and national sales manager in the typewriter industry led the family to several cities throughout the country until finally settling in Fountain Valley, Calif., where they lived for over 20 years. In 1995, the couple retired in Prescott Valley, Ariz. Ron lived a full and productive life. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Ellie; his daughter JoCarol Brown, son-in-law Jeff and grandchildren Christine and Michael; daughter Lynn Rodgers, son-in-law Brian and grandson Cole of Trabuco Canyon, Calif.; son David, daughter-in-law Tracey and grandchildren James and Nora of Gilbert, Ariz. Memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Prescott Valley. Sunrise Funeral Home assisted with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Knos*

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Ron was a great friend and the best boss I ever had.
Please know that he is in our prayers.*

Love,

Barbara & Mike

Mike & Barbara Malloy - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I feel fortunate to have known Ron. He was bigger than life in many ways. Always giving more than he ask. I can see him standing tall with a broad smile and an out stretched hand. While employed at Royal I worked with his son and Jo Carol. It was obvious that they were a chip off the old block-with the same warmth and enthusiasm that Ron exuded when you were in his presence.
The world will be a sadder place with his passing.*

Larry Kirlin - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

“ Ron gave me my first job in wholesale back in 1966. Of the many bosses I had- Ron stands out as #1.

Ron taught me so many things- hard to list them all. My first thought is according to today's standards Ron Knos was an " old school boss" . Based on the time of 1966 he was the perfect boss.

Ron hired at least 18 people I know that made a career in the typewriter or office equipment field.

He had a true skill of hiring people that would like what they did and do it well.

Ron taught his team to work hard to achieve their goals - always pitting us one against another in friendly competition. If you were on the bottom of the pile -Ron would scold and embarass you - if you were on the top of the pile he would be the first to congratulate you as well.

Ron hosted trips with his team - included wives as well/ we went to Spain one time - group of about 8 couples - great team building trip as well. Many of us were only in our late 20's so this was truly a trip of a life time.

Another time- Ron had a contest for the rep selling the most to join him at the Grand Bahamas for a trade show convention. We ended up with a limo driver that tryed to scam us - Ron held his ground and we got out alive - not before we were shaking in our boots like 12 yr olds "hold up "in a small double room -- once again I learned from Ron how to handle myself in a very bad and possibly life threatening situation.

Ron and Ellie hosted me at the "Knos bed and breakfast" anytime I was in L.A. for work.

Ron went on to other positions - one in the 1980's was a start up

Japanese Typewriter company called Juki/ I again followed Ron to this company - it was great to work with him again.

Ron and I stayed friends up until the time of his passing. I do not know of a lot of guys that would maintain a friendship more than 20 years after they worked together.

I had the pleasure of knowing Ellie, JoCarol and Dave as well.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this very tough time.

As far as I am concerned "God broke the mold when he made Ron Knos"

I will miss Ron but will never forget all that I learned from him over all these years.

*Sincerely
Paul Youngberg*

paul youngberg - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *It's been years since I have seen any of the Knos Family, I am sorry to hear of your loss, He was always a kind man, and good for a laugh! Dave his son and I went to Highschool together, the track star and comedian. My regards to the family and hopes for peace.*

Jennifer Claire Nettles-Bitting - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Ron (and Ellie) have always been tops on our favorite people list, from over the wall parties, to Scorpio golf weekends, to mischief in general. We are so sorry to hear of his passing. We have missed you all since you moved away, but are saddened by his passing! Love to you all!

Ben & Jaye Schierer - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ No words can express how sorry we are to hear of your loss. Just know that we are thinking of you all. Your family is in our thoughts & prayers.

Greg, Chris & Joey Dickerson - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Knos family,
We thank God for Ron and pray for you all. Ron (and the entire family) was always very welcoming and simply fun to be around. Of course we enjoyed talking sports and I'll always remember Ron coaching the King of Glory men's basketball team. Whether it was dinners at your home, picnics, fellowship events, or sporting events, Ron was full of life. He was an example of a loving husband and father and one more thing to be said, he was baptized. "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus..." We'll miss his humor, wit, and presence.

Love,

David and Kimberly Mattson

Emma and Andy

David Mattson - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ WE ENJOYED HAVING RON, ELLIE, AND DAVID AS OUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS IN FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA DURING THE SEVEN YEARS WE LIVED ON APACHE RIVER. MANY THE FOLKS IN THAT TRACT GOT TOGETHER ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT BEN AND JAYES FOR A BEER AND CONVERSATION ABOUT EVENTS OF THE DAY. WE MISSED THE KNOS' AFTER THEY MOVED TO PRESCOTT BUT ENJOYED HEARING ABOUT THEIR NEW HOME. DAVID KEPT US UP TO DATE ON THE FAMILY FROM TIME TO TIME. WE ARE SAD AT RON'S PASSING BUT KNOW HE IS GOOD HANDS. OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS WONDERFUL FAMILY.

WAYNE & CAROL COOPER - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

*“ Elie and Faimly,
We are so sorry for your loss.*

Don and Madeleine Pool - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ We were so sorry to hear that Ron had passed away, but he is in a better place. Our love and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Chuck and Jery Rickard

Chuck & Jery Rickard - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Ron will be deeply missed by all of us who knew him and loved him. He was a kind and gentle man. We loved him and pray for his family.

Deanna Lebeau and Kelly Irish - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We just wanted to extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Ron was a very nice man and I have fond memories of spending time in the Knos home on Apache River. I was there alot hanging with Lynn, being that we were best friends. I remember him always watching sports, especially the Buffalo Bills football games. He would get loud and excited, but always fun. One time when I was spending the night at their house, he came in the bonus room where we were sleeping, snuck in and scared us half out of our wits. As I remember, he got a big kick out of that. I also remember the parties he and Ellie gave, which I attended a few. Lynn and I were in the background watching all the crazy stuff the adults were doing. We managed to sneak a couple sips of beer or some kind of drink one time. I think Ron knew about it, but didn't yell at us. I know he was special to so many people and especially his family. I am indebted to him for fathering my dearest friend Lynn, who has been in my life for over 39 years. I cherish her, Ron, and all the Knos family, and the memories I have of them all. Jim got to know Ron later on, once we were married. He had the pleasure of playing poker a few times with Ron. He always enjoyed those fun times with him and the other neighbors. All our love and prayers to each of you. We hope your memories of Ron will help you through this difficult time. He will be missed.

Jim and Sheryl Lovell - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Ellie and Family - It was a great pleasure to have known Ron and enjoyed his company the last 12 years. We had great times together with dinners out, potluck dinners at the clubhouse, and martini parties. His unique sense of humor and willingness to enjoy every moment of every day will remain with me for a long, long time. I have enjoyed reading about his "younger" days and all the lovely comments and tributes in his memory. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Pam Anderson - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM