



Stanley W. Knowles

September 10, 1935 - January 1, 2014

North Hampton – Stanley W. Knowles, 78, a lifelong resident of North Hampton, died Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

He was born here September 10, 1935 a son of the late Stanley J. Knowles and Marion (Smith) Knowles Schanschieff. The Knowles family goes back as to one of the founding families of North Hampton.

He graduated from Hampton Academy with the Class of 1953, received his bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1959 where he served in the ROTC program and was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He returned to UNH in later years and in 1970 received his master's degree in forestry. He was a veteran serving with the US Army and later served with the Army Reserve retiring as Captain with 16 years of service.

Mr. Knowles began his career in 1962 as an assistant county forester and became Rockingham County forester in 1963. He was known for high quality programs for professional foresters throughout New Hampshire, particularly to silvicultural techniques and forest management education. He provided workshops to landowners in the state and throughout New England. He retired in 1990 from the UNH Cooperative Extension as extension specialist with 30 years of forestry service.

He served on the Governor's Task Force on Community Trees and the Forestry Training Committee and was active in the National 4-H Invitational Woods contest for youth throughout the country. He also served as chair of the NH Board of Registration for Professional Foresters.

He also served the town of North Hampton as selectman for two terms, served on the Budget Committee, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, North Hampton Forever Committee, was a volunteer firefighter, a tree warden, served on the Youth Association for the town, and his family donated the land for Knowles Field on Birch Road.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ, a member of the Hampton's American Legion Post 35 and served on scholarship boards for Hampton Academy, UNH, and the Urban Forestry Center where he also was an instructor. He was also a member of Alpha Zeta and Xi Sigma Pi, honorary fraternities.

He shared 57 years of marriage with his wife, Nina M. (Dunbrack) Knowles.

In addition to his wife, family members include four children, Eric Knowles, Jeffrey Knowles and his wife Kathleen, Donald Knowles, Teresa Fredette and her husband Charles all of North Hampton, six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, his brother, Arthur Knowles of Effingham and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Richard and Robert Knowles and his grandson Ray.

Visiting hours will be from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Monday, January 6, 2014 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be held at 1 P.M. Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at the United Church

of Christ, 295 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton. Interment will be private in the Center Cemetery. The family suggests donations to either, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, Ste., 200, Bethesda, MD 20814, David's House, 461 Mount Support Road, Lebanon, NH 03766 or to the United Church of Christ, 295 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, NH 03862.

Cemetery Details

Center Cemetery

186 Post Road
North Hampton, NH 03862

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

United Church of Christ
295 Atlantic Avenue
North Hampton, NH 03862

Tribute Wall



“ *Remick & Gendron Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stanley W. Knowles*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - January 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stanley W. Knowles*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *The news of Stanley's passing reached me in the March issue of the Omega Crescent. My sincere condolences to his family. Many years have passed since we attended forestry summer school (1957) together in Passaconaway, NH, but it seems like only yesterday. We had such a good time there and Stan's good humor and jovial smile is a memory that I will always have. My employment with the U. S. Forest Service took me to the Northwest so I didn't have the opportunity to visit with Stan since graduation but the notes sent by his friends remind me of his character and how nice a person he was.*

*Ray Woodbury
originally from Lincoln,NH but now Albuquerque , NM*

Ray Woodbury - March 31, 2014 at 12:33 PM

GM

“ *My sincere sympathies go out to the family. I worked with Stan on many projects when I was with the Division of Forests and Lands. He was always so willing to share his knowledge and his time. And as so many others have said, he was one of the nicest people I've ever been around. His legacy will live on in the woods of New Hampshire and in the hearts of many, many people.*

*Gail Michaels
Rockledge, FL*

Gail Michaels - January 30, 2014 at 03:21 PM

PC

“ *To All of Stan's Family, my sincere condolences. Stan was one of the first to welcome me into the forestry profession and coach me along in those early years. I had the pleasure of working with some of his old clients when with Cooperative Extension in Rockingham County. Patience, wisdom, thoughtful, and always with a smile are some of his qualities that stick in my memory and will always be.*

Paul Crosby, Stoddard, NH

Paul Crosby - January 13, 2014 at 12:45 PM

RJ

“ *I will always remember Stan for taking us clamming and by the smile on his face when he hooked up a vacume cleaner to his player piano and sang along with the old music he had collected. The manner in which he led his life,ensured himself a special place in heaven. Signed:Robert L. Godfrey Jr. He will be missed greatly missed at the family reunions.*

robert godfrey jr. - January 11, 2014 at 03:00 AM

JR

“ On behalf of Phillips Exeter Academy, I would like to express our condolences to Stan's family. We are so grateful for all of Stan's contributions to the wise stewardship of our Academy Woods. I met Stan several years ago in the course of work with the Town of North Hampton, and will always remember his friendliness, wisdom, and generosity.

Jill Robinson, Phillips Exeter Academy

Jill Robinson - January 10, 2014 at 07:05 AM

SS

“ We were so sorry to learn of Stan's passing. We send our deepest sympathy to Nina and all of the Knowles family. Sincerely Stan and Fran Swier



stan swier - January 07, 2014 at 05:09 PM

LS

“ I was very saddened to learn of Stan's passing. Stan was a friend of my father, Stan Stonesifer all through the school. I remember hearing many stories about their friendship. Deepest condolences, Lisa Stonesifer

Lisa Stonesifer - January 07, 2014 at 03:06 PM

JC

“ Dear family,
We were so saddened to learn of Stan's passing. He was a good man and left an amazing legacy. Know you and Stan are in our thoughts and prayers.
With sympathy,
Peter and Judy Curtis

Judy Curtis - January 07, 2014 at 02:31 PM

EM

“ I am very sorry for your loss. One encouraging thought you might find comforting is found at John 5:28, 29. “The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.” God gives us the hope that he will soon resurrect our dead loved ones and we can see them again. Won't that be wonderful! I hope that has comforted you as it has me.

Emily - January 07, 2014 at 10:57 AM

TJ

“ Is there anything more to know about Stan than if you saw him in a crowd you'd never even CONSIDER not going over to say hello? Whether in a diner or at a summer concert at the North Hampton bandstand or at our place, you couldn't help but be in better spirits after running into him and having a conversation. A more genuinely decent guy you couldn't find in these parts. Sad to lose him but so lucky to have known him. Our sincerest condolences to Nina and family.

The Tiltions-Pete, Joan and Pete Jr. - January 06, 2014 at 02:06 PM

TT

That should say The Tiltions-Pete, Joan and Pete Jr.

The Tiltions - January 06, 2014 at 02:08 PM

MT

“ I am terribly sorry to hear of your family's loss. I always enjoyed learning from and with Stanley - usually in the woods and especially when I was a very "wet-behind-the-ears" Rockingham County Forester. I will always remember the many days we spent working on a wide variety of forestry and habitat management projects throughout Rockingham Co. and especially with the folks at Phillips Exeter Academy - Stanley helped PEA earn the NH Tree Farmer of the year award and I still take my UNH habitats class to that property to show off the habitat work that he was such an important part of. I have used my lessons from Stan to help hundreds of landowners all over NH improve and enjoy their forest and wildlife habitat and his contribution to our profession will continue long after his passing. Stanley was an incredible mentor and I am thankful that I had the honor to know him as a friend.

Matt Tarr, Associate Professor & Extension Wildlife Specialist, UNH

Matt Tarr - January 06, 2014 at 10:54 AM

JN

“ So sorry for your fathers death. He is one of the reasons I became a forester. My father owned a bunch of land in Farmington and Milton and was friends with Roger Leighton and Stan. They encouraged him to manage the forestland, so he hired consulting forester Bill Lane and things went well, using this new concept of "scientific forest management". In 1969, when I was in high school, Stan organized a forestry field trip to look at different harvesting techniques. On a cold winter day, we all piled into an old yellow school bus and visited 3 harvest sites; horse logging, then a crawler bulldozer pulling a scoot, then a skidder, which was new to the industry then. My father wanted me to be a lawyer, but that tour and Stan's encouragement, started my interest in forestry. Stan was a kind, caring person with a genuine interest in his colleagues and profession. It was always fun to bump into him at UNH hockey and football games. He had a big smile!

Jonathan Nute, Hillsborough County Forester

Jon Nute - January 06, 2014 at 09:25 AM

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Eric Knowles - January 06, 2014 at 09:03 AM

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Eric Knowles - January 06, 2014 at 08:55 AM

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Stan's first yellow tail snapper

Eric Knowles - January 06, 2014 at 08:57 AM

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Eric Knowles - January 06, 2014 at 08:53 AM

JB

“ Wonderful memories of Stan and the many contributions he made to his Town as a Selectman and as a member of Committees and Commissions. Always willing to offer sound advice and lend a hand. Anyone who has kids will remember the legacy he and his family gifted to the Town and for generations of kids in the future....Knowles Field. May he rest in peace and my sincere condolences to his whole family.

John Bottomley

John Bottomley - January 06, 2014 at 08:43 AM

AS

“ *Nina and Family,
We send our deepest sympathy to you all in this time of great sadness. We have such fond memories of Stan at the UNH hockey games and in the woods when he was overseeing the timbering of our lot. He was a special person who was a friend to so many and we benefitted from that very characteristic of Stan's. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Chan and Ann Sanborn Naples, FL

Ann and Chan Sanborn - January 05, 2014 at 09:06 PM

KB

“ *My deepest sympathy Nina to you and yours*

Karin (Lindahl) Breen

karin breen - January 05, 2014 at 09:30 AM

DM

“ *Theresa & the Knowles Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by all of North Hampton. I remember working part time at Spuds and him leaving his UNH Hockey hat. I took it home w/ me and guarded it w/ my life until I could get it back to him and I will never forget the smile & relief on his face at that moment! He was so very proud of that hat and told me how it was given to him! May you find comfort in all of your wonderful years together and smile when you think of them.*

Donna Meyer-Miller

Donna Miller - January 04, 2014 at 06:24 PM

HH

“ *Harold and Haley purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Stanley W. Knowles.*



Harold and Haley - January 04, 2014 at 06:15 PM

ET

“ *We have some special memories of Stan at UNH and occasionally at my sister and husband's in Hampton. Betty passed this past July, while I was having major surgery here in Wyoming. Ashton passed several years ago and of course is missed as well. Now we add Stan to that list of cherished folks in our old stomping grounds who have always had a place in our hearts.*

*Sincere sympathy to the whole family,
Bob and Ellie Pierce Tappan*

ellie tappan - January 04, 2014 at 01:32 PM

ML

“ *we will miss our UNH HOCKEY FAN and long time friend of the north Hampton family Tom and Mary lambert*

mary lambert - January 04, 2014 at 12:44 PM

DD

“ *So sorry for you loss Aunt Nina and family.*


Diane (Dunbrack) Daugherty - January 04, 2014 at 07:41 AM

DD

“ *Diane (Dunbrack) Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Stanley W. Knowles*



Diane (Dunbrack) Daugherty - January 04, 2014 at 07:37 AM

 Carol Knowles

“ *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

Carol Knowles - January 04, 2014 at 05:26 AM

CK

“ *Carol Knowles lit a candle in memory of Stanley W. Knowles*



Carol Knowles - January 04, 2014 at 05:23 AM