



Walter E. Knowles

February 5, 1953 - October 3, 2025

Seabrook – Walter E. Knowles, 72, of Seabrook, passed away peacefully at home on October 3, 2025. Born on February 5, 1953, he was the son of the late Lester Raymond Knowles and Lillian (Beckman) Knowles.

Walter was a lifelong resident of Seabrook and a man of many trades. He owned and operated his own auto salvage yard on Farm Lane, sometimes referred to as a “steel trader” by his children. He also worked for many years in excavation and heavy equipment operation, skills he first learned from his uncle, “Willie” Knowles. As a young man, he worked at Bailey’s Factory, assisted at John Fogg’s junkyard, served as an automotive mechanic at White’s Gulf Garage in Hampton, and later contributed his talents to Russ Hilliard in excavation and Jack Sanborn in welding and the construction of water towers. He once built a dune buggy from a VW body as a teenager and welded bicycles in his youth. His passion and resourcefulness were found in mechanics. Additional friends Walter enjoyed spending time were Mike Marshall, Wayne Perkins, and Benny Knowles all are predeceased.

Walter was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing, and he deeply cherished the time spent with his loving niece, Susan Nicoll, her husband Michael, and their family, with whom he lived for the past twelve and a half years.

He is survived by his children: Kim (Knowles) Grewelle and her husband Richard; Timothy Knowles and his wife Katherine; Tracy (Knowles) Smith and her husband Russell; Eli Knowles; and Emily Knowles. His grandchildren are Richard Grewelle IV, Courtney Grewelle, Riley Smith, Caitlyn Smith, Paige Knowles, Natalie Knowles, Charlotte Knowles, and Ava MacLean.

Walter is also survived by his sister, Kathleen Noel, and his brother, Larry Knowles, and Larry's wife, Holly. He was predeceased by his brother, Warner Knowles, and his brother-in-law, BJ "Doc" Noel.

A private graveside service will be held at Hillside Cemetery in Seabrook.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Betsey Ross lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles* ”



Betsey Ross - December 20, 2025 at 12:34 PM

EM

“ *Emily lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles* ”



Emily - October 11, 2025 at 02:37 PM

MA

“ *Walter E Knowles was a good friend and we went to Dunkin Doughs Nuts to get our ice coffee and our dough nuts and we were best friends for ever* ”

Matthew - October 07, 2025 at 12:39 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Perkins lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles* ”



Brenda Perkins - October 06, 2025 at 11:01 PM

BF

“ *Brian Felch-Rios lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles*



Brian Felch-Rios - October 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

BF

My Sincere Condolences To the Knowles Family.

Brian Felch-Rios - October 06, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *Mat Lewis lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles*



Mat Lewis - October 06, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MM

“ *Mark Mawson lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles*



Mark Mawson - October 06, 2025 at 12:33 PM

KW

“ *Kathleen Bagley Wood lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles*



Kathleen Bagley Wood - October 06, 2025 at 11:06 AM

BM

“ *Bg Mawson lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles*



Bg Mawson - October 06, 2025 at 10:15 AM

GB

“ *Gina Beliveau sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter E. Knowles*



Gina Beliveau - October 06, 2025 at 10:08 AM

TS

“ *Sending my condolences to his family*

Tracey Souther - October 06, 2025 at 09:52 AM

KC

“ Karen Curley lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles



Karen Curley - October 06, 2025 at 09:31 AM

KC

“ Karen Coombs lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Knowles



Karen Coombs - October 06, 2025 at 09:30 AM