



Curtis Eugene Knight

May 27, 2016

On May 27, 2016, Curtis Eugene Knight, son of Gaither and Eugene Knight, passed away peacefully at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Oxford

A native of Oxford, Curtis graduated from College Hill Academy in May 1975. After graduation, Curtis continued his education at Atlanta School of Design. Curtis began his career as an interior designer in New York City, interning with a very well known designer. From there, he went to Houston, Texas to continue his career.

After several years, Curtis returned to Oxford because he wanted to be “A big fish in a little sea” rather than “A little fish in a big sea”! Upon returning to Oxford, Curtis began a long, fruitful designing career by opening Oxford Decorating Company where he brought in Terry Lytal, another accomplished designer. When Curtis and Terry made the decision to close Oxford Decorating Company, Curtis went to work for Jean Chandler selling designer fabrics and was instrumental in helping develop an interior design firm and retail store. In the 1990’s, Curtis opened Inside Oxford, a favorite of people from Oxford and out-of-towners. Many years later, Curtis and Terry closed Inside Oxford and opened Oxford Consignors on University Avenue.

Through the years, Curtis Knight Design decorated and designed hundreds of homes , locally, nationally and internationally. Curtis was published in

periodicals throughout the country.

In 2010, Curtis decided to take on his lifelong dream of being a long haul truck driver. He traveled many thousands of miles enjoying the dream. He continued doing so until a previous client persuaded him to decorate her home. The truck driving business was history!

On December 12, 2015, Curtis married his longtime partner of thirty seven years, Terry Lytal. As a wedding gift to one another, they started Oxford Cares where they were instrumental in collecting toys, clothes and food for children and families who would have no Christmas. When devastating tornadoes struck Holly Springs, MS on December 24, 2015, Curtis and Terry rose to the occasion giving of themselves by collecting food, toys, water, clothing and supplies for the families most affected by the storms. Curtis believed in helping anyone in need and never wanted credit for doing so. He has spent the last years of his life doing what he loved most, designing and decorating for clients, but more importantly, lifelong friends.

A celebration of Curtis' life will be held Sunday, May 29, 2016, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home, 601 Commerce Parkway, Oxford, MS. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Curtis is survived by his spouse, Terry Lytal and his sister, Ann Knight, along with many nieces, nephews, in-laws and lifelong friends.

In lieu of flowers and food, please make donations to the Mississippi Children's Home, P.O. Box 1078, Jackson, MS 39215

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ *My love and thoughts are with his family and friends, and to you, Ann, my friend. Jeff Jackson*

Jeffrey - May 29, 2016 at 02:32 PM

DF

“ *When I took the photograph of your house during the one snow day we had and gave it to and Terry, you made me feel that I had given you something so very special. I will always remember that smile. Thank you for being so very kind to me and you will always be in my thoughts. Prayers will continue for Terry and family to help them be strong. Debbie*

Debbie Foster - May 29, 2016 at 12:21 PM

LG

“ *Oxford will never be the same without Curtis. Working for Curtis and Terry was so much fun it never felt like work. You will be so very missed by all, Curtis, but your legend will live on.*



Laurie Grommes - May 29, 2016 at 08:04 AM

BM

“ *Benjamin Mitchell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Curtis Eugene Knight.*



Benjamin Mitchell - May 29, 2016 at 01:34 AM

MC

“ *Every time I turn in the lights in my bedroom, I will think and smile about your passion for life and beauty. Oxford will not be the same without you. Love and prayers to Terry and Curtis's family and friends.*

Mary Matsufuji Johnson Calderwood - May 28, 2016 at 09:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Curtis Eugene Knight.*



May 28, 2016 at 02:21 PM

TE

“ *Terry, We don't have words that can express how sad we are to hear of Curtis' passing. Our hearts ache for you. Curtis was one-of-a-kind. You were such a great couple together. We are so sad...*



Tod Grober and Nancy Eimer - May 28, 2016 at 11:35 AM



Jonathan Orman

“ Curtis Knight, You will be greatly missed my friend. You were one phenomenal individual. You did what was in your heart and followed your dreams to the point that you probably surprised yourself as to what you were capable of. You are one of the funniest, yet most passionate individuals that I have ever met. You have done so much for so many people, and I feel certain that you will continue to do so with the legacy and friends that you leave behind to continue your great works. You have done so much for me and my family without ever even knowing it. YOU have instilled more confidence in my wife than you will ever know. You gave her the chance and opportunity to do work for you, and yes you were impressed by her work, but you did more for her than you thought. You sir, made her who she is today. As I sit here writing this, I can't help but think about the morning, just a few weeks ago, that you walked through my kitchen and into the living room to look at a piece of furniture that was ready for delivery while I sat at the bar working on the computer. You walked by and were extremely startled that I was at home at that time of morning. You said jokingly, "Your not supposed to be here....you about gave me a heart attack...." I replied, "Nothing like a mild heart attack to get the day started...(as we all joked in a very laughing matter!)" I had no idea that our casual joking would end up being what caused the beginning of your legacy!!! I keep telling myself that it was in no way time for you to become a legacy, but i reassure myself that the Good Lord has a plan for us all and it was your time to carry out his plan. You sir will be greatly missed by our family as well as many other families across this Great Nation. I pray for Terry, Ann, and the rest of your extended family.

Jonathan Orman - May 28, 2016 at 01:51 AM

JT

“ I remember the first time I met him it was when I first started community hospice with terry, he walked into the office saying the most crazy things just to see my reaction, over the years I had the honor and privilege to know this wonderful fun loving man. He will always be in our hearts.

Julie Thomas - May 27, 2016 at 10:15 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Curtis Eugene Knight.



May 27, 2016 at 09:15 PM

LL

“ I will miss your friendly, smiling face at Rayner Optical. Your were such a funny and sweet person! Lisa Logan

Lisa Logan - May 27, 2016 at 09:00 PM

TE

“ Curtis you will be missed, I never will forget the night you and Terry met at my house back in December 1982. Troy and I were giving our first party for Christmas. For many years y'all came back for parties I would give after Triys death. You will be missed. You followed your dream, we will miss you rest in peace my friend. Gods Peace Tom

Tom Evans - May 27, 2016 at 08:39 PM



“ *Our lives will forever be darker because your light is gone. Your wit and sense of humor will never be forgotten. I have never met one funnier than you. I will miss you at every Lytal get-together but will cherish all of the fun we had. My heart sinks for Terry because there was never one without the other. My thoughts will always be with him. You taught us all to live unabashedly and inspired us with your talent and love for those less fortunate. I think I will always look for your face and will feel your loss all too often. I have a picture from our trip to St. Francisville where you walked ahead of me one morning. I'll try to remind everyone that you're not too far just a few steps ahead...weren't you always anyway? I love you.*



Brandie Conlee - May 27, 2016 at 07:47 PM

PL

“ *You always had a smile for everyone*

Pattyh Lampkin - May 27, 2016 at 04:52 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McIntosh lit a candle in memory of Curtis Eugene Knight*



Barbara McIntosh - May 27, 2016 at 03:33 PM

PB

You will be truly missed

pam bruce - May 27, 2016 at 10:08 PM

Lori
Yancy

“ *Lori Yancy lit a candle in memory of Curtis Eugene Knight*



Lori Yancy - May 27, 2016 at 03:33 PM

MH

“ *Max Hill lit a candle in memory of Curtis Eugene Knight*



Max Hill - May 27, 2016 at 03:14 PM

BW

“ *Terry and Ann..as I sit here and type this I looked up at his picture and I thought..this can't be right!!! I knew after I heard this am why it has been so dark and droopy all day..everybody is crying. Curtis was certainly a light that stayed lit at all times and I know this light will stay in your hearts. May God wrap you both in His loving arms, give you peace, comfort and support. To all the other family I don't know..I am so very sorry.
Thinking of you two and all the family,
Bobbye Wiley*

Bobbye Wiley - May 27, 2016 at 02:59 PM

ES

“ *Curtis was larger than life. He will be missed by many.*

William and Edwina Shankle

Edwina Shankle - May 27, 2016 at 02:50 PM

MA

“ Terry and Ann I am just heart broken for you! Curtis was so witty and kind and I always enjoyed his funny post! Most of all, he was a generous person who loved helping others! I really can't imagine Oxford without Curtis! Praying God's peace and love over you as you face the days ahead.

Melinda Alford - May 27, 2016 at 02:46 PM

RS

“ I reconnected with Curtis only a few months ago. Such sad, sad, news. My deepest sympathy to all who loved him, called him family and friend.

Rhonda Sturrock - May 27, 2016 at 01:04 PM

SG

“ Terry, my heart goes out to you at this time. Please know Bill and I will always have you in our prayers. Curtis was a veery special person and good friend for many years. I will always remember is great outlook on life and the clever twists and turns he could deliver in a heart beat. We look forward to seeing you when you are ready. Much love and thank you for also being such a special person in our lives. Sandy and Bill Gates

Sandy Gates - May 27, 2016 at 12:31 PM

RC

“ He will always be remembered as an Oxford icon and one of the nicest, most genuine people anyone could ever know. So sad for the loss. What a beautiful angel he is now!!

Renee Cain - May 27, 2016 at 12:26 PM

BC

“ Terry, Ann and Family, Minta and I was so sorry to hear of Curtis's death! We pray that GOD will wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you the peace and strength you will need to get through the days to come.



Bonnie Craig - May 27, 2016 at 12:09 PM

JF

“ Very sorry to hear this news. My condolences to Terry, Ann and others for the loss of Curtis, who was so truly talented and committed to helping people.

Jacque Fudge - May 27, 2016 at 10:58 AM

AS

So sorry terry, we will miss our great friend..love you ava sue

ava sue - May 27, 2016 at 11:02 AM

TM

My prayers and thoughts are with you Terry & Ann - y'all were such a perfect couple who truly cared for one another and most of all for everyone around you. Curtis will be greatly missed.

Tish

Tish Mariano - May 27, 2016 at 11:52 AM

DB

I've known Curtis since he was a boy...there are not enough words to describe what a treasure he is. Terry and family, you are all in my prayers. Dale Bramlett

Dale Bramlett - May 27, 2016 at 11:56 AM

LW

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Curtis. He was a great guy and will be missed by many.

Linda

Linda Wait - May 27, 2016 at 12:02 PM

SS

Prayers for you Terry and Ann through this difficult time. I will miss this sweet man. Oxford will be a little less colorful without you here..

Sandra Supple

Sandra Supple - May 27, 2016 at 12:21 PM

SC

Terry, Buddy and I were so sorry to hear about Curtis...you were so kind to my brother's wife and to him during her illness, little did we know that too soon you would also lose someone you loved....Buddy and Sunny Coffey

Sunny Coffey - May 27, 2016 at 01:10 PM