



Robert Dewey Knight

August 12, 1948 - November 11, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Mr. Robert Dewey Knight, 72, passed away at his home on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. Born in Oxford, MS, everyone who knew Dewey knew that he was a passionate Ole Miss Rebel. As a child in the 1950s, Dewey Knight grew up cheering for the Ole Miss Rebels and enrolled at the University of Mississippi in the Fall of 1966. At the time, he was unaware of what a profound role the University would play in his life.

Dewey earned degrees in Advertising and Higher Education Leadership from Ole Miss, but is perhaps best known on campus for his role as Associate Director of the Center for Student Success and First Year Experience, as well as his seventeen year tenure in the Office of Financial Aid. Dewey loved teaching and working with students and was awarded the Thomas F. Frist Student Service Award in 2012 and the Bonita C. Jacobs Transfer Champion award in 2016. Dewey was also a passionate Alpha Tau Omega and he spent over a decade as the Fraternity's Advisor.

Dewey will also be remembered as a passionate member of St. Peter's Church, where he served as Senior Warden, taught Sunday school, and participated on countless committees. One parishioner described him as the Church's "most active civilian".

A visitation will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on the Knight's patio at 315 Garner Street, Oxford, MS. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020, at 11:00 AM at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford, MS. Interment will follow in St. Peter's Church Columbarium. Reverend Jody Burnett, Reverend Jennifer Southall, Reverend Duncan Gray, and Reverend Penny Sisson will officiate.

Dewey was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Sorelle and Allie Mable Knight.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Holliman Knight; his daughters, Macy Knight Rives, Bethany Reed Hairston, Angela Michele Reed; his son, Robert Miles Knight; his brother Walker Sorelle Knight, and seven grandchildren.

Please leave online condolences on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Knight's Patio
315 Garner St.
Oxford, MS 38655

Memorial Service

NOV 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
113 South 9th Street
Oxford, MS 38655

Tribute Wall

JS

“ So terribly sorry to just hear about this! Dewey was my 1st cousin but unfortunately, we had not kept in touch over the years. My heartfelt condolences to Theresa and the rest of the family.


Jill (Bryant) Schilling & Family

jill Bryant Schilling - December 18, 2020 at 12:57 PM

JS

“ I worked with Dewey for years when he was in Financial Aid, and I was in IT and then, IREP. , I mostly remember working for him when he was in the Center for Student Success! We had a great working relationship, and he was always so appreciative of the data that I provided him! Dewey truly cared about students and not numbers!!! He was one of a kind and will be missed!!!

Jill H Stribling - November 15, 2020 at 03:22 PM

 Susan Peterson

“ Dewey gave me my first job in Oxford working in Financial Aid in college. He believed in me more than I probably believed in myself. I'm so thankful to have known such a kind soul. He will be missed.

Susan Peterson - November 13, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Robert Dewey Knight.



November 13, 2020 at 01:05 PM

JH

“ It is with great sorrow that Pati and I learned of Dewey's passing. Dewey was the back bone and heart of St. Peters. I enjoyed immensely having the privilege of serving on the vestry with Dewey and as fellow member of the Brotherhood of St. Peters. I have know few individuals that have or had such a vast knowledge of the scriptures. Dewey will most definitely be missed, but heaven is a better place today with his presence.



James & Pati Herndon

James Herndon - November 13, 2020 at 12:13 PM

SR

“ Dewey Knight was a true Rebel and a friend and mentor to so many. His legacy will never be forgotten. With heartfelt sympathy to the Knight Family, Hunter & Shannon Richardson

Shannon Richardson - November 13, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Robert Dewey Knight.



November 13, 2020 at 09:48 AM

JD

“ Theresa,
I want to send my sincerest condolences to you and your family. It had been a while since Dewey and I had talked but I considered Dewey a close SASFAA friend. I enjoyed working with him on the SASFAA board and respected his opinions and thought they were always right on point. Sheryl and I will be remembering you in our prayers in the coming days. Let me know if there is anything we can do.

Jeff Dennis - South Carolina and former SASFAA board member.

Jeff Dennis - November 12, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Robert Dewey Knight.



November 12, 2020 at 11:42 AM