



Gary H. Knaus

September 19, 1951 - March 31, 2026

Gary Holmes Knaus, 74, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away on March 31, 2026, at the Kansas City VA Medical Center, surrounded by his family. He was born on September 19, 1951, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Walton and Lois Gmur Knaus. Gary proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Gary spent approximately 40 years working at Fujifilm where he later met Cynthia. On August 8, 1986, he married Cynthia, the love of his life, and together they built a life centered on family and devotion. Gary was a skilled and creative man who enjoyed crafting custom jewelry and working with his hands in woodworking. He had a natural curiosity and spent many hours playing with and fixing computers. He also enjoyed reading and watching his favorite show, Gunsmoke. He was a fan of the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs, but took the greatest pride in encouraging his children and grandchildren and being there for their milestones, big and small. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walton and Lois; his granddaughter, Gnovah Knaus; his sister-in-law, Jennifer Jeffries; and his brothers-in-law, Roy Clark, Arturo Garcia, and Jason Oehlert. Gary is survived by his wife of 39 years, Cynthia; his sons, Timothy Knaus (Hannah) and Garret Knaus (Janell); his grandchildren, Braxton, Aubri, Hadley, and Morgan; his sisters, Susan Clark, Julie Lewis (Mike), and Patti Manfredi (Frank); his sisters-in-law, Diane Garcia, Doris Dehnert (Steve), and Sparkle Oehlert; his brother-in-law, Richard Mortell and Ellsworth Jeffries (Nicole) along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will forever cherish his memory.

A visitation will be held from 10:00-11:30 AM with a Celebration of Life beginning at 11:30 AM Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Burial will follow at Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary H. Knaus*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 07 at 02:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary H. Knaus.*



April 06 at 11:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary H. Knaus.*

April 06 at 11:31 PM



“ *Scott, Annetta, Colin & Evan Light purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary H. Knaus.*



Scott, Annetta, Colin & Evan Light - April 06 at 06:50 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary H. Knaus.*



April 06 at 02:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary H. Knaus.

April 06 at 02:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary H. Knaus.*



April 06 at 11:37 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Gary H. Knaus.*



April 06 at 09:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary H. Knaus.

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CW

“ Catherine "Cat" Williamson lit a candle in memory of Gary Knaus



Catherine "Cat" Williamson - April 05 at 04:50 PM

SD

“ Sandy & Darrell purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Gary H. Knaus.



Sandy & Darrell - April 05 at 03:46 PM

RR

“ Rachel & Roo purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Gary H. Knaus.



Rachel & Roo - April 04 at 01:10 PM

RR

“ Rachel & Roo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary H. Knaus.

Rachel & Roo - April 04 at 01:10 PM

LJ

“ Love, Mike & Julie purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Gary H. Knaus.



Love, Mike & Julie - April 04 at 11:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gary H. Knaus.



April 02 at 08:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary H. Knaus.

April 02 at 08:23 PM

LB

“ *Love Bentley*. purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Gary H. Knaus.



Love Bentley. - April 01 at 07:06 PM

DF

“ With heartfelt sympathy for your loss.
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
May God surround you with His peace, comfort, and strength in the day ahead. Love you'll 💕💕

Debra Fellers - April 01 at 12:19 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gary H. Knaus.



April 01 at 12:17 PM

GD

“ Grace DeBrock lit a candle in memory of Gary Knaus



Grace DeBrock - April 01 at 12:17 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



braxon - April 01 at 11:45 AM