



Pastor Earl E. Knopf

November 7, 2021

Pastor Earl E. Knopf, 73 of Sarasota, Florida died Sunday November 7, 2021.

Services will be held at South Venice Christian Church, Venice on Saturday November 13, 2021, at 10:00 AM. Visitation will be held from 9:30 AM until 10:00 AM at the church.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

South Venice Christian Church
2390 Seaboard Avenue
Venice, FL 34293

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Florence,
I was saddened to hear of Earl's passing this evening. It is Christmas Eve, and we noticed we hadn't seen his posts this year. My heart goes out to you and the family this year. I will never forget the support you both and the family at South Venice Christian Church gave when everything came to light 13 years ago. I will forever be grateful for you all.



Candace Wingate - December 24, 2021 at 11:20 PM

BO

Sorry to hear of Earl's passing. It was a pleasure and privilege to have known and worked with Earl. I regret not keeping in contact with him through the years but look forward to seeing him in paradise.

Bob - October 26, 2023 at 10:20 PM

WB

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear of Pastor Earl's passing last week! I grew up and attended school with him in Windom! He was a true renaissance man-great athlete and scholar! I was sitting next to him when he was chosen to the National Honor Society in high school! We were seated in the balcony, and he walked down to the stage to be met by a proud mother and father! It was a special time for Earl and his family! A few years back he led a Sunday service for our class reunion, and I enjoyed listening to his message even though the acquired "southern accent" baffled me a little! He really became a student of the Bible and it's teachings! Pastor Earl found his calling and made the world a better place! Well done, Earl!*

Warren Bolin - November 12, 2021 at 02:40 PM

RN

“ Dear Florence and family, I just heard last night of Earl's passing and I was very shocked because I had just recently corresponded with Earl and I had no idea it would be the last time we shared our thoughts and good wishes. I had no idea that Earl was dealing with a health condition or anything like from the messages he forwarded to me. I met Earl when we were both 8 years old and attending Bible School at our church in Windom, Mn. At recess we found ourselves "testing" each other as boys often do by wrestling around in the grass outside our church lawn. He bested me and I didn't like that much so our relationship started off rather rocky, but we eventually developed a friendship that was at times cordial but at other times competitive and at some times even combative because as boys and young men often do we had a pecking order to fulfill (or so we thought). So we became childhood friends and classmates and teammates on the teams we played on together. I think I can say I knew Earl better and was his closest friend throughout school and well into earl adulthood until our lives became separated by our educational experiences and we settled down to our careers in the locations we chose. We didn't get to see each other very often but we shared some Canadian fishing trips and managed to get together ever 5 years for our class reunions which Earl almost always attended and which I enjoyed very much and continued to look forward to and the frequent messages we forwarded to each other on Messenger or emails. Some of our ideas about life in general or particularly how we viewed our religion and our anticipation of Heaven differed and I found myself questioning Earl often and he informed me about the scriptures and what God expected of me and I have to say I learned a lot because of Earls diligence in reading and studying Gods word. I could talk for hours about the many experiences that Earl and I had, but time and space would't allow it here, so I'll close by saying that I knew Earl well, I rode with him often and I'll miss the time we spent together. RIP good friend. Bob Nielsen

Robert Nielsen - November 11, 2021 at 11:18 AM

PB

“ *Dear Florence and family,
The family of New Life Assembly of God expresses our love and prayers for you as you mourn the passing of Pastor Earl. When we shared your church facilities for three years Pastor Earl became our dear friend and a tremendous blessing to us in our time of need. He will be missed.
Pastor Randy Burt*

Pastor Randy Burt - November 09, 2021 at 04:54 AM