



## Obituary



**Louis Knox**  
**1926-2000**  
**Museum Benefactor**

Mr. Knox owned Louis Knox & Associates in Giddings, and had been a registered public land surveyor since 1952, succeeding his father, John Knox, as Lee County Surveyor. During his career of some 47 years, he surveyed in over half of the 254 counties in the state of Texas. Mr. Knox had a reputation for honesty, and for doing excellent work; he had the ability to work with his clients to resolve their problems. His career was to serve mankind as much as to make a living.

Louis Knox was born August 16, 1926, the youngest son of John Knox and Edna Monroe Knox. He is a graduate of Giddings High School and attended Austin College in Sherman, TX, and the University of Texas in Austin.

He was a veteran of WWII, having enlisted in the U.S. Navy while only 17 years of age, before finishing high school, which he completed after his military service was finished after the war.

Mr. Knox was an elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Giddings, where he had been a member for over 60 years.

Mr. Knox twice served as Master of the J.D. Giddings Lodge #280, where he received a 50-year pin in June of 1999. He was awarded the Golden Trowel in 1998, an honor rarely given in the Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of LaFayette Lodge #34 in LaGrange. He served as District Deputy of the 46<sup>th</sup> Masonic District in 1986.

Mr. Knox was a member of Austin Scottish Rite and served on the 24<sup>th</sup> Degree Team. He was also a member of the York Rite Bodies of Austin and the Knights Templar in Austin.

Mr. Knox was a member of Ben Hur Shrine in Austin since 1973 and served on the Board of Governors for the Shriners' Hospitals for Children, Houston (formerly called the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital) from 1986 to 1996, and was a Board Member Emeritus. During his tenure on the Hospital Board the new

hospital was built in Houston and he helped several children from the local area gain admission into the hospital.

Mr. Knox was a member of the Ben Hur Lizzyteers since 1979, serving as President in 1984 and Secretary-Treasurer in 1996 and 1997. He was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Austin Court #35, since 1984; the Legion of Honor, Ben Hur Temple; and the Tri-Counties (Lee, Fayette and Bastrop Cos.) Shrine Club, serving as President in 1996 and 1997.

Mr. Knox served on the Lee County Board of the Salvation Army in the 1960's and 1970's. He transported boys to the Salvation Army Summer Camp near Fort Worth several times while on the Board.

Mr. Knox was a charter member of the Giddings Rotary Club, serving as President in 1976-77.

Mr. Knox was survived by his wife of almost 43 years, Evelyn Hill Knox; his sister, Jo Knox Marcia of Dallas, his brother, John Knox of Giddings, his brother-in-law A.C. Hill and wife Linda of Navasota; his sisters-in-law Bettie and husband Jim Ferrier of LaCrosse, WI, and Bertha Bohannon of Pflugerville; his nieces Jo Byrd and husband Roy Wolin of Dallas; Barbara and husband Charles Cunningham of Caldwell; Judy and husband Doug Morton of Fort Worth; Angie and husband Doug Landrum of Plano; Christa and husband Chad Murray of Carrollton; Beth Bohannon of N. Attleboro, MA; nephew Tim Ferrier and wife Tammy of La Crescent, MN; 9 great-nieces, 5 great-nephews, many cousins and a large host of friends.

Although Mr. Knox had no children of his own, he loved kids and they loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert Knox of Giddings, and his brother-in-law John Marcia of Dallas.