



Obituary



Robert (left) and John Knox in the Pacific in WWII

Robert Knox

May 22, 1924 – June 28, 1999

Museum Benefactor

Robert “Bob” Monroe Knox entered this world on May 22, 1924, fifteen minutes after his brother, John Knox, Jr., and as a complete surprise to his mother, Edna, and father, John Sr.

He was born in Giddings, Lee County, Texas, and into the First Presbyterian Church. He joined the church of his parents in May, 1933, when he was nine years old. He was a faithful member for the remaining sixty-six years of his life, serving on the Sessions several times, always as Clerk, a service performed until his final visit to the hospital. Bob graduated from Giddings High School. On February 17, 1943, he was inducted, with his twin brother John, into a United States Army involved in World War II. Their company of combat engineers was shipped overseas, and after thirty days and thirty nights, landed on New Guinea. Later the company was involved in the Philippines invasion of Leyte, then of Luzon, and its preparations for the invasion of Japan was halted by the U.S. dropping the atomic bomb.

Mustered out of the army with his brother in 1946, Bob returned home to Giddings. In September of that year he enrolled in Austin College, a Presbyterian Church school in Sherman, Texas. He transferred to the College of Mines, El Paso, then to the University of Texas in 1949, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. After a brief adventure prospecting in the Western United States, he returned to Giddings, and with his brother, John, joined their father in funning Lee County Land and Abstract Company, a business they carried on for many years after their father passed away,

In all of these events in Bob’s life he was joined by his beloved twin brother, John. Except for the nineteen weeks of army basic training, they were together practically every day of Bob’s life. As the Knox Brothers, they were an integral thread in the fabric of life in their hometown of Giddings, Texas.

Bob loved his church, his country, his family and his friends. He was proud of his military service, his degree from the University of Texas, his work at Lee County Land and Abstract Company, his fifty-two year membership in the J.D. Giddings Lodge, and his contribution and participation in the "Great Oil Boom" in the Giddings Austin Chalk Field.

He will be remembered for his conservative solidity, his attention to detail, his easy smile. He will be missed for his kindness, his old-world courtesies and his quiet dependability.

Bob Knox left this world on Monday morning, June 28, after spending several weeks at the North Austin Medical Center and the Austin Hospice Christopher House in the company of loving family and friends.

Survivors include his twin brother, John Knox, Jr., of Giddings; his sister, Jo Knox Marcia, of Dallas; brother Louis Knox and wife Evelyn of Giddings; three nieces, Jo Byrd and Roy Wolin of Dallas, Barbara and Charles Cunningham of Caldwell, and Judy and Doug Morton of Fort Worth; and five great-nieces.