



## Harold Dean Kniceley

February 20, 1942 - July 31, 2020

Harold Dean Kniceley of Centreville, Maryland, passed away on July 31, 2020 at Easton Memorial Hospital. Harold was born on Feb. 20, 1942 in Carolina, West Virginia. He was 78 years old.

Harold is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sandra Kay Kniceley of Centreville, his two daughters, Dawn Kniceley and Jennifer Kniceley, granddaughter Jodie Cosden-Blunt, his sister Sharon Kay Hawkins, sister-in-laws Bernice Kniceley, Jean Miller, and Patricia Miller, brother-in-law Paul Miller and his godson Bryan Beville, as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, the late Richard Kniceley and Margaret (Basnett) Kniceley, his brother Richard Lee Kniceley, brother-in-law Carl J. Miller and his brother-in-law Don Hawkins.

Harold graduated Fairmont State University with a Bachelors Degree and received a Master's from John's Hopkins University. He worked as an Art Teacher at Queen Anne's County High school for 42 years. He was a local masterful carver and painter. His love for birds drew him into carving song birds, decoys and waterfowl. He was a great lover of music which inspired his carving of Dulcimers and Banjos by hand. He also enjoyed playing them as well as the guitar and mandolin. Harold was very involved with his school a set designer for many musicals and float designs for the local parades. He had a love of westerns and was an avid reader and genealogist tracing his family history back centuries. Services for Harold will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home at 408 South Liberty Street Centreville, MD 21617. Visitation will be held 12-2 on Saturday, August 8th following a service at 2:00. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the ASPCA.

Online condolences can be made at [www.fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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**AUG**   **Visitation**   12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street, Centreville, MD, US, 21617

# Comments

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“ Robin Mowbray lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



Robin Mowbray - January 02 at 09:32 PM

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“ Gary Parks lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



Gary Parks - August 08, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ Mr. Kniceley was one of my favorite teachers while attending QACHS. He was very kind and treated his students with respect even when we made mistakes throwing clay. He made a great impact on his many students and I am grateful to him for helping me have a greater appreciation of art. Carol Deemer

Carol Morrow - August 07, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Harold Dean Kniceley.



August 07, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Mr. Kniceley was my art teacher in 1984. I learned so much from him. What I remember most was how much he enjoyed making props for our class play, South Pacific. RIP

**Gene Cullison** - August 06, 2020 at 09:42 PM

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“ Debbie Scott lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



**Debbie Scott** - August 06, 2020 at 02:49 PM

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“ Sally Gise Rosenberry lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



**Sally Gise Rosenberry** - August 06, 2020 at 09:50 AM

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“ Don and Vivian McClyment purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harold Dean Kniceley.



**Don and Vivian McClyment** - August 05, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - August 05, 2020 at 09:19 AM

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“ Howard & Doris Donovan lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



**Howard & Doris Donovan** - August 05, 2020 at 07:44 AM

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“ My best buddy for so many years. So many great memories. Little did I know that as his student, we would later become such close friends. In my opinion, Harold was the most talented, kind man, father and husband I have ever known and with his hands, could create anything. I've no doubt where Harold is now. I will always cherish our decades of friendship and in particular, our last conversation at his home. Rest well Harold Dean.

I will miss you my friend.

**Earl Beville** - August 04, 2020 at 11:03 PM

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“ Prayers and peace to Sandy, Dawn, and Jennifer. Will always remember his creative touch to our yearbook floats.



**Pam and Fred Edwards** - August 04, 2020 at 09:50 PM

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“ Robin Mowbray lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



**Robin Mowbray** - August 04, 2020 at 09:22 PM

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“ Many warm memories of Harold as a neighbor as well as a colleague at QACHS. Thinking of your family!



**martha anthony** - August 04, 2020 at 03:27 PM

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“ Sincere Condolences to all the family.



**Lisa Plummer** - August 04, 2020 at 12:50 PM

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“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



**Gene & Lynda Palmatary** - August 04, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ Sandra and family: Thinking of you with many prayers and thoughts during your loss. Know that many are praying for you and hold onto the wonderful memories you have. Blessings to your family. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

**Gene Palmatary** - August 04, 2020 at 12:23 PM

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“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



**Centreville Methodist Women** - August 04, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Sandra and family: Our prayers and blessings are with you and your family during the loss of Harold. May God give you the strength to get through this difficult time. God bless, Centreville Methodist Women

**Centreville Methodist Women** - August 04, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Kniceley



**June Clark** - August 04, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ Sandy and girls,  
I am so sorry for your loss, memories are most important at this time. Thinking of you all.

**June Clark** - August 04, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ So sorry for your loss and may all the happy memories be a comfort to you now - what a special man, the class of '76 "adopted" him and he adopted us right back! I will remember the fun with the floats, his smile and enthusiasm and how really involved and connected he was when he was with you. RIP Mr. K. Roseanne Quinn

**Roseanne Quinn Bell** - August 05, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ Having learned of Harold's passing on Sunday, I am still shocked and deeply saddened. Suspected he was having health problems as his activity on social media had declined of late. Memories of our 'adventures' while in high school and at Fairmont State have resurfaced all week. Sadly, current health issues combined with the social restrictions dictate I do not travel for Saturday's services. He was a good friend, a dedicated teacher and an even greater family-man; a life cut short far too soon but well lived! Thoughts are with Sandra, Dawn, Jennifer and Sharon Kay. Catch you on down the road, Hud, RIP

Dennis Basnett

**Dennis Basnett** - August 07, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Mr. Kniceley was a good man with a big smile and mad skills. He handed me the reigns of his position after 42 years that he was very proud of, and gave me great advice that helped me start my career and kept my head in the game all these years. I hope I lived up to his expectations and am very grateful for having met him. ~Tim Goodger

**Tim Goodger** - August 14, 2020 at 07:43 PM