



## John Forest Knowles

March 7, 1947 - March 6, 2025

John Forest Knowles, Jr. of Longs, SC, passed away on March 6, 2025, one day shy of his 78th

birthday, after a brief battle with cancer.

John—known by family and friends as Jack—is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Sally

(Brown) Knowles, also of Longs, as well as his children: John Knowles III and his wife, Crystal,

of Exeter, NH; and Simone Pyle and her husband, Steve, of Strafford, VT. He was also the

devoted "Granddad" of Melody Soucy of Dover, NH; Charlotte Pyle of Pittsburgh, PA; and

Louisa Pyle of Strafford, VT.

He was born March 7, 1947 in Exeter, NH to John Knowles and Dorothy (Humes) Knowles, and

grew up in Seabrook, NH, the eighth of twelve children. He is predeceased by siblings Dorothy

Cartier, Jean Bertrand, Forrest Knowles, and Vern Knowles. He is survived by brothers David

Knowles, Franklin Knowles, and Edward Knowles; sisters Joan Knowles, Lucy Woodes, Judy

McNally, and Cheryl Martin; and several nieces and nephews.

Jack graduated from Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, NH. He worked

as a machinist for many years before receiving his Associate in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Lowell in Lowell, MA. Before his retirement in 2017, Jack worked for many years as a mechanical engineer at Specialty Materials, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues with his ingenuity and hard work.

Jack was a lifelong musician, picking up the guitar as a teenager, playing it and the dobro in a local band and at family functions. In addition to playing country classics, he often made up song parodies and did impersonations, much to the delight of his family and friends. He enjoyed hunting and fishing throughout his life, and later took up golf and skiing. Jack was never one to sit still, and could often be found building, tinkering with, or improving on projects for himself and others.

Jack will be remembered by all who knew him for his kindness and good humor, his intelligence and curiosity, and his affection for his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Uncle Boots! You will be missed* ❤️



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**Yvonne Colin** - March 14, 2025 at 09:41 PM



“ *Best Uncle ever.* ❤️

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**Samantha Brown** - March 14, 2025 at 09:25 PM