



## Wayne W. ("Red") Knaak

March 21, 1927 - June 12, 2016

Wayne W. ("Red") Knaak, 89, passed away June 12, 2016 at his home in Gold Canyon, Arizona. Born on March 21, 1927 in Michigan City, Indiana, he was the only child of Walter & Esther Knaak.

After graduating from Michigan City Elston High School, Red spent time in Southern California before returning to Indiana to attend college at Indiana University. While at IU, Red met and married Virginia Frueh on July 7, 1951. The two then settled in Virginia's hometown of South Bend. Over the next thirteen years, Red held numerous jobs, including real estate agent and tavern owner.

In the mid-1960s, Red returned to his college coursework and received a B.A. in Business from Indiana University. Red then moved to East Lansing, Michigan to pursue graduate studies at Michigan State University. Red earned a Master Degree in Sociology, with a Criminal Justice Minor.

Upon confirmation of his degree, Red became employed by MSU as Director of Owen Hall, a residence hall established for international and graduate students. Red was also instrumental in establishing a university-wide Student Alcohol Education Group. This group developed educational materials on alcohol use and abuse and provided on-site presentations to many University and College administrators throughout the country.

After his departure from MSU and a brief retirement in the Florida Keys, Red & Virginia permanently retired to Bloomington, Indiana in 1987. In 2003, Red moved to Gold Canyon, Arizona.

Throughout his life, Red enthusiastically enjoyed playing bridge and chess. His enthusiasm for the Chicago Cubs and IU Basketball was no less, but at times the enjoyment was supplanted by frustration.

Red was predeceased by his wife, Virginia, on February 17, 1998. Red is survived by his cousin Shirley (Dean) Sassaman, of Michigan City, Indiana.

At 1:00 p.m. on August 20, 2016, a Celebration of Life service will be held at Arlington United Methodist Church, 1820 W. Arlington Road, in Bloomington, Indiana. Immediately following, joyous fellowship will be shared and remembrances exchanged in the lower level of the Church.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Arlington United Methodist Church  
1820 West Arlinton Road  
Bloomington, IN