



## Charlene Lennon Knox

February 1, 1945 - January 17, 2016

### Obituary of Charlene Knox

Charlene Lennon Knox, 70, of Leesburg, FL, passed away on January 17th, 2016 in her home located at 509 Lee Street. Charlene was born in Cocoa, FL to Charles and Evelyn Lennon on February 1st, 1945. She went to high school at Leesburg High and graduated in 1964. During her 28 years of working for the Lake County School Board, she went on to earn a certificate as an Emergency Medical Technician from Lake County Vo-Tech. Throughout her life she worked at NASA on the Apollo Mission, Publix Supermarket, and performed a multitude of duties at Fruitland Park Elementary including being a bus driver, cafeteria worker, teacher's assistant, office assistant, nurse's assistant, and working with emotionally and physically disabled children. After retiring from the school board, she began working for South Leesburg Ace Hardware where she was able to share her knowledge and joy with her coworkers and customers. She enjoyed fishing, camping, and spending time with her family. She spent the better part of her last four years volunteering at a primate refuge where she was able to help feed the animals, camp, and fish. Charlene single-handedly raised two successful children and touched many other people in this community with her patience, kindness, unconditional love, and most of all her ability to brighten every room she entered with her beautiful smile and infectious laugh. She was a very involved parent engaging in the Fruitland Park Baseball League and Boy Scouts with her son; and in

Leesburg Softball League and Girl Scouts with her daughter. She was an exceptional daughter, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, caregiver, and best friend.

Charlene is survived by her Son, Ronald (Dionna) Knox of Fruitland Park, FL; her Daughter, Rebecca (Christopher) Knox Hudgins of Cape Canaveral, FL; her Grandchildren: Russell, Paige, Lukas, Linsey, Leo, Morgan, Jackie, Jacob, Miah, and expecting Thomas in early May; Brother and Sister-in-law, Charlie and Carla Lennon; Nieces: Lori, Jennifer, and Kristie. She is preceded in death by her Husband, Richard Knox; her Parents, Charles and Evelyn Lennon; and her grandson Peter. You will be forever in our hearts. We love you Mama! Charlene's cremation arrangements will be handled by Beyer's Funeral Home in Leesburg. A Gathering will be held at Lake Griffin State Park on February 1st, 2016 from 3:00pm-7:00pm. She spent a great deal of time fishing in Flagler Beach, FL and many summers Franklin, NC and requested that her remains be placed in each location by her children.

Memorial donations may be made to Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation, Leesburg West, 1600 W. Main St., Leesburg, FL 34748 and Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the teams of Dr. Pablo Reyes, Jr., Dr. Hector Garcia, Dr. Felipe Ortiz, Palm Plaza Publix Pharmacy, and at Cornerstone Hospice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ GOOD MORNING MAMA HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAVE THE BEST DAY EVER CATCHIN' I LOVE YOU

Chris - February 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Charlene Lennon Knox*

Carol Winger - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ ###GESTURE###

Carol Winger - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Charlene was my assistant when I taught emotionally disturbed students. She was a lifesaver. Charlene was a calming and loving influence on these kids. Charlene was one of the most grounded and down to earth person one could be lucky enough to be around. I was lucky. She will be missed and always remembered.*

Jon Leavers - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *A good friend in elementary and high school. She was a kind and happy person that I was blessed to know.*

Maxine Danford Kirkland - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Becky & Ronnie I am so sorry for your loss. Im sure you don't remember me, I use to baby set you two, Your Mom was my bus driver for years, my parents were friends with your Mom and Dad. She was an awesome lady, I have so many memories of her and will treasure them forever. She was a strong woman. She did a great job with you two, and she was proud of you. God has a new angel in his garden, she will always be with you. Lean on each other and you will be sronger for it. Love Renea

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**Renea (Sheppard) Grubb** - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I was so sorry to hear about Charlene. I so enjoyed seeing her sweet smile over the many years I have known her. I feel very fortunate to be able to say she was my friend. Please know that my love and prayers are with all of her family during this time of sadness. Heaven has gained such a beautiful angel. Godspeed Charlene.

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**Lytle Bigham** - January 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Your sweet mama drove the bus when I went to Fruitland Park Elementary in the 70's and I adored her! I remember my mother making her a baby afghan when she was expecting you, Becky. Many condolences and prayers sent your way as I know this wonderful woman will be missed by many.

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**Lisa Snook Mayo** - January 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ I worked with Charlene at Fruitland Park School in the '80s. She Was always a pleasure to be around. I am so sorry to hear of the world's loss. My most sincere condolences to all who loved her.

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**Susan Blair Nielsen** - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Charlene Lennon Knox*

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**L. Pierce Standridge** - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Lee Padgett Diaz** - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Although we Weren't actively involved in each other's lives, the three of us shared something very special and that would be our two mutual grandchildren; Rusty and Paige. I always liked and admired Charlene and knew just how much the kids loved and cherished her. I'm sad that the new baby won't get to know her in this life but I am confident that she will be watching over him as well. Watching over all of you is going to keep her pretty busy... I just hope she'll still have a little time left for fishing Love to all*

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**Martha and Randy Haworth** - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Mom had a huge heart and as always a big smile on her face. You will be missed by many.*

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**john padgett** - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *###GESTURE###*

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**L. Pierce Standridge** - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

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**Mary Ann** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BE

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**Becky** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ And if I go,

*while you're still here...*

*Know that I live on,*

*vibrating to a different measure*

*--behind a thin veil you cannot see through.*

*You will not see me,*

*so you must have faith.*

*I wait for the time when we can soar together again,*

*--both aware of each other.*

*Until then, live your life to its fullest.*

*And when you need me,*

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*...I will be there.*

*Ascension, 1987###GESTURE###*

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**Becky** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Sue Halstead** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ms. Knox passing away. She was neighbors with my great grand parents for years. Nice lady, always laughing or smiling. My condolences and prayers with the family.

Debra Owens Govier - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. I know Charlene will be missed. You have my deepest sympathy.

Sarah Ann Smith Parsons - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Charlene Lennon Knox

Mary Ann - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Becky and Ronnie - May the peace of God be with you both. "Father of all, we pray to you for Charlene and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May Charlene's soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Amen

Mary Ann - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our sympathies are with you Ron and Becky and all of your family. When she visited with us she and Tom talked more about fishing than she and I talked about anything else. She was a really good person who loved her family intensely and she will be missed by her family as well as her friends. Tom & Diane Schlosser

Diane Schlosser - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Becky** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mama, I am so full of gratitude that you and I spent the last five months together. Like I told you when we were sitting on the porch "Please don't worry about me, you have given me two of the greatest gifts a mother could give...teaching me how to live respectably and teaching me how to die gracefully." You will always be the "wind beneath my wings". I love you and dream of the time we are together again. Your loving daughter, Becky*

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**Sue Halstead** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



SH

“ *Mama Char will be forever remembered and missed. I'm blessed to have had the opportunity to have known such a hard working dedicated women. Growing up as Becky's best friend I spent a lot of time in their home and learned a heck of a lot from Charlene when it came to fishing or fixing something. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family right now and as everyone takes time to heal from this loss from such an amazing women. Love and hugs to all!!*

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