



## Mr. Philip Knowles

February 15, 1930 - January 19, 2023

Philip Knowles, 92, of Devonshire Estates, died Thursday Jan. 19th at Mount Carmel Care Center.

Born in Brooklyn, NY February 15, 1930, the son of Arthur and Dorothea Worman Knowles, he attended local schools, earned a bachelor's degree from Amherst College and later his MBA degree.

Mr. Knowles was a veteran of the US Navy having served for four years during the Korean War and, following his active service, the Navy Reserves for 20 years, retiring with the rank of Commander.

He was a Computer Manager for Bristol Myers Co. in their Clairol division for many years, retiring in 1989.

Survivors include his wife Eileen Breu Knowles of Lenox whom he married April 13, 1991; children James Knowles (Debra) of Gainesville, GA, Dr. Sally Knowles of West Hartford, CT., Gregory Knowles (Donna) of Norwalk, CT., and Jeffery Knowles of Crownsville, MD; and stepchildren including Kathleen Donohue (Michael Brown) of Pipersville, PA, Nancy Rypkema (Kenneth) of Rensselaerville, NY, June Wolfe (James) of Sheffield, MA, and Patrick Donohue (Kristen) of Chalfont, PA.; 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Philip Knowles will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Philip Knowles. May your memories and the prayerful support of others bring you peace and comfort. I and all the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm, sponsors of Mount Carmel Care Center, will keep you in our prayers. It was a privilege to be able to care for Phil at Mount Carmel.

Sr. Seán Damien  
Sponsor Representative  
Mount Carmel Care Center

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**Sr. Sean Damien** - March 17, 2023 at 03:38 PM

CB

“ Dear family of Phil Knowles, I hadn't heard from Phil in awhile and had just been thinking of him when I saw this news. You might not know me in person but Phil was like a kind father when he came to visit here in Haiti. He was a very dear and tremendous support to me personally and I know to many others in a land he loved to know and explore. My deepest condolences to you all and that you were blessed with such a very special man. I still use his name as a password to my Linkedin account that he encouraged me to set up! Blessings, Carla Bluntschli

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**Carla Bluntschli** - February 06, 2023 at 11:22 AM

GK

Thank You Carla, He held the St Joseph's family, and you in particular, in a special place in his heart!  
- His son, Greg

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**Greg Knowles** - February 10, 2023 at 01:49 PM

BT

“ *My sincere sympathy to Phil's family. I had the opportunity several years ago to meet him and we chatted about our mutual family in Westport and Wadhams - Worman, Payne, French. Being a family historian, it was a wonderful visit.*

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**Brian Tabor** - February 02, 2023 at 06:48 AM

CK

“ *My condolences , Eileen, and to Phil's extended family. What a gentleman who made a significant difference in this world. My admiration of him stems from his environmental commitment.. the solar home in Lenox and advocacy for energy issues in the county . He was the first Lenox homeowner to install a utility interactive PV system in Lenox and one of the first in the county. Most of all I'll remember him for his smile and the alert twinkle in his eyes. Warm regards, Chris Derby Kilfoyle*

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**Chris Kilfoyle** - January 27, 2023 at 10:44 AM

JF

“ *I had the privilege to work with Phil for a brief time and I can say without hesitation he was an inspiration and I'm grateful to have known him.*

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**Jim Finn** - January 26, 2023 at 05:34 PM

DB

“ *It was wonderful to work with Phil on projects around town. I found myself thinking about him just the other day, so still miss his intellect and kindness.*

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**Debbie Burke** - January 26, 2023 at 09:21 AM