



## Mr. Joseph A. Knell

October 1, 1933 - August 27, 2011

An Angel of the Lord went home on Saturday, August 27, 2011; Joseph Allen Knell, 77, will have a mass of Christian burial at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 1, 2011 at St Mary's Catholic Church. The Rev. Father Karl Roesch will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the Knell family. The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 31, 2011 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association Memorials, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058, or St. Mary's Catholic Church, 363 North Fifth Street, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Born in Baltimore, MD, he was a son of the late Joseph A. and Drucilla Rainey Knell. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a devoted employee of Anderson Brass for 24 years. He loved the outdoors and was a loving husband, a devoted father, and a proud grandfather.

Surviving are his loving wife of 52 years, Elizabeth Marie Petro Knell of Hartsville, SC; daughters and sons-in-law, Beth Knell (Doug) Warstler of Myrtle Beach, SC, Kathy Knell (McDaniel) Ward of Pearl River, LA, Julie Knell (Doug) Bretherick of Wake Forest, NC; sister, Doris Kessler of Bowie, MA; grandchildren, Amanda Warstler, Doug Warstler, Robert Warstler, Bradley Ward, Megan Ward, Jacob Ward, Samuel Bretherick; one niece and several nephews.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel  
306 W Home Ave  
Hartsville, SC

### Service

SEP 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Mary the Virgin Mother  
262 North Fifth Street  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - August 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Dear Betty, I am just so very sorry that I did not know about your lose. Joe was such a kind man and I always enjoyed seeing both of you. He had the most infectious smile. Betty, you are the dearest, sweetest lady and I have missed seeing you.*



*Fondly,  
Anna Williams*

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**anna williams** - September 06, 2011 at 03:42 PM

TC

“ *Dear Knell family,  
I was shocked to see Mr. Knell on the website. He was a dear patient to us and we always loved to see that smiling face come in our office. He will be missed by all. My God be with you all during this difficult time.*

*Tracie Cassidy and the SC Heart Center staff*

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**Tracie cassidy** - September 01, 2011 at 01:01 PM

LK

“ Julie,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this impossibly difficult time. I fondly remember your dad as a kind and friendly gentleman. Upon first meeting him as a teenager in your living room, I vividly remember his saying to me that he was happy that you had a friend such as me. I still recall this as high compliment from a fine man. I hope to honor his memory by being a friend in the days to come. Sadly from my own experience, I can tell you that time itself does help a bit.  
My love,  
Lisa Beam Kintner



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**Lisa Beam Kintner** - September 01, 2011 at 12:22 PM

LP

“ Betty, our prayers will be with you and the family. We will miss Joe, he was a good neighbor to all of us. It was always an inspiration to drive by your place and see Joe out doing what he obviously enjoyed doing. The few times I would take the time and stop and talk, I was always greeted with a smile and "how are you doing".  
Larry and Susan Pattengill

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**Larry Pattengill** - August 31, 2011 at 07:18 AM

JB

“ Dad, I will pull up my boot straps and live my life the way you showed me. I will always take care of Mom. I LOVE YOU, Beth



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**Julie Knell Bretherick** - August 30, 2011 at 04:58 PM

JB

“ *I Love You Dad! Julie*



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**Julie Knell Bretherick** - August 30, 2011 at 04:56 PM

DG

“ *Julie*

*I didn't know your father personally but I know that he must have been a good man because of the way that you are and the devoted mom that you are to Samuel. I'm sure that your father must have been very proud of you and just know that he is now watching over you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this time of loss and may God be with you today, tomorrow and always.....*

*Deborah Good  
Raleigh, NC*

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**Deborah H. Good** - August 30, 2011 at 01:00 PM

DW

“ Joe was a very caring, loving man who never said anything bad about anyone. He always had a smile on his handsome face. He and I worked together for almost 21 years. He called me his "Wonder Woman" and his "Office Wife". He and I shared many good times and laughs. He talked so much about his wife, Betty, his daughters, Beth, Kathy and Julie and his sister, Doris, and his grandchildren. It was obvious that he was proud of them and loved them all very much! Joe always spoke to everyone in the plant every morning! He would make sure he knew everyone's name. He carried a little piece of paper with all of the newer employees written on it and would refer to it. He would come in and ask me how to pronounce names if he wasn't sure. My thoughts and prayers go out to his precious family! Please know that Joe will be missed so much and will never be forgotten!! We were all blessed to have known this special man! We love you, Joe! Always, Debbie Weaver

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**Debbie Weaver** - August 30, 2011 at 12:17 PM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Knell family during this difficult time. My memory of Mr. Knell is one of a man who always smiled. I know he is smiling right now.  
God Bless.  
Jamie Epply McAllaster

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**Jamie Eppley McAllaster** - August 30, 2011 at 10:37 AM

KW

“ Kathy Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell



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**Kathy Ward** - August 30, 2011 at 07:34 AM

DB

“ *Mr. Joe you were always the sunshine to our days at Anderson Brass, It won't be the same without you love and miss you forever.*  
*Darlene Blackwell*



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**Darlene Blackwell** - August 29, 2011 at 06:33 PM

DH

“ *Betty, I am so very sorry about Joe. I have very fond memories of you both and really loved being your neighbor for those years. May God bless you. Much love, Debbie Harward*

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**Debbie Harward** - August 29, 2011 at 06:32 PM

KH

“ *Kelli Harward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



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**Kelli Harward** - August 29, 2011 at 06:22 PM

RR

“ *RENEE RDEW lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



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**RENEE RDEW** - August 29, 2011 at 04:12 PM

RR

*gone but never never never forgotten.love you so much  
MR.JOE.ABCO WILL NOT BE THE SAME.YOU ARE A SPECIAL  
PERSON IN MY LIFE THAT IS LEAVING A HOLE IN MY HEART.*

RENEE RDEW - August 29, 2011 at 04:19 PM

CH

“ *Cindy & Todd Houck lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



Cindy & Todd Houck - August 29, 2011 at 03:09 PM

AL

“ *I am so sorry about your loss of Joe. It has taken me back a notch  
or too. My mind goes back to seeing him working in his yard that he  
loved so much or seeing the two of you sharing a meal by the water.  
My thoughts and prayers go out to the family along with my love.*

Agnes Lyles - August 29, 2011 at 11:43 AM

MG

“ Joe will truly be missed and I know that everyone that knew him is feeling the loss of an exceptional man. He was always the kind of guy that spoke softly and never had a harsh word to say. Amanda wrote on how Joe helped her in so many ways and I know that there are probably 50 more people who can say the same; he always looked at the girls in ABCO as if they could be his daughter and had a kind of gentleness when he explained things or advised them. There are so many wonderful things that made Joe, Joe and they just don't make great men like him anymore. They say that a little girl models her true love after her father and with that being said I know that his daughter had big shoes to fill to find one like him. His dedication to his family, faith, friends and work was unwavering; even if his office looked filing optional (but he still knew where everything was and could produce whatever you asked for as if it was just placed there). I will never forget how he took the time to remember the girls at holidays and would pass out little valentine boxes or candy canes or how if the ever so reserved Joe would be praised for how sweet he was he'd smile, turn red, look down at the ground and say almost under his breath "alright, you have a nice day now ok" and walking away still smiling. He was never the type of man to do things for praise or want anyone to make a big fuss over him but because he loved to give. He was a great reminder of how work came first but still remember that the people you work with are still people and it only takes a second to acknowledge that. To the family Betty & Julie my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time but know that you are twice blessed- one for having the honor of sharing so many memories with him but also because you have one of the best angels looking over you now. In life he always worried about "his girls" and he will continue. He loved you very much and felt the same honor in sharing his life with you. I hope in heaven there is a big TV that plays his favorite memories over and over for him because to me I think that would be Joe's idea of heaven. God bless you Joe your memory will never die.

~Michelle Gorski

**Michelle Gorski** - August 29, 2011 at 09:38 AM

MG

“ *Michelle Gorski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



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**Michelle Gorski** - August 29, 2011 at 08:48 AM

TB

“ *Tamara Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



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**Tamara Brown** - August 29, 2011 at 08:13 AM

TB

*Julie,*

*You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May GOD continue to Bless and keep you. May HE give you comfort and peace.*

*Love,*

*Tamara*

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**Tamara Brown** - August 29, 2011 at 08:16 AM

AW

“ *Angela Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



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**Angela Williamson** - August 29, 2011 at 08:03 AM

AW

*Julie,  
I am sorry for your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around you during this time. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Angie*

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**Angela Williamson** - August 29, 2011 at 08:04 AM



“ *Lori Lesieur lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



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**Lori Lesieur** - August 29, 2011 at 07:52 AM

TR

“ *Tracie Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



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**Tracie Robertson** - August 29, 2011 at 04:36 AM

BD

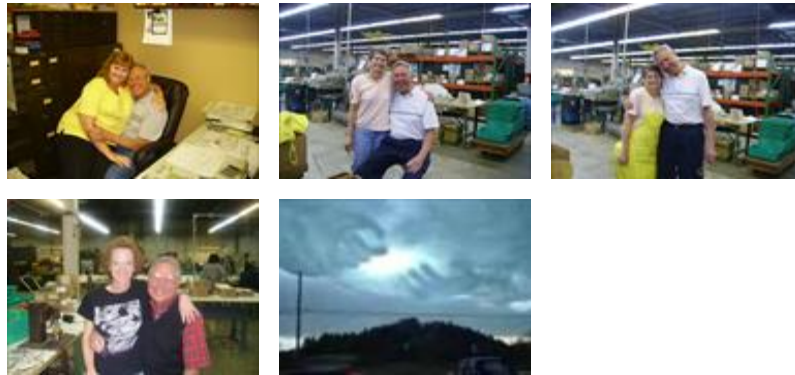
“ Betty & Don Dietz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell



Betty & Don Dietz - August 28, 2011 at 10:09 PM



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Amanda Chiles - August 28, 2011 at 09:56 PM



“ I worked with Mr. Joe for 12 years, and he was a father figure to me. He was always there for me no matter what. I can't count the times we laughed and cried together. His shoulder was my pillar of strength many days when it was hard for me to deal with life. I will miss him so much. It is hard to believe he is gone, but he will always be here with me and my family in spirit. God has a new angel and the sky has a new star to shine brightly over us. I love Mr. Joe and wish you were still here with me. Don't worry I will watch over Ms. Betty for you and keep her safe. Julie and Beth I am always here for you.

Amanda Chiles - August 28, 2011 at 09:20 PM

VM

“ Vern And Nancy Myers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell



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**Vern and Nancy Myers** - August 28, 2011 at 09:03 PM

KW

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**Kathy Knell Ward** - August 28, 2011 at 08:35 PM

KW

“ 13 files added to the album Ward family photos



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**Kathy Knell Ward** - August 28, 2011 at 08:30 PM

JG

“ *Joel And Robin Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Knell*



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**Joel and Robin Griggs** - August 28, 2011 at 07:38 PM