



Chester Burr Knapp

June 23, 1955 - April 16, 2026

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Union Baptist Church (Dover, DE)
883 Lincoln Street
Dover, DE 19901

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Martina Leaphart-Simpkins (Band Mom) - May 02 at 07:14 AM

MM

It seems like yesterday I received a call from, Chester introducing himself to me right as our son was getting ready to graduate from Polytech. Cian had been accepted to DSU and Marching Band. Chester was organizing and wanting to meet all of the new Band parents, as the previous Director was no longer with the University. Chester worked tirelessly to make sure new families felt welcomed and received all of the information they needed before handing their child over to DSU & The Band. Chester made sure every "I" was dotted and "T" was crossed. He shared with me that he was so happy to have students from Polytech's Band under, Dr. Bullock (former Director at DSU) join the Approaching Storm Marching Band because he knew they were trained well and disciplined. He assured me that our son would be taken care of and he would watch over him. From that conversation in April 2024, Chester and I formed a wonderful friendship. He would call once a week to check on me as well as our son's progress at DSU. Around the time of his birthday & retirement last year (2025) I had asked - "Are you leaving DSU as well?" His response was simply, "NO! I'm not leaving until I see your son graduate" (2028). Those words have always touched me. It spoke to his dedication and love for his "band kids". I am forever grateful to have known Mr. Knapp ("Lester" as I jokingly called him....) Although he will not physically see our son graduate from DSU, I know he will be there in SPIRIT. Rest in music & glory, Chester!

Martina Leaphart-Simpkins (Band Mom) - May 02 at 07:36 AM

IB

“ My condolences to the family. Truly a beautiful person! Mr. Knapp was always there for my daughter. I so appreciate him in all that he did to help her. I will forever miss the text messages of “Hush up” and “Don’t start Nothing”. You will forever be missed my friend. RIP!!!!



Iris Borders - May 02 at 12:57 AM



“ I will forever miss walking in his office and hearing “what’s up smooth groove?” The coolest, most helpful, and most consistent person I had the pleasure of encountering at DSU. Someone who will truly support you no matter what that support looks like.

Ahmad Taylor - April 29 at 11:53 AM

PT

“ Chester will be greatly missed walking the field with the DSU Marching band during the football games!He was always well-dressed in his Sunday attire while sporting his hat!He was very well loved and respected by many who was around him!Rest in peace,my brother!

Peggy Trott - April 28 at 11:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Chester Burr Knapp.

April 28 at 05:55 PM

PW

“ *My condolences to the Knapp family. This is like family we all grew up in the 684 for life in Milton. Our families knew each other and siblings went to school together and was friends. I worked with Chester at DSU, we always had great conversation and shared our up bringing together, laughed at the good ole days. Chester you was a loving and beautiful person that will be missed so so much. Love & miss you.... RIH Chester*

Paulette Watson - April 28 at 12:45 PM

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Paulette Watson - April 28 at 12:34 PM

C1

“ *CHHS Class of 1973 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Chester Burr Knapp.*



CHHS Class of 1973 - April 28 at 12:04 PM

NC

“ *Nancy Collick lit a candle in memory of
Chester Burr Knapp*



Nancy Collick - April 27 at 12:29 PM

NC

*To the Knapp Family
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Bill and Nancy Collick*

Nancy Collick - April 27 at 12:30 PM

AT

“ *Aretha E Tunnell lit a candle in memory of
Chester Burr Knapp*



Aretha E Tunnell - April 26 at 03:03 PM

DS

“ *Chester always was a great person with
plenty of jokes and just said things to keep
you laughing all the time. I was speechless
when I heard that he had pass. This is a hard
one to swallow. Chester was my limosine
driver for my birthday 3 years ago. He ready showed everyone that
went with me to celebrate a good time. He always called me cousin.
Chester I will always remember the good times I will never forget
you. To the family my sincere condolences.*



Deborah Scott - April 25 at 08:26 AM

CM

“ Chaplin Yvonne Mullen lit a candle in memory of Chester Burr Knapp



Chaplin Yvonne Mullen - April 24 at 10:18 PM

OD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Brother Chester Knapp who was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Also, Brother Knapp was an Usher before joining the praise team.

Gone but not forgotten!

Blessings,

Sister Ollie M.Danage

Ollie Danage - April 23 at 04:28 PM



“ li saw chester at my uncle s funeral and he sang mess that song up 😭 lol I went to him after the funeral was over I went to him WELL HE DID NOT EVEN KNEW WHO I WAS FOR REAL ??? WHEN I FINALLY TOLD HIM. ;; HE SAID NO YOU ARE NOT WOW JE SAID RIP CHESS

Dorothy Corbin - April 23 at 07:36 AM

CS

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Chad Brittingham Sr - April 21 at 07:39 AM

CS

“ We have your back then and we have your back still no matter what . I'll miss you big cousin/brother.



Chad Brittingham Sr - April 21 at 07:34 AM

LP

Let brotherly, cousinly love continue. RIR, Cousin Chet. Couon Lola Bratten Phillips and Family.

Lola Phillips - April 22 at 08:32 AM

LG

Love and Prayers from Lutisha Gibbs , Rev. Tobias Mullen Family, Michael&Poquita Ferguson, Roberts Family, and the Drummond Family. He is Gone and will not be Forgotten!

Lutisha Gibbs - April 29 at 07:46 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - April 21 at 07:19 AM

JJ

“ Rest up man! - Your boy "jay bird" i'll miss working with you

Javion Jones - April 20 at 10:48 AM