



## Lyle Ervin Knott

April 16, 1922 - September 23, 2021

Lyle Ervin Knott, 99, of Grand Island passed away on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with funeral honors rendered by United States Army and the Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Lyle was born April 16, 1922, in Kearney, the son of Ervin and Annie (Bennett) Knott. He attended school until the 9th grade in Dannebrog, later getting his GED. On December 5, 1942, he entered the U.S. Army, and was assigned to the 84th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop during WWII. He was part of campaigns in Germany and Central Europe receiving a Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Badly injured while fighting, he proudly took home the large fragment of the shell they removed from his arm and was honorably discharged October 6, 1945.

On August 26, 1947, He was united in marriage to Arlene M. Hurt. The couple just celebrated 74 years together as man and wife.

He was self-employed, incorporating in 1953 as Knott's Inc., holding weekly consignment auctions. He also conducted household estate auctions, commercial auctions and farm auctions. A store was opened to sell surplus items to local customers. His two sons grew up in the business as it grew and thrived. At the age of 74, Lyle decided to retire from the Auction business and

the store closed its doors for the last time.

However, Lyle was not ready to retire just yet. He and Arlene became active in the Purple Heart Organization, helped with bingo at the Vets Home and participated in fund raisers for Veterans' needs. They were among the first group from Grand Island to take a Hero Flight to Washington DC. He was also a charter member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, the Elks, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, the United Veterans Club and the Grand Island Saddle Club.

A determined survivor, Lyle's life was a story worth telling, from childhood events, through WWII, happily married and living to the wonderful age of 99. Survivors include his wife, Arlene; sons, Ron (Solveig) Knott and Randy (Teri) Knott, both of Grand Island; grandchildren, William (Gary) Yeung, Angela (Joe) Gollas, Tim (Shawna) Knott and Jeremy (Alicia) Knott; great grandchildren, Adison and Emma Gollas, Halie and Austin Knott and Delia Knott; and generations of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by brother, Gaylord (Judy) Mickelsen; and sister, Alice Mickelsen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Eric Lyle Knott; siblings, Lillian Thompson, Clarence Jr., Doris Butler, Arlene (Alvin) Wagner and Howard Mickelsen.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date. Online remembrances may be left at [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church  
2410 S Blaine St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 382-4753

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Ervin Knott*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Kirsten and Jay purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lyle Ervin Knott.*



**Kirsten and Jay** - September 29, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Went to a lot of sales at Knotts' Auction. Sorry to hear of his passing but know he will be with a large "band of brothers". Our thoughts and prayers to all your family.  
Doc and Linda Humrich*

**Bob Humrich** - September 28, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *My Sympathies, Lyle was a great guy, always like visiting with him.....Tom Cornwell*

**Thomas G Cornwell** - September 28, 2021 at 11:23 AM