



## George Knowles

December 11, 2010

George F. Knowles, 90, of Pontiac, passed away at OSF – St. James at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 11, 2010. He was born March 2, 1920, in Canada, to Francis and Mimi (Barlum) Knowles.

Mr. Knowles is survived by three daughters, Charlotte (Gil) Lawson of Tucson, AZ, Carol Starr, of Havana, Pam (Gene) Burnett, of Pontiac, two sons, George Knowles, Jr., of Florida and Patrick (Darlene) Knowles of Indiana. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren.

Mr. Knowles served in the US Navy during WWII. He was a member of the Peoria Masonic Lodge and loved boating. He had worked as a landscaper and land developer in Florida and later owned his own small engine machine shop.

A memorial service will be held at The Rock Church, 1081 Upper Spring Bay Road, East Peoria at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 17, 2010. Rev. Chuck Tate will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Pontiac, Pontiac, IL or Livingston County Humane Society. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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