



Darryl Paul Knapp

May 23, 1954 - May 5, 2026

Darryl Paul Knapp, a beloved cornerstone of the Midland musical and theatrical community, passed away on May 5, 2026, at the age of 71. Born on May 23, 1954, in El Paso, Texas, he was the only child of the late Maurice Paul and Janet Barbara Knapp.

Darryl devoted his life to the arts, inspiring generations of students as a piano teacher, mentor, and professional musician. He served as a long-time faculty member at Trinity School of Midland, where he held the roles of Choir Director and Director of Musical Activities. Beyond the classroom, he was a steadfast presence at UIL music competitions, accompanying countless young performers and helping them rise to their best.

His musical gifts enriched the spiritual life of the community as well. As Organist and Choirmaster at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, he was admired for his deep liturgical knowledge and his founding and leadership of the church's handbell choir - an ensemble that became a cherished part of parish life. His contributions to the stage were equally enduring, serving as Music Director for both the Pickwick Players and Midland Community Theatre, where he shaped productions and mentored performers across decades.

Darryl is survived by his husband, Scot Marter. He leaves behind a profound legacy in the lives of the hundreds of students he taught and the many

musicians he inspired throughout the Permian Basin.

A memorial service celebrating Darryl's life and musical legacy will be held at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church in Midland on Saturday, May 23, at 1:00 p.m., followed by a reception for family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Music Ministry at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, in honor of Darryl's lifelong dedication to its musical life and his irreplaceable role as Organist and Choirmaster.