



## Richard C. Knopf

COLUMBUS — Richard C. Knopf, 77, of Columbus, died July 17, 2002.

He had been in failing health the last few years as a result of a heart attack.

Mr. Knopf was born Jan. 4, 1925 in Columbus, the son of Mildred and Raymond Knopf.

His father owned the largest advertising agency at that time between Cleveland and Chicago, with Hanna Paints and Seagrave fire truck manufacturers as some of his many clients.

Mr. Knopf was a life long member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church in Columbus and served in World War II as an aerial artillery observer.

He attended the Ohio State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in education in 1948, his master's degree in History in 1949 and his Ph.D. in history in 1960.

Mr. Knopf worked several years, while in college and after, as a lobbyist for the Ohio Historical Society, where he also was on the staff.

He came to Ashtabula in 1962 and joined the history department at the Kent State

University Ashtabula Branch on Park Ave., later the Ashtabula Campus in the harbor. 26-05 2002 48

Mr. Knopf also taught at Kent State University main campus and various Kent State and Ohio State University branches. He retired from Kent State in 1983 and moved back to his family home in Columbus.

Mr. Knopf, while in Ashtabula, was involved in all aspects of the community, serving on many local committees and a member of many organizations.

He was deeply involved in local area history as well as the history of Kelly's Island, a favorite retreat where he also owned a home.

Mr. Knopf published several books, including the "Kelly's Island History" and "Indians of The Ohio Country," a book for elementary students.

Survivors include one sister.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1974; and his mother in 1987.

A private memorial service was held July 23, at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus.

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## Barbara Snyder