



## Neil Trobak

July 6, 1932 - December 8, 2014

Neil Trobak, 82, of Carroll, died Monday, December 8, 2014 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, following complications of a hematoma.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 12, 2014, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll. Officiating will be Pastor Brian Licht. Organist will be Tami Biggerstaff. Casket Bearers will be Neil's grandsons: Brian Happe, Mike Happe, Josh Happe, Jason Happe, Jake Happe, Andy Happe, Matt Happe, Dan Happe, Aaron Walker, Derek Walker, Tim Von Arb, Jon Von Arb, and Kenny Von Arb. Burial will be in the Carroll City Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Thursday, where there will be a Prayer Service at 7 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Paul Lutheran Church at 9 a.m. on Friday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for the Carroll Area Child Care Center.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Neil's family at [www.sharpfune](http://www.sharpfune)

ral.com.

Neil Ivan was born on July 6, 1932 at Crooks, South Dakota the son of Nels and Lillian (Larsen) Trobak. He attended school in Crooks and later graduated from Augustana College in 1954. Neil served in the United States Marines from 1954 to 1956 and after his honorable discharge attended and graduated from Brown Institute, a radio-training school in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In May of 1957 he moved to the Carroll community where he began his career with Carroll Broadcasting. While employed at the radio station he served in many capacities. "The Voice" of Carroll Radio, Neil did sportscasting, newscasting, and was general manager for 13 years. In his later years with the station, Neil was known as "the F&F guy" announcing farm and funeral information in the mornings and afternoons.

On June 23, 1990 Neil was married to Joan Presnell Happe at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll.

Neil will also be remembered for his public service to the Carroll community being active as a County Supervisor and also served on the Carroll Area Child Care Center Board, Carroll Area Development Board, Region 12 Council of Government Board, Emergency Management/911 Board as well as various other boards.

In his spare time Neil enjoyed playing cards and golfing with his many friends at the Carroll Country Club. Neil was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll.

Neil is survived by: his wife Joan of Carroll; his stepchildren: Richard Happe of Brooklyn, Susan Happe of Carroll, David (Chris) Happe of Ames, Cynthia Happe of Columbia, MO, Joseph (Betsy) Happe of Urbandale, Douglas

(Barbara) Happe of Omaha, and Debra Happe of Des Moines; his daughter-in-law, Teri Happe of Ankeny; 20 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; his sister: Marjorie Trobak of Sioux Falls, SD; his sister-in-law: Mardean Trobak of Sioux Falls, SD; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law: Wade and Isabel Presnell; his step-son, James Happe; his brother Dale Trobak; and a brother in infancy; and his brother-in-law, James Presnell.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Richard Harlow lit a candle in memory of Neil Trobak*



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**Richard Harlow** - December 25, 2014 at 10:21 AM

RH

*Neil was a dear friend that helped me start in Radio in 1962. a great radio voice and a good man.*

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**Richard Harlow** - December 25, 2014 at 10:24 AM

SS

“ *Joan*  
*Please accept our sympathy. Neil was always such an inspiration to me and was always willing to do his best to help me along in the auction business. We will sure miss his friendly smile and encouraging words.*  
*We are so sorry that we could not make it to the funeral as we were out of town.*  
*Our condolences to you and your family.*  
*Steve and Sue Seidl*

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**steve seidl** - December 13, 2014 at 11:21 AM

KK

“ Our family remembers Neil and all he did for St Paul's Lutheran Church while my Dad was the Pastor. His knowledge of broadcasting and sound system needs along with Ted Krogh was indispensable. I remember going to the radio station and meeting Neil to drop off the recorded church service with my Dad. Neil was a wonderful caring person that so many will always remember.  
*With Loving Memories, The Kieck Family*

Ken Kieck - December 12, 2014 at 03:22 PM

SH

“ While working at Carroll Broadcasting in the late 80's and early 90's, I was lucky enough to have Neil as my boss. He was a man with a huge heart and I will never forget his kindness. My sympathies to the family.

*Shelly Hansohn-Pick*

Shelly Hansohn-Pick - December 11, 2014 at 07:59 PM



“ Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Neil Trobak.



December 11, 2014 at 05:24 PM

JM

“ Neil was one of the original members of the Iowa Ag Radio Group. Iowa Radio stations that worked together on marketing solutions for our customers. Neal brought to this group, common sense and a measured approach to business. Because of Neil, it was always easy to cheer for him and his radio stations.

Joel McCrea  
General Manager  
WHO Radio

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Joel McCrea - December 11, 2014 at 01:17 PM

MT

“ Merlin&Marcia Tiefenthaler lit a candle in memory of Neil Trobak



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Merlin&Marcia Tiefenthaler - December 10, 2014 at 09:11 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Neil Trobak.



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December 10, 2014 at 02:01 PM

PF

“ Even though I have not know Neil as long as many other members of NAFB, I am proud to call him a friend, and am so saddened by his passing. Neil was a wonderful man and I know he will be missed by so many. My condolences to the family and thanks for sharing him with his NAFB family.

God Bless you at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Pam Fretwell

2007 NAFB President.

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Pam Fretwell - December 10, 2014 at 12:22 PM

DS

“ JoAnn and family, you have my deepest sympathy. The joys of knowing and working with Neil, a fellow South Dakotan, for the past 20 years will always be cherished by me. Even though at times during the building process there where challenges, he remained optimistic and his steadfast dedication to Carroll Broadcasting and his adopted community of Carroll did not waver. I will greatly miss Neil, but will not forget the many memories.

Darrell Solberg

Sioux Falls, SD

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Darrell Solberg - December 10, 2014 at 11:37 AM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Neil Trobak.



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December 10, 2014 at 10:50 AM

VB

“ Neil and Paul Collison hired me as News Director in the late 1980s and with their help and guidance I went on to win numerous journalism awards and lead news departments at several top-rated news stations in three different states.

Neil, indeed, loved Carroll and its residents and that remained his focus during his long career.



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**Vern Beachy** - December 10, 2014 at 09:17 AM

MA

“ So sorry to read of Neil's passing, an old friend from my days as the President of the Carroll Chamber of Commerce in the 70's. So many great memories both socially and from a business stand point, Carroll will miss this fine man and so will I. Neil, rest in peace my friend, you have earned it.

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**Mike Arts** - December 09, 2014 at 07:28 PM

PH

“ Oh my goodness where to begin. Neil has been such a big part of this community for ?oh so long. He had the perfect voice for broadcasting the games for all of us. Everyone in Carroll felt that they knew him cause he was that kind of person. He Will be missed by many especially his family. He was and will remain an icon in this town. God bIEss you Niel, rest in peace.

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**Patt heithoff** - December 09, 2014 at 07:16 PM