



## Robert Kraus

June 25, 1937 - March 26, 2013

Robert Kraus, 75 of Carroll, passed away late Tuesday evening, March 26, 2013 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll from complications related to advanced Alzheimer's disease.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 1, 2013 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr.

Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir with John Wagner as soloist. Mass servers will be Bob's grandson, Grant Kraus and Ben Brincks. Lector for the funeral mass will be Clete Windschitl. Gift Bearers will be Bob's grandchildren: Hannah, Haley, Heather, Heidi, and Hans Kraus; Kayla Sullivan, and Rachel and Zachary Tobler. Eucharistic Ministers will be Vernell Wittrock and Joan Badding. Casket Bearers will be Bob's grandsons: Jake Sullivan, Aaron Kraus, and Von Kraus; Robert's son-in-law, Keith Tobler, and Bob Badding, Harold Danner, and Roger "Chico" Kanne. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 2:30 p.m. on Sunday where there will be a rosary at 3 p.m. by the Carroll Knights of Columbus and a Christian Wake Service at 5 p.m. by Holy Spirit Parish. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 8:30 a.m. on Monday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers please consider a gift to the Bob and Kathy Kraus Family Scholarship Fund at Kuemper Catholic Schools. Funeral arrangements are

under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Bob's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Robert L. Kraus was born on June 25, 1937 in rural Carroll, Iowa, the son of Fred and Emma (Kennebeck) Kraus. Robert was married on April 29, 1961 to Kathleen Baumhover at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Mt. Carmel. To this union were five children and 12 grandchildren.

He served in the U.S. Army mostly in Berlin Germany from 1957-1959. Bob was active in the Carroll community as a longtime usher at Holy Spirit Parish and member of the Pastoral Council; a member of the Serra Club; and served as a longstanding member of Knights of Columbus and Elks Club. He also was a strong supporter of New Hope Village and Kuemper Catholic High School. He served as Carroll City Council At-Large councilman from 1974-1981; as President of Carroll Jaycees from 1968-1969; member of the American Legion since 1963; and President of Carroll Board Realtors in 1987. He was owner of Bob Kraus Insurance and Real Estate in Carroll and was an insurance agent and real estate broker over a 45 year career. He served as a board member and president of Mt. Carmel Mutual Insurance Association for 36 years from 1971-2007. He also was active in sponsoring local activities, charities and events over the years.

Bob loved playing golf, traveling, fishing trips and hunting with his friends, bowling, and card playing. He was fun-loving and always up-beat. He loved playing with his grandchildren and joking around with them. He was always there for his children and cared for them dearly. He also had fun playing the accordion when requested over the holidays.

Bob was survived by his wife Kathy, daughter Lori, married to Keith Tobler with children Zachary and Rachel of Libertyville, Illinois; son Steven, married to Jill (Schreck) with children Hannah, Haley, Von, Grant, Heather, Heidi, and Hans Kraus of Carroll; daughter Karen Sullivan with children Jake and Kayla of Urbandale, Iowa; son John married to Julie (Korwes) with their son Aaron of Urbandale, Iowa; and daughter Renee Kraus of Scottsdale, AZ. He was also survived by his brother Al of Maple River; brother Merlin and wife Mary Lou of

Anita, and sister Louise Owens of Carroll; and in-laws Marilyn Ortner of Pittsville, Wisconsin; Don and Donna Baumhover of Watervliet, MI and Joan Baumhover of Fonda, Iowa. Preceded in death by family members including his mother and father Emma and Fred Kraus; his parents-in-law Minne (Kanne) and John A. Baumhover; his brother Paul (Norma) Kraus, sister Dorothy (Harry) Behrens; and in-laws Jim Owens ,Irene Kraus ,Norman Baumhover and Mardella Baumhover-Pudenz, Justin Ortner , Wilbur Baumhover, Cletus and Jean Baumhover, Irwin Baumhover and Joann Baumhover.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Kathy, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers especially at this time. Our Good Lord will help you every step of the way. It was so kind of you to invite us into your home several years ago when we visited the Carroll area. Love and prayers.*

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**Bill & Laurete** - April 01, 2013 at 04:47 PM

AB

“ *Kathy and family,  
Sad to hear the news. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
God bless, Anne & Paul*

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**Anne (Baumhover) & Paul Black** - March 30, 2013 at 05:52 PM

CS

“ *Renee Our deepest condolences to you and your family for your lost.*

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**Charlene & Patrick Scheall** - March 30, 2013 at 02:36 PM

TR

“ *Dear Kathy and Family  
Blessings and God's loving arms surround all of you at this time -  
When God calls our loved ones home, He leaves the gift of  
memories in exchange - may happy memories carry you through  
these difficult days.  
Our prayers and gratitude for Bob and his family !*

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**Tony and Carol Reuter** - March 30, 2013 at 12:27 AM

LG

“ *Kathy and family,  
Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad  
time. Kathy, your devotion to Bob is very inspiring. I am confident  
that he was able to feel your love and guidance until he was able to  
journey up to heaven, where he can feel no more pain. Bless you all.*

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**Lisa and Lawrence Ortner and girls** - March 29, 2013 at 12:45 AM

JR

“ *I send prayers for each of you during this time.*

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**Joyce Rhoads** - March 28, 2013 at 10:14 PM

ES

“ *“For whom the Bell Tolls” John Donne 1572-1631  
No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the  
continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a  
manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death  
diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore  
never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.*

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**Elmer Schettler** - March 27, 2013 at 10:22 PM