



## Robert Schachtner

June 29, 1951 - September 5, 2011

Robert Schachtner, 60 of Sabetha, Kansas, died early Monday morning, September 5, 2011 at the Sabetha Manor Nursing Home in Sabetha, Kansas. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir. Lector will be Bob's sister, Joyce Murphy. Gift Bearers will be Bob's nephews, Nathan Lang and Patrick Murphy. Eucharistic Ministers will be Bob's brother in-laws, Curtis Lang and Dennis Murphy. Casket Bearers will be Bob's sons, Curt Schachtner and Robert Schachtner, Bob's brother in-laws, Curtis Lang and Luther Raatikka, and Bob's nephews, Nathan Lang and Patrick Murphy. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 5 p.m. on Friday where there will be a rosary at 6:30 p.m. The casket will be taken to Holy Spirit Church at 8:30 a.m. Saturday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for the American Diabetes Association in Robert's name.

Born on June 29, 1951 at Carroll, Iowa, Robert Joseph Schachtner was the son of Joseph E. and Dorothy (Brand) Schachtner. He grew up in the Carroll community and attended Kuemper schools through his freshman year. Bob completed high school at Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Indiana where he was a standout basketball player. He later attended Wartburg in Waverly

and married Joyce Buls in 1972. Bob worked as an accountant for Younkers in Des Moines later working for an asbestos removal company in Kansas. For the past 30 years Bob resided in Kansas where he lived at Ottawa, Baldwin, and most recently Sabetha. He was brought great joy and pride by his grandson Colby. Bob will be remembered as someone always willing to lend a helping hand, his terrific memory, and for his thoughtfulness towards others. He enjoyed collecting coins, was an avid Yankee and Hawkeye fan and was devoted to his faith.

Survivors include his two sons, Curt Schachtner and his wife Beth of Groveton, GA and Robert Schachtner and his wife Ellen of Chicago, IL; his grandson, Colby Schachtner at home in Groveton, GA; his mother, Dorothy Schachtner of Carroll; his brother, Ronald (Janet) Schachtner of Channelview, TX; his sisters: Joyce (Dennis) Murphy of Kansas City, KS, Janet (Luther) Raatikka of Apple Valley, MN, and Barbara (Curtis) Lang of Bella Vista, AR; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Arthur and Rose Schachtner; his maternal grandparents, William and Dora Brand; his father Joseph Edward Schachtner; and his nephew, Bryan Murphy.

# Tribute Wall

SV

“ Being a few years younger than Bob, I will always remember he had quite a status as a basketball player! He was good. Passing the other 125 kids on Elm Street, one felt quite normal. But when seeing Bob, there was an Excitement, because in the 1960s he was a Basketball Hero. These were the days when youth worked hard at being Heroes, and Bob certainly fell into that category. I still see the crowds loudly cheering him on at SS. Peter & Paul gym (now Holy Spirit). Bob's gift was athletics and, more than a talent, it was a Gift. Needless to say, he was quite popular at school. I'm glad, in a way, I didn't know him in the final segment of his life, because this is how I remember him. In an age where Heroism is nearly dead, he was truly a powerful and dynamic Hero, to us boys on Elm Street. Well, Bob, thank you for so richly giving of yourself, for those positive lifetime Memories which have stood the test of time. Do say Hi! to Mom and Dad...

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**Steve Volk** - February 28, 2012 at 11:56 AM

RN

“ I was thinking about my old friend from Divine Heart today. I googled his name and was so sorry to find that he had passed away yesterday. In High School I looked up to Bob. Yes, he was a great Basketball player. Probably averaged over 25 points a game, but he was a better friend. After he graduated he came back and we took a road trip together to visit some of his classmates in Ohio. I hadn't heard from Bob for a long time. Geography sometimes keeps people apart. I am sorry for his Family and friends who will surely miss him. God Bless.

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**Robert Naelitz** - December 06, 2011 at 07:40 PM

RH

“ Thank you for the opportunity to get to know Bob. He was quite a character. I used to help him back to his room and make sure that the game was on for him. He was respected and loved here. The staff of Sabetha Manor will never forget you Bob. Go Yankees! -Ron Hicks, Administrator P.S. There should be a Hawkeye image here for us to choose. :)

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Ron Hicks - September 22, 2011 at 08:58 AM

JR

“ *Our Brother is Home*  
*Home is a place of safety and rest A time to spend with family and at best A place to go at the end of each day A haven that keeps scary things at bay Our brother has travelled home many times before But this time his way home leads him onto a different path for sure To the home of his Father, his Redeemer, his Lord Where, for Bob, there is no more suffering, loneliness, or pain Only sounds of the angels singing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" again and again Oh yes, there are sunflower seeds, peanuts, and crackerjack All those old NY Yankees are suited up and playing a game And Bobby Joe calls out to each of them by name We are sad that he has left us behind without a thought But the smile on Bobby's face removes all our doubt That he is enjoying himself in his Father's home A place where all of us with Faith will someday go Where we will find a seat right next to Bobby Joe And echoing his voice, Go Yankees!*

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Janet Raatikka - September 11, 2011 at 09:49 PM

DE

“ *I remember the broken arm! Rest in peace Bobby Joe, Strength and courage to your loved ones.*

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Debra(Heim)Tuchbaum - September 10, 2011 at 08:48 AM

J(

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. I'm sure Robert is in God's hands and with many, many who have gone before us.*

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**Joleen (Reicks)Schultz** - September 08, 2011 at 03:09 PM

SS

“ *That unforgettable Bobby Joe grin...*

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**Sheryl Schachtner** - September 07, 2011 at 09:59 PM

JW

“ *Always think of you when I comp my ads at Walmart and always will. Love you.*

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**Jeanette Weien** - September 07, 2011 at 09:54 PM

MR

“ *I saw Bob's name a couple of years ago, and thought I must know him! I went into his room, and said my name, and he said "Elm Street, Carroll Iowa"! Whenever I went to the Manor after that, I tried to seek him out. He would not talk much, but he always knew me, and we briefly talked about Carroll and the Hawkeyes. He always wore his Hawk cap! I was honored to be able to take care of him during his last days. I know he is at peace now.*

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**Mary Ryan** - September 07, 2011 at 09:47 PM

CL

“ *May Gods angels take Bob home for eternal peace in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with Bob and all the family.*

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**Curtis Lang** - September 07, 2011 at 09:27 PM

DS

“ *What a great sense of humor. Staying overnight at his house when we were very young. Rub-a-dub-dub two cousins in a tub.*

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**David Schachtner** - September 06, 2011 at 08:07 PM