



## Rollin Tiefenthaler

October 16, 1937 - October 31, 2016

Rollin Tiefenthaler, 79 of rural Carroll, died Monday evening, October 31, 2016 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll surrounded by his family, following a brief battle with cancer.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, November 4, 2016 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Con-Celebrants will be Fr. Gary Snyder and Fr. Ed Tiedeman. Mass servers will be Bryce Smidt and Ross Knobbe. Music for the funeral mass will be by All Strings Attached. Lectors will be: Nicholas Milewski and Jeffrey Milewski. Gift Bearers will be: Tia Tiefenthaler, Tera Petersen, and Elsa Tiefenthaler. Casket Bearers will be: Aaron Smidt, Thomas Leise, Craig Knobbe, Matt Schmitz, Collin Tiefenthaler and Chris Petersen. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: Terry Rath, Dean Onken, Mike Berglund, Scott Hucka, and Bruce Milbrandt. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Mt. Carmel.

Friends may call at Holy Spirit Church in Carroll after 3 p.m. on Thursday where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m.

Visitation will resume at 9 a.m. Friday morning at Holy Spirit Church, and continue until the time of the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the church for St. Anthony Hospital

Foundation or Camp Courageous.

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

Born on October 16, 1937 at Carroll, Iowa, Rollin was the son of Alfred and Verna (Nepl) Tiefenthaler. He attended Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School and graduated with the Class of 1955.

From a young age he grew up at Al's Corner Oil Company and helped his dad fill pop and beer coolers, pumping gas, washing windshields, changing tires and delivering gas.

On November 7, 1959 he was united in marriage to Verna Boes at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. Following their marriage he began farming and continued to work at Al's Corner, (AKA "the station"). In the late 1970's he took over ownership of the company and in 1978 joined in partnership with his brother Mark. They built the first convenience store in Auburn and many more followed in surrounding towns within a 70 mile radius; including three truck stops.

Rollin thoroughly enjoyed going to work every day; facing the challenges of the oil industry and keeping everything going. An acquisition of a new store or site was a passion of his. He served on the Iowa Petroleum Marketers Board and the Sinclair Oil Company Board for several years.

He continued to be involved in the farming operation; getting in the combine at harvest time once his day at the station was completed; eventually passing the farm operation on to his son David. He enjoyed listening and visiting with the farmers, friends, and customers about the markets, land prices, interest rates, commodity prices, politics, and gas prices. Rollin valued his employees and treated them with respect and dignity. If he was unable to do the job he

didn't expect anyone else to do it. He was their equal.

Rollin enjoyed relaxing with his wife, family, and friends at Lake Okoboji.

Rollin is survived by: his wife of 57 years, Verna Tiefenthaler of Carroll; his children: David (Cindy) Tiefenthaler of Auburn, and Carol (Jim) Lewis of Panama City, FL; his grandchildren: Kelly (Aaron) Smidt, Shannon (Craig) Knobbe, Katie Rotert, April (Matt) Schmitz, and Ashley (Thomas) Leise; his step-granddaughter, Sara (Josh) Lewis-Greear; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers: Mark (Deb) Tiefenthaler of Carroll and Milo (Carleen) Tiefenthaler of Eau Claire, WI; one sister, Nancy (Tom) Nichols of Clive; as well as many nieces, nephews, other extended relatives and many friends.

Rollin was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Verna Tiefenthaler; his daughter, Julie; his parents-in-law, Albert and Hendrina Boes; and his great-granddaughter, Addison Knobbe.

# Tribute Wall

WP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My husband, Don did a lot of business transactions with Rollie over the years. They both enjoyed each others' company.*

*Sincerely, Willa Mae Pick*

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**Willa Mae Pick** - November 07, 2016 at 09:20 PM

CL

“ *Rollin was a wonderful person to work for and I found him to be an inspiration. He was hard-working, intelligent, and down-to-earth. He will be greatly missed by his employees.*



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**Cary Littlefield** - November 06, 2016 at 03:44 PM

GT

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Greg and Joni Tigges*

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**Greg Tigges** - November 05, 2016 at 08:14 PM

CE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the entire family.

*I will miss Rollie very, very much, I always enjoyed talking with him. He was often so spot on with my own personal beliefs. He had a unique way of getting to the point. I learned a lot from his great business knowledge.*

*Chuck Ellis  
Iowa Lottery Authority*

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**Chuck Ellis** - November 04, 2016 at 01:54 PM

PM

“ We at Cubby's send our prayers and sympathies at this time of your lost. Rollie was a Great Competitor in Life and Business. He will be missed. Our prayers go out to each of you in his family.

*Phil & Arlis Morrison*

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**PHILLIP & ARLIS MORRISON** - November 04, 2016 at 09:04 AM

SM

“ We send our sincere sympathies to Rollie's family. We have fond memories of being at Al's Corner with Audrey McVay in years past. Bob and Sandy (McVay) Malone

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**Sandra Malone** - November 03, 2016 at 09:28 PM

WB

“ Tiefenthaler Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you during this difficult time.

*Biddy & Whitney Bettin*

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**Whitney Bettin** - November 03, 2016 at 08:06 PM

BR

“ *Tiefenthaler family, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your famiy. He will greatly missed at Al's corner.*

*Jerry & Barb Riesenberg*

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**Barb Riesenberg** - November 03, 2016 at 07:04 PM

BH

“ *Our sincere sympathy to the whole Tiefenthaler family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Special hugs to Shannon.*

*Mark and Barb Hoffman*

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**Barb Hoffman** - November 03, 2016 at 06:48 PM

BR

“ *So sorry for your loss Verna. You and your family are in our prayers. "So do not fear for I am with you. Do not be dismayed for I am your God. Here to strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" Isaiah 41:10*

*Bryan Folkers*

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**Bryan** - November 03, 2016 at 06:29 PM

MT

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the TIEFENTHALER FAMILY,*



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**Merlin@Marcia Tiefenthaler** - November 03, 2016 at 03:13 PM

ST

“ Thinking of you and your family at this time. My most sincere condolences. Sue Thelen

Sue Thelen - November 03, 2016 at 12:32 PM

MW

“ My sympathywith you Verna,David,@ Carol.Man of few words but you would get the point.RIP

marietta worshek - November 03, 2016 at 11:19 AM

TM

“ Our sympathy to the Tiefenthaler family.  
Paul and Tam Milligan

Tam Milligan - November 03, 2016 at 08:32 AM

VT

“ Sending deepest sympathy to the Tiefenthaler family. My deceased husband, Jake Tugel did business with the Tiefenthaler oil station when he worked for Grey Products and Hanco Tire and supply companies. Bless you all in your sorrow.

Vicky Tugel - November 02, 2016 at 09:40 PM

RK

So sorry for your loss prayer he will be missed

Ron n Deb Keat - November 03, 2016 at 07:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rollin Tiefenthaler.



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November 02, 2016 at 08:43 PM



“ We send our deepest sympathies to you Verna and to your family. Al's Corner will never be the same without Rollie. Always enjoyed our little chats while he filled up my car. May he rest in peace. †  
Neil and Deb Kanne



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**Deb Kanne** - November 02, 2016 at 08:22 PM



“ Verna --- Jan and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We both were shocked when we heard the news because we just saw you in Sun Valley a few weeks ago. Rollin and I had lunch together and as always I enjoyed talking with him about the oil industry, politics, farming and the world events. He was a great person and one I enjoyed to be around as a friend and customer for over 15 years

*Dalton and Jan Kehlbeck*

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**Dalton and Jan Kehlbeck** - November 02, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ I know my dad is going to miss all the many chats you two would have in your office you will be missed by many. Karla Stork

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**karla stork** - November 02, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Rollin Tiefenthaler.*



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November 02, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ *Bob Tiefenthaler lit a candle in memory of Rollin Tiefenthaler*



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**Bob Tiefenthaler** - November 02, 2016 at 05:49 PM



*Verna, you and your family have my deepest and most heartfelt condolences.*

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**Bob Tiefenthaler** - November 02, 2016 at 05:50 PM



*Verna and family you have our deepest sympathy during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts & prayers . Sheryl & Doug Zimmerman*

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**Sheryl Zimmerman** - November 02, 2016 at 07:09 PM

JT

“ Verna,  
*I am so sorry to hear of Rollie's passing. I have known him my entire life and have always had the greatest respect for him. I have had many chats throughout my life and as recently as a month or two ago with Rollie and he was always so positive and happy. I know he is in heaven today playing rummy with my dad. Rollie will always hold a special place in my heart.*  
*You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Jane Thobe*

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**JANE THOBE** - November 02, 2016 at 03:28 PM

RM

“ *Sincere condolences to Verna and Rollin's family.*  
*I have known Rollie for over 30 years and always enjoyed his knowledge of the convenience store business, his sense of humor and his talent of "saying it like it is". Rollie was a highly respected oil jobber and retailer for many decades. He was a tough and savvy competitor who would always show up when there were industry legislative or administrative issues that needed expert input.*

*Rollie will be missed by many.*

*Randy Meyer*  
*Kum & Go Stores*

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**Randy Meyer** - November 02, 2016 at 02:08 PM

PP

“ *With Deepest Sympathy to the family of Rollin. We have enjoyed working with him over the years. He will truly be missed. UST Testing Services, Inc. Family*



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**Peter Tim Petersen** - November 02, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rollin Tiefenthaler.



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November 02, 2016 at 12:16 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray* was purchased for the family of Rollin Tiefenthaler.



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November 02, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rollin Tiefenthaler.



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November 02, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ *The staff of Al's Corner* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Rollin Tiefenthaler.



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**The staff of Al's Corner** - November 02, 2016 at 08:52 AM

RM

“ Verna,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and  
your family.  
Ron & Deb Mrocek



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**Ron Mrocke** - November 02, 2016 at 06:21 AM

JR

“ Jason & Shannon Reising lit a candle in  
memory of Rollin Tiefenthaler



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**Jason & Shannon Reising** - November 01, 2016 at 08:48 PM

LB

“ Larry And Lynne Brincks lit a candle in  
memory of Rollin Tiefenthaler



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**Larry and Lynne Brincks** - November 01, 2016 at 06:12 PM

LB

Verna and family, so sorry to hear of you loss...May he rest in peace

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**Larry and Lynne Brincks** - November 01, 2016 at 06:13 PM

CT

“ *May he rest in peace*



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**Charlie Tuna** - November 01, 2016 at 05:05 PM

BP

“ *When I stopped by Rollie always wanted to know how sales were going -He was always great to visit with-He will greatly missed-may he rest in peace-Bill Pick*

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**bill pick** - November 01, 2016 at 04:49 PM

MM

“ *Mike And Marla Meister lit a candle in memory of Rollin Tiefenthaler*



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**Mike and Marla Meister** - November 01, 2016 at 04:24 PM

MM

*So sorry for Rollie's family, you have our deepest sympathy and prayers. RIP ROLLIE*

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**Mike and Marla Meister** - November 01, 2016 at 04:25 PM

SO

“ Verna, I am so sorry to hear about Rollin. He was a wonderful man and spending time with the two of you during all those meetings was a joy to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

~Sophie

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**Sophie** - November 01, 2016 at 03:42 PM

RN

“ Verna & Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss, Rollie was a great guy! I am sure Tom and Rollie are in heaven cutting cards to see who pays for coffee. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.

Rosanne Nees

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**Rosanne Nees** - November 01, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rollin Tiefenthaler.



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November 01, 2016 at 02:18 PM

JB

“ *Family of Rollie:  
I am shocked to hear of Rollies passing. I  
have called on Rollie on several occasions  
and truly always enjoyed our visits. He was  
very dedicated to Al's Corner and will be  
missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.  
God's Blessings.*



**Jerry Boger** - November 01, 2016 at 02:06 PM

JL

“ *Verna, We are so sorry to hear about Rollie. Please know our  
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jay just talked to  
him on Labor Day at the station. We were shocked to hear of his  
sudden illness and passing. Jay and Ellie Lenz*

**Jay Lenz** - November 01, 2016 at 01:21 PM

TB

“ *Tahnee Mara Inc. -Andy & Jamie Beaver  
purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family  
of Rollin Tiefenthaler.*



**Tahnee Mara Inc. -Andy & Jamie Beaver** - November 01, 2016  
at 12:35 PM

DU

“ *Dawn Uhlenkamp lit a candle in memory of  
Rollin Tiefenthaler*



**Dawn Uhlenkamp** - November 01, 2016 at 11:07 AM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss Verna and family. He will be missed by many.  
Sending our love and prayers. Dennis and Darlene

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**Darlene Wiederin** - November 01, 2016 at 10:42 AM