



## Urban Knobbe

September 19, 1924 - March 27, 2024

Urban Knobbe, 99 of Carroll, died early Wednesday morning, March 27, 2024 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, April 5, 2024 at St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Craig Collison. Music will be by Kathy Halbur and Kathleen Macke. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be John Knobbe and Thomas Knobbe. Gift Bearers will be Elizabeth Knobbe and Katie Knobbe. Eucharistic Minister will be Kathy Hrubes. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Austen Merritt, Rasmus Knobbe, Jackson Knobbe, and Ian Knobbe. Casket Bearers will be Michael Sayre, TJ Sayre, Joe Sayre, Quinn Knobbe, Jacob Knobbe, and Thomas Knobbe. Burial will be at 1 p.m., Friday at St. Joseph's Cemetery in rural Lohrville with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. A rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m., followed by a time of sharing. Additional visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m. on Friday at St. Lawrence Church prior to the Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Anthony Nursing Home, where Dad received wonderful care the last 3 months of his life. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll

and online condolences may be left for Urban's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Urban was born September 19, 1924 in Breda to parents Henry Knobbe and Anna Wolterman. After graduating from St Bernard's High School in 1942, he entered the U.S. Navy in March 1943. He served in the Pacific Theater until January, 1946. He married Patricia Finken in 1951 in Defiance, Iowa. They settled in Farnhamville where they raised their 7 children (6 sons and 1 daughter).

Urban managed the Farnhamville Coop for over 40 years. After retirement he and Patricia moved to Carroll. Urban was active in many pursuits, holding board and advisory positions at numerous companies including AGP, Land of Lakes, Omaha Bank for Cooperatives (Cobank), Agri-Industries, Farmers Commodities (FCC), Associated Benefits Corporation (ABC), United Purchasers Association, Farmland Industries, and St Anthony's Regional Hospital. He founded Knobbe Fertilizer Company and CATV in Farnhamville. Urban was inducted to the Cooperative Hall of Fame 2012 and was named Hospital Trustee of the Year in 1998. He had a deep interest in railroads, helping negotiate the upgrade of the CNW, Union Pacific, and Illinois Central railroad lines to keep grain flowing through central Iowa, and helping the city of Carroll acquire the historical Carroll Depot. His loving wife, Patricia, died in 2003. Urban then married Jean Potthoff in 2005.

Urban was previously a parishioner of St. Bernard in Breda, Iowa, St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lohrville, Iowa (where he chaired the building committee), and presently St. Lawrence in Carroll.

Dad loved and cherished his family. He loved all sports, his hobbies which included golf, card games, puzzles, music, singing with Jean at church, and dancing. He was generous with his time, he was a man of faith, he loved to

visit. He had a great sense of humor, and He was a good friend, husband, father, grandfather, and businessman.

And Dad will be greatly missed!!!

Urban is survived by his wife Jean, and his children Michael (Carol), Patrick (Gloria), Joseph (Cheryl), William John, Christopher (Ann), and Kathy Hrubes (Jeff). He is also survived by his 13 grandchildren (Elizabeth, Katie, Quinn, Jacob, Thomas, Austen, Rasmus, Jackson, Ian, Michael, Thomas (TJ), Joseph, and Thomas) as well as 5 great-grandchildren (Maichael-Urban, Josie, Ryan, Jack, and JJ). In addition, Urban is survived by Jean's loving family Alan, Kim (Karen), Lisa (Bill), Sue (Dave), and Lois (Brian) as well as many step-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Anna Mae, and many friends.

Urban was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Patricia, and his son Thomas James, as well as brothers Vern and Elmo and sisters Marian (Kirby), Adeline (Mohrhouser), Delores (Peterson), and Inez (Daiker). He was also preceded in death by Jean's daughter Julie (Randy).

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ Prayers for his family and dear Jean as I heard thru Robert Daiker of Urbies passing. God has called his sweet angel home. I sent my deepest condolences from our family on behalf of Vernal Knobbe's family. They are home as one with Henry and Anna. God bless you in his sweet love. Rest in heavenly peace Urbie



Doris M Knobbe-Crump - April 20, 2024 at 03:10 PM

KK

Urban Knobbe family. Sorry the loss of Urbie. He was a A wonderful man, a very caring soul. He loved his church and parishioners.

Kenneth D. Knobbe - April 20, 2024 at 10:33 PM

CD

“ Mike, Pat, Joe, John, Kathy & Chris...I wanted to send my condolences & I so wish I could be there but I'm wintering in Arizona. I have many wonderful memories of growing up in our neighborhood and your mom & dad were both wonderful to me & my brothers. My heartfelt sympathies go out to you all...(((hugs)))  
Cheri

Cheri Delay - April 05, 2024 at 10:11 AM

LC

Our sympathies to all of you. Bob and Lois Carlson

Lois Carlson - April 05, 2024 at 02:22 PM

SM

“ My three years in the Cedar Valley School District remain special to me. It's hard to believe it was nearly 50 years ago that I was coaching John and having Kathy as a student. My memories of the Knobbe family as supportive and not too critical of a young coach still remain. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
Steve Milder

Steve Milder - April 04, 2024 at 02:34 PM

CG

“ Dear Jean, I am so sorry to learn of Urban's death. He was a kind gentleman and will be missed. I'm with my sister, traveling in Texas, so I won't be able to tell you in person, but please know I'm holding you in my heart.

Carol Gronstal - April 04, 2024 at 09:46 AM

TM

“ The McMahons purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Urban Knobbe.



The McMahons - April 03, 2024 at 08:36 AM

TM

“ The McMahons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Urban Knobbe.

The McMahons - April 03, 2024 at 08:36 AM

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“ Forever your "Josssie" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Urban Knobbe.

Forever your "Josssie" - April 03, 2024 at 12:23 AM

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“ Forever your "Josssie" purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Urban Knobbe.



Forever your "Josssie" - April 03, 2024 at 12:23 AM

WL

“ Urban, I have thought of you often over the years since working together with you to create AGP, selling the idea to the Midwest Farmer Cooperative's and Farmers. AGP was created. and has become a great success. You are appreciated by Midwest Farmer's and Cooperative's for your leadership and serving 20 years as Chairman of the Board of Directors and as a Consultant to the Board of AGP. Thanks to your service t0 U.S. Agriculture and Ag Procesing. Wm, C, {Bill} Lester AGP Retired

William C Lester - April 01, 2024 at 06:16 PM

TF

“ The Channel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Urban Knobbe.

The Channel Family - April 01, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Urban Knobbe.*



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April 01, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ *Knobbe family: Urban was a gentleman in his personal and work life. I enjoyed our interactions and mutual efforts when working on projects benefiting Carroll County and western Iowa. May fond memories bring peace to your hearts. Wes/CJ Niles, Carroll*

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**Wes & CJ Niles** - April 01, 2024 at 09:51 AM



“ *Chris McKenna purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Urban Knobbe.*



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**Chris McKenna** - March 29, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Urban Knobbe.*



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March 29, 2024 at 03:46 PM

BV

“ *My deepest sympathy to Jean and families.*

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**Bev Vonnahme** - March 29, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Urban was a wonderful man. Prayers to the family.*

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**Jan Bird** - March 28, 2024 at 04:51 PM

CT

“ *Christine T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Urban Knobbe.*

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**Christine T.** - March 28, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Urban Knobbe.*



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March 28, 2024 at 04:21 PM

BP

“ *He was a wonderful friend and was a great boss to work for back in the 70's. Prayers for all the families.*

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**Betty Peterson** - March 27, 2024 at 05:37 PM

CK

“ *One of a kind. Great individual.  
He will be missed by all. Prayers to the family*

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**clint van kley** - March 27, 2024 at 03:26 PM