



David H. Knott

September 24, 1952 - February 1, 2021

David H. Knott, 68, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 1, 2021, at his home in rural Ryan. The family will greet friends from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 7, 2021, at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Marion, Iowa. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marion, officiated by Father David O'Connor. A livestream of the Mass may be accessed at <https://youtu.be/s7fk5GgYo8I>. Burial will take place on Monday, at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Monti, Iowa. All guests are respectfully requested to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

David was born on September 24, 1952, in Manchester, Iowa, the son of Harold Thomas and Arlene Mae (Mangold) Knott. He was a 1970 graduate of North Linn High School and went on to attend Kirkwood Community College and the University of Iowa, earning a degree in Criminal Justice. On September 20, 1975, he was united in marriage to Diane Marie Takes at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Monti. David's primary love was caring for his family and homestead. He exemplified the phrase, "Anything worth doing is worth doing well." This can be seen in his relationship with his family and friends, any woodworking and home improvements he did, and the impeccable lawn and landscaping at the family home. David's second love was his law enforcement career. David worked for the Linn County Sheriff's Office retiring as Captain in 2016, with 42 years of service. David will be greatly missed by all who knew, loved, and counted on him.

David is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife of 45 years, Diane Knott of Ryan; two children, Cathy (Brad) Walz of Marion and Matt (Meghan) Knott of Canton, Georgia; five grandchildren, Ethan, Eleanor, and Elizabeth Walz, and Logan and Kennedy Knott; two sisters-in-law, Susan Knott of Independence, Iowa, and Pat (Mark) McCright of Green Valley, Arizona; two brothers-in-law, Carroll Takes of Ryan, Iowa, and Jim (Julie) Takes of Central City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Arlene Knott; two brothers, Greg and Bruce Knott; and a special aunt, Frances Mangold.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. Memorials may be sent directly to the family at 3131 110th Avenue in Ryan, Iowa, 52330, to be designated later.

Cemetery

**St. Patrick's Catholic
Cemetery**

Monti, IA,

Events

FEB Family Will Greet Friends 01:00PM - 05:00PM

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Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service -
Marion

3855 Katz Drive, Marion, IA, US, 52302

FEB Funeral Mass 10:00AM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church- Marion
Marion, IA, US, 52302

FEB Burial

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St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery
Monti, IA, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - February 07 at 02:52 PM



“ Diane and family, we are so very sorry for your loss. We have many memories of Dave in younger years. I remember when you and I were at Mt. Mercy and I knew you were going to marry Dave. Mike and Dave were on the Sheriff's Dept. Softball team and we so enjoyed watching him play. He was a great player even though he fell over the outfield field fence and broke something. Law enforcement is a tough job and he did it so well. Mike was so glad when he could work with Dave. May you always remember the good times with joy and God will help in your journey.

Blessings,

Mike and Nan Marlin

Mike Marlin - February 08 at 12:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mark & Pat McCright - February 08 at 12:21 AM



“ I met Dave while working at Menards in 1978. He was my inspiration to be the best and to treat all people with respect no matter the circumstances. I moved to California and spent 20 years as a police officer conducting myself in a manner he espoused. I know he didn't remember our talks but I remembered them my entire life.

Ed - February 07 at 02:56 PM



“ I can't believe I'm writing this Diane, a condolence note on the loss of Dave, it doesn't seem possible. So sorry for the loss especially to you and the kids, but the entire community.

I haven't seen Dave for years and last spoke to him by phone at his retirement. Still the years Dave and I spent together on the Cedar Rapids FBI Drug are so fresh in my memory. Dave was a great guy and a good friend. I was honored to have him be part of my wedding. All of us on the Task Force loved working with Dave not only because he was a fine investigator but also because he was a good team player and just fun to be around. I know he was important to the whole community. My sincere sympathies to his family and all who are left to deal with the huge hole his passing leaves.



Mike Dudley - February 07 at 02:20 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I worked with him on the Sheriff's Dept. He was a very respected and loyal deputy. RIP LT....#144(retired)

Joe Losch - February 06 at 03:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David H. Knott.



February 06 at 11:44 AM



“ Diane,
Just learned of Dave's passing and am so sorry to hear this sad news. We were baseball teammates at North Linn and I know he had a wonderful career in law enforcement and was devoted to his family. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family as you cherish the memories and celebrate a life well lived. With deepest sympathy.
John Kinley

John Kinley - February 05 at 09:30 PM



“ A part of all of us of the North Linn Class of 1970, left earth on Monday. Fly high, Dave. Deepest condolences to loved ones and dear friends left behind.

Carolyn Dake Bartemeyer - February 05 at 06:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David H. Knott.



February 05 at 05:20 PM



“ We have such positive, fun memories of Dave. He was a brother-in-law, a high school teammate and a friend. Dave touched many lives in his professional career in law enforcement, as a pillar of the community and most importantly, as a loving and thoughtful family member. Whenever there was a task to be done, Dave jumped to the front of the line, ready to do whatever it took to complete the job quickly and efficiently. Dave’s sense of humor brought joy to everyone who knew him. One such memory we have was during a family get-together, Dave disappeared outside with mischief on his mind. Before long, as the rest of us were concentrating on a card game, these colorful plastic yellow ducks would suddenly appear, parading across the window. Needless to say, the concentration ceased and we were soon laughing uncontrollably. Dave will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mark McCright - February 05 at 04:15 PM



“ Peace, St Joseph Youth Faith Formation purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David H. Knott.



Peace, St Joseph Youth Faith Formation - February 05 at 03:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David H. Knott.



February 05 at 03:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David H. Knott.



February 05 at 02:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David H. Knott.



February 05 at 02:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David H. Knott.



February 05 at 01:27 PM



“ So Sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I worked for many years with Dave at Home Depot. What a wonderful man and pleasure to speak with and work with.

Janet Steffes - February 05 at 01:19 AM



“ Diane I didn't know David very well until he retired and join the Lions club he was a great asset to the club , always ready to lend a hand whenever it was needed. I enjoyed our talks we had and listening to his stories , I wish I could've spent a lot more time with him , he will be greatly missed in the community. John Franson

John Franson - February 04 at 09:42 PM



“ Mark, Pat, Angelia, & Aaron McCright & Gorham Kids purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David H. Knott.



Mark, Pat, Angelia, & Aaron McCright & Gorham Kids - February 04 at 06:12 PM



“ Diane and Family,

We are so very sorry for your loss. Dave was a wonderful, kind man and the two of you hosted our class reunions with grace and humor. He will be dearly missed, and our hearts are with you.

Dianne Schade

Dianne Schade - February 04 at 04:58 PM



“ What a kind and amazing man! He was so calm and caring. I feel blessed to know him

Betty Coleman

Betty Coleman - February 04 at 04:42 PM



“ The tributes I’ve seen written about Dave are beautiful. So many testaments to a kind, life-loving, fun man with a big heart and a genuine love for his family. You just can’t help but smile when you think of Dave. He’s one of those guys that I would call a day-maker kind of guy. (Meaning, seeing him and talking with him would always make my day.) He always, always had time for chatting. And oh, his stories...How I loved to listen to a good Dave story.

He was all about togetherness and family. I mean, he bought a minivan so that when he & Diane were with Cathy and her family or Matt and his family, they could all be in the same vehicle together. That’s a deep love for family togetherness right there. What a model for his kids, grandkids...well for all of us, really. How beautiful that this legacy lives on in Diane, his kids and grandkids because those threads of togetherness that he’s so carefully woven will continue to carry-on through each of them. And For those of us not family, but fortunate enough to know Dave, we are also blessed to have a little bit of Dave live on in us as well as we to remember the importance of putting family and people first.

You lived life so well, Dave.

Diane, Cathy, Matt and family... you will remain in our prayers.
Much love to each of you...
-Deb & Greg Voss and boys

Deb Voss - February 04 at 02:55 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to you Diane, Cathy, Matt and family.
Loved David...he was such a great person.

Jan Coleman - February 04 at 03:25 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David H. Knott.



February 04 at 02:36 PM



“ BBB Industries purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David H. Knott.



BBB Industries - February 04 at 11:57 AM



“ Dave's leadership abilities always gave us a place to go for advice. In grade school, middle school, high school or even into our class reunions, Dave always stepped into that leadership roll and gave us great advise. He was a great classmate, friend and collogue to me. Dave was a man that I am glad to say he helped build me up. Dave, I personally thank you and look forward to being with you in our next life. Diane, our prayers include you and your family. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Dave would do it for me. Love you all, Steve Helmrich.

Steve Helmrich - February 04 at 11:56 AM



“ My dad, Bob Thomson worked many years with Knott Motors, I was friends with Dave and family. would run into him at Harvest Home and catch up and remanence. Sending sincere condolences to Dave's family and friends. Bob & Janie Thomson

Bob Thomson - February 04 at 10:55 AM



“ Diane, Cathy, and Matt,

The first time I really got to know Dave was in high school on the baseball field. More recently we connect at the class of 73 reunions (graciously hosted by the Knotts), at the Coggon Library, or Harvest Home. He was one of the good ones. He loved his family and his community. Diane and family: you have our sincere sympathy. May you rest in peace, Dave.

Jill and Steve Sodawasser

Steve L Sodawasser - February 03 at 09:45 PM



“ Rex C Cook lit a candle in memory of David H. Knott



Rex c cook - February 03 at 05:35 PM



“ I hired Dave to work part time at Home Depot many, many, many years ago. He was a joy to work with. Exceptional knowledge & exceptional with customers. I hadn't seen him for a long time. I am so sorry to hear this news. My sincere sympathy to his family. The world needs (many) more people like him. God Bless!

Craig Schulte - February 03 at 02:14 PM



“ Diane, Cathy and Matt,
I am so, so sorry for your loss of one of the nicest men I know.
Just losing my Dad, I know how you feel, kids. No matter how much time you have with them is never enough. I know Dave loved his family very much and would do anything for you. Lots of love hugs and loving prayers for you, Diane. I will see you soon

Rae Ann Holub - February 03 at 07:50 AM



“ I have wonderful memories of Dave throughout my life.
Dave actually rescued me on my first and only brush with the law.
I was uptown Coggon one night during a winter snow storm whipping donuts with some friends. A Linn Co Deputy turned on his lights and kindly asked to see my license. When the deputy returned to my car he told me that the dispatcher, Dave Knott, said I was not a bad kid to just give me a warning!
Diane, Kathy, Matt and family you are in my prayers.
Rest In Peace Dave.
Mark Mulvaney
Coolamon NSW
Australia

mark mulvaney - February 02 at 10:50 PM



“ Diane and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have a lot of great memories of Toad from high school, he was always fun to be around. I know that he will be dearly missed

Joleen Zieser

Joleen Zieser - February 02 at 07:57 PM



“ Diane, Kathy, Matt and families. We are thinking of you and pray for his eternal rest. We have great memories of him and how kind, helpful and funny he was. He will certainly be missed. Hugs and love!
Pat, Betty and families

Pat and Betty Smith - February 02 at 06:21 PM



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mark mulvaney - February 02 at 10:39 PM



“ Diane, Cathy, Matt, I am so sorry for your loss. Dave was always one to put a smile on your face. Hugs and prayers to your family. Love Dave & Lori Hedrick

Lori E Hedrick - February 03 at 08:26 AM



“ I would see Dave from time to time, he would always take the time to talk. He was one of the nicest people that I have ever met. Sad to see him go.

Jerry Greif

Jerry Greif - February 03 at 05:33 PM



“ My sympathy to all. David would always bring his dad up to calmar for all the 4french children's weddings and to our mother's funeral .always enjoyed seeing him because he was part of our dads family

kathleen french stone - February 03 at 06:36 PM



“ Our deepest prayers and sympathy to Diane, Matt, and Cathy

Dave and Connie Reese

David Reese - February 03 at 06:46 PM



“ Diane, so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Always enjoyed Dave.

Rick A. Ironside - February 03 at 07:11 PM



“ Our hearts are breaking right now but Dave would want us to
remember the good times. And there were many! You rest in

peace now Dave !

Mark and Pat - February 03 at 07:52 PM



“ Diane;so sorry to see Dave passed away he would always take time to talk when ever I seen him. Prayer to you and the rest of the family.

Terry Shaffer - February 03 at 09:25 PM



“ I am so very saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I was privileged to work with him often on investigative task forces and committee meetings in Des Moines in regards to law enforcement issues. Those drives between Coralville and Des Moines helped me to get to know him so much better, and I learned a lot from him also. He will certainly be missed.

Barry Bedford - February 03 at 09:41 PM



“ Diane, Matt, and Cathy: It is 3 days since I heard the devastating news of Dave's untimely passing. I know how much he loved all of you, how you were central to his life and how proud he was of everything you are and everything you did. He was truly the best example of the complete, humble, caring man. I like to think that I was included in his group of people he thought of as dear friend and colleague. He was a great mentor and he made me a better person, at work and in life. I will continue to think of him and all of you. You are in my prayers.

Jim Houlahan - February 05 at 11:56 AM



“ Dave was a great Deputy and easy to work with he will be missed. Orlie J. Workman Ret.
Linn Sheriff

orlie j. workman - February 07 at 02:27 PM