



Joseph H. Knox

December 11, 1943 - May 5, 2013

Joe Knox, 69, passed away Sunday, May 5, 2013, after a short battle with leukemia. He was born December 11, 1943 in Danville, IL to Walter Knox, Jr. and Alice Knox. He married Karen Krueger in 1965, and have one daughter, Kari. Joe was a retired Army Reservist and also worked as a mechanic for 10 years for the US Army. He then entered the sales field, first becoming a salesman for Ahrens Cadillac and Meier Truck, until he became a successful MATCO tool distributor for many years. Joe was a member of the Eliminator's Car Club in Madison. He was a die hard car guy and could always be found tinkering on a project. He also loved anything with 4 wheels and a motor that could be made to go fast. He was a member of the Dekorra/Lowville Fire Commission, served as the Town of Dekorra Town Chairman and was a licensed pyrotechnician who was instrumental in the creation of a Midsummer's Night's Dream Fireworks show in Poynette. In 2011, Joe and Karen retired and moved up to Park Falls, WI to "live the dream." Joe is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Kari (Jason Kreger); brother, Dan (Sue) Knox and grandson, Kendyl Hughes, who will always know him as Papa Joe. He was preceded in death by his father, Walker Knox, Jr.; mother, Alice Knox; brother, Walter Knox III; father-in-law, Donald Krueger and mother-in-law, Viola Hower. A Celebration of Joe's life will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 9th at the Pike Lake Fire Station. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the VFW Post #8483, 5737 County Road CV, Madison, WI. Please come celebrate and remember

Joe's awesome life! Bring your stories! Per Joe's request, no tears allowed!
"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in one pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming – WOW, WHAT A RIDE!"
"Keep it under a 100."

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Pike Lake Fire Station
Pike Lake, WI

Celebration of Life

MAY 11. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

VFW Post #8483
5737 County Road CV
Madison, WI

Tribute Wall

GH

“ Hi Karen,

We are so sorry to read about your loss of Joe.

We have been on vacation since May 7 and just got home yesterday - the 14th. We certainly would have been at the "Celebration" Saturday had we had been around. Joe was a people person and it was our pleasure and joy to have known him.

May happy memories comfort you. Jeremiah 31:13

Sincerely,

Gloria & Phil Hodgson

Gloria & Phil Hodgson - May 16, 2013 at 07:41 AM

DW

“ Karen, Peg and I were sad to hear Joe's warranty ran out. I new Joe would be a legend as a tool dealer when I talked him into joining Matco. We sure had a lot of fun at the meetings. I regret we didn't stay in touch. Joe was always fun to be around even though he talked me into some deals I wish he hadn't ;-} R.I.P. Joe

Dave Winkler - May 14, 2013 at 07:03 AM

NM

“ Karen I am sorry for the loss of Joe. He was a one of a kind man who made the world a little better every place he went. He always had a story to share. I met him as the Matco Tool Guy over 20 years ago. I am thankful I got to see the both of you recently at my new shop. I teared up when Joe told me he was proud of me. I still have the box I bought from him and have always called it Fort Knox. You and Kari are in my thoughts during this difficult time. If there is anything I can ever do for you please do not hesitate to ask. Joe has done a lot for me and I would be remiss if I did not pay it forward.

Nan Mortensen, Dutch's Auto Service

Nan Mortensen - May 12, 2013 at 11:50 PM

TH

“ I have known Joe since about 1963. At that time he was a Mopar fan (can you imagine?) I think Karen knocked some sense in him and he began a string of great Chevy's. Our paths only crossed every once in a while usually at some kind of car event. Fortunately in recent months Joe corresponded with me and many others in email. I'm sorry Joe is gone but must say I have nothing but pleasant memories of our friendship. God Bless Joe.

Tom Haag

Tom Haag - May 10, 2013 at 04:43 PM

JW

“ I knew Joe as a great "tool man" while I was at Peterbilt & Badger Truck Center & I enjoyed his visits to our shop. Too bad his dream of retirement was cut so short. He still had some fireworks to enjoy.
John Wischhoff

John Wischhoff - May 08, 2013 at 11:21 PM

SW

“ Hi Karen,
I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I have alot of respect for Joe and you. He and his stories will be missed. You and Kari are in my thoughts and prayers.

Steve Westphal

Steve Westphal - May 08, 2013 at 12:50 PM

AS

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Joe was always great to be around! I will always think of him fondly. He will be missed..especially by Kendall. I know Kendall will miss his Grandpa greatly...I know I did, & still do. But you all have such love and support from so many friends and family; you will get through this, you will look back with a smile. My love, Angie & Jan*

Angie Stein - May 08, 2013 at 11:10 AM

BW

“ *Hello Karen,
I am sorry to hear of the passing of your husband, Joe. I never met the man, but it sounds like that was my loss. Remain strong.*
Brad Williams
(former DOT coworker)

Brad Williams - May 08, 2013 at 10:47 AM

NM

“ *Dear Karen, Kari and Kendyl, truly have our sympathy. It is so hard to lose a loved one. May God be with you and grant you His peace.*
Love, Neal and Mary

Neal and Mary - May 07, 2013 at 08:26 PM



“ *When I think of Joe, I will always see him with a toothpick in his mouth. Joe, his awesome grin & sense of humor. Joe always was prepared with a joke to share. He truly loved life & his family. Kendyl, your Papa will miss you as much as you will miss him. He loved his grandson with all his heart. Our thoughts & prayers & love are with you Karen, Kari & Kendyl. Love Angie & Jan*

Angie Stein - May 07, 2013 at 06:56 PM