



## Robert McKnight

February 27, 1963 - February 17, 2024

Robert H. McKnight, age 60, passed away on February 17, 2024, with his special friend, Lea, by his side, following a nearly lifelong battle with Crohn's Disease.

Robert was born on February 27, 1963, in Bad Axe, to the late Sam and Eva (Britt) McKnight. Rob retired in June 2023 from Orchid Tool, where he worked most of his life as a Machinist and Final Inspector.

Rob followed his dreams, always! With the wind in his face, he enjoyed riding his Harley and snowmobiling through Montana and upper and lower Michigan along with his boys. He also loved hunting, fishing, and a good drag race. Spending time playing with his granddaughters and getting his family time was important to him, before following his final dream of retiring to the Philippines to farm vegetables and fruit trees with his new friend Lea.

Per Robert's wishes, cremation has taken place in Guimaras, Philippines, where his ashes will also be laid to rest. A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at Faithway Church, Rescue Road, Bad Axe. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service, with Pastor Mike Beeler officiating.

Robert is survived by two sons, Elliott (Liz) McKnight, Mount Pleasant; and Oliver McKnight, Sanford; two precious granddaughters, Margot and Edith

McKnight; three sisters, Susan (Ken) Hiemstra, Bad Axe; Jean (Roy) Stone, Kalamazoo; and Joan Azar, Bad Axe; two brothers, Mark McKnight, Saginaw; and Al McKnight, Essexville; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Eva.

Peace is knowing Rob has eternal life through Jesus, Who he gave his heart to lived for, after becoming a father to his two wonderful sons.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Faithway Church  
3086 Rescue Rd.  
Bad Axe, MI 48413

## Memorial Service

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Rob, I can't help thinking about the fun we had growing up together. The stuff we did when we went to Popple School was fun and some of it, pretty crazy. There are so many memories that make me laugh when I think about them. Most of all, I feel blessed and grateful to have been your friend. To the whole McKnight family, my heart is with you during this time of grief. I pray the Lord brings you peace knowing our brother Rob was a great man. To Al and Joan, who I grew up with too. I love you guys. Peace be with you all. Dave McGeachy

Dave McGeachy - February 27, 2024 at 08:22 PM

AM

Hi Dave, it's really awesome to know that you took the time to reach out and have so much to say means very much to myself and our whole family! The times that we all spent together along with at each other's house sitting at the table eating lunch is priceless, you all are just like brothers, Love you all too and look forward to sharing some memories in person hopefully this summer or maybe Brother Bob can send them along he lives a little closer 🙏❤️ Al

Al McKnight - February 27, 2024 at 09:12 PM

MM

This morning thinking about Rob, remembering the times we had together with our church family the times we would get in trouble goofing off in church, the special time we went up north with our dad's and brother AL and my brother Clint. Remembering working with Rob and dad Sam at Thumb Tool. What a great guy. My heart goes out to the whole family, especially now after just loosing my own brother Clint last Wednesday. My thoughts and prayers are with you, God bless. Mark McLeod

Mark McLeod - March 09, 2024 at 09:40 AM

RO

“ Rob, brother Bob hear. I loved our conversation after brother Mike's funeral. We really got caught up on life. So regretful we did not meet up like we both wanted, so much more to catch up on. Words can't describe the brotherhood created when we shared so many years on the playgrounds of Popple school. You were my older brother and a great one at that. Jean, Al, Joni and you are indelibly a part of my life and who I am. I'm grateful and thankful for all those years and memories. You are all deep in the McGeachy's thoughts and prayers.

Robert - February 25, 2024 at 05:19 PM

AM

Brother Bob, you hit all of that correct so enjoyed our late night conversation the other day look forward to many more 🙏❤️😎  
Brother Al

Al McKnight - February 27, 2024 at 07:47 AM

TW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the McKnight family during this difficult time! Many fond memories with Rob and all the family growing up! I'm out of state and unable to attend Rob's service, but I will be thinking of all of you! Hugs and prayers! God's Blessings!

Tami Case Wright - February 24, 2024 at 07:45 AM

AM

❤️ so many great memories Tami will have plenty of time to discuss them when we see each other enjoy your vacation hugs! Al

Al McKnight - February 27, 2024 at 07:45 AM

KR

“ Rob provided me with sound financial and spiritual advice that I will treasure always. You are sadly missed, my friend.



Kristine - February 23, 2024 at 07:09 PM

AM

Good to hear of your friendship with Rob 🙏 AI

AI McKnight - February 27, 2024 at 07:43 AM

KR

“ 9 files added to the album Recent Photos of Rob



Kristine - February 23, 2024 at 07:07 PM

AM

Thank You 🙏 for the memories  
❤️ AI

AI McKnight - February 27, 2024 at 07:41 AM

LS

“ Love, Aaron Osentoski and Kyle Stillwell purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert McKnight.



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**Love, Aaron Osentoski and Kyle Stillwell** - February 23, 2024  
at 11:07 AM

SA

“ McKnight 😞 Me and My daughter had the pleasure of working with McKnight. The nicest encouraging man I know. He would find time to stop by our work areas to check on us and encourage us if needed. When he decided to retire we were the few that held the secret.....may your soul rest in eternal peace. Job Well Done My Friend

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**sanea** - February 23, 2024 at 04:23 AM

AM

Thank You Sanea, Rob spoke of the kind fellow worker's! ❤️ AI

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**AI McKnight** - February 27, 2024 at 07:40 AM

WC

“ McKnight Family, So sorry to hear about Rob. My prayers are with you all. I'll cherish the memories. Sincerely Wayne Cove



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**wayne cove** - February 22, 2024 at 02:13 PM

AM

Thank You Wayne ❤️

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**AI McKnight** - February 27, 2024 at 07:37 AM