



Earl R. Knuth

November 11, 1948 - November 29, 2014

Earl R. Knuth, 66 of Grand Island died Saturday, November 29, 2014 with his loving family at his side.

Celebration of life service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Pauls Lutheran Church. The Reverend Bill Pavuk and Chaplain Mark Hartley will officiate. Cremation will take place following the service. Private family burial of ashes will take place in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Mr. Knuth was born November 11, 1948 at Grand Island the son of Raymond H. and Viola E.A. (Rauert) Knuth.

Survivors of the immediate family are his wife, Delyce; sons and daughters-in-law, Chad and Pam Knuth of Grand Island, Jeremy and Carrie Knuth of Louisburg, KS and Nathan and Jaci Knuth of Cairo; sister and brother-in-law, Leona and Bob Priess of Grand Island and grandchildren, Grace, William, Abigail, Carlie, Madelyn, Brady, Kendal, Claire and Kalli.

Earl is preceded in death by his parents.

He was raised on a family farm near Cairo attending School District 54 and graduated from Grand Island Northwest High School, class of 1967. He received a Diesel Mechanic Degree from Hastings Central Community College.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Delyce Luft on June 27, 1970. They lived in Grand Island before moving to the family farm near Cairo. In 2002 they moved to Kansas City, later to Indianola, IA in 2012 and back to Grand

Island in 2014.

He was employed with Boeka Land and Cattle, Green Line Equipment, Anderson Ford Lincoln Mercury, Machinery Link in Kansas City and Barker Implement in Indianola, IA. Earl worked as a service manager for John Deere Dealerships and was known throughout the country as the "Combine Doctor". Earl enjoyed collecting antique tractors and farm equipment and toy tractors. He loved time spent with family especially the grandkids.

Memberships included the Platt Duetsche, American Society of Farm Equipment Appraisers; International Society of Livestock Appraisers; Platte Valley Baby Beef 4H; Northwest FFA; Ag Institute of Nebraska/Husker Harvest Days; Northwest Education Foundation; Cairo Rural Fire District Board; National Northwest FFA Alumni; Central Nebraska Antique Tractor and Equipment Club and National Agriculture Hall of Fame-KC.

A memorial fund will be established in memory of Earl.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl R. Knuth*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Earl's passing. Throughout the years of knowing your family, he was always very pleasant and we always enjoyed visiting with him when we saw him. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Mike & Deb Cleary*

Mike & Deb Cleary - December 05, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *I wanted Earls family to know how much Earl meant to me. When I was a young and dumb Ford dealer(now I'm older and dumber) I used to consult with Earl on various service related Ford issues. He always was there to help me and with a very joyful spirit. I feel very blessed to have had Earl Knuth as a friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones.*

*God Bless,
Sincerely
Brad Jacobs*

Brad Jacobs - December 03, 2014 at 04:24 PM



“ *Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all, so very sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Dave and Kathy Pieper*

Kathleen Pieper - December 03, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ To the family of Earl Knuth - Bob and Diane Knuth, send our love, prayers and sympathy.

Bob and Diane Knuth - December 03, 2014 at 06:29 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Earl R. Knuth.



December 02, 2014 at 08:15 PM

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“ Jaci, Nathan and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May you find comfort in your memories.
Randy & Karen Kieborz Family

Karen Kieborz - December 02, 2014 at 06:14 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl R. Knuth.



December 02, 2014 at 01:24 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Earl R. Knuth.*



December 02, 2014 at 12:01 PM



“ *I was surprised and saddened to see Earl had passed. My thoughts are with your family. Marilyn (Meg) Geer Kobza*

Marilynn (Meg) Geer Kobza - December 02, 2014 at 08:51 AM



“ *Dear Delyce and family,
You are heavy on our minds as you grieve the loss of Earl. Even though he was ill for a period of time, and there seems to be time to prepare for death, there is no easy way to experience the end to a life you cherish so much.
We remember Earl as a guy who was upbeat and personable--easy to visit with. Even though we didn't know him well, our hearts are heavy and we grieve along with you.
Your faith will comfort you as God is near you. We pray for you during this tough, tough time. God bless you all.
Ray and Peggy Bradley*

Ray and Peggy Bradley - December 02, 2014 at 07:19 AM