



Robert R. Knight

November 19, 1943 - November 13, 2014

Robert R. Knight, 70, of Rockford went to be with his Lord and Saviour on November 13, 2014 at 5:09 p.m. in Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center, surrounded by his family. He was born on November 19, 1943 in Rockford, son of Robert and Doris (Roland) Knight. Graduate of West High and Pillsbury Baptist Bible Baptist College. United in marriage to Nancy McCrillis on August 20, 1965 in Rockford. Robert served as pastor at numerous Baptist churches and other ministries in the Midwest. He was also a licensed nursing home administrator. Survived by wife, Nancy; children, Kim Knight of Rockford, Kevin (Melodi) Knight of Cherry Valley, Jason (Holly) Knight of Marysville, OH; 13 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; siblings, Rachael (Dean) Blakeney of Rockford, Sue (Dean) Collings of Aylett, VA, Judi (Tim) Rehfeldt of Rockford; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by parents, daughter, Wendy Farmer; and in-laws, Wallace and Donna McCrillis. Robert's family is grateful to the staff at Fairhaven and Heartland Hospice for their loving care. Funeral Service will be November 22, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Machesney Park, 718 Harlem Rd; visitation at 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Pastor Kelvin Swanson will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, visit www.graceFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

8800 North Alpine Rd.
Machesney Park, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 22. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
718 Harlem Road
Machensey Park, IL 61115

Service

NOV 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert R. Knight



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 26, 2014 at 02:57 PM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Robert R. Knight



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 24, 2014 at 03:05 PM

RS

“ I remember the "Kni Rdr" pre chuck wagon days. Thanks for being a good neighbor to get Shane and his sister to school.
So sorry for you all. Shane and Renae Van Sickle

Renae Van Sickle - November 22, 2014 at 07:03 AM

KP

“ *Pastor Bob was my husband, Gary's and my youth pastor my senior yr of high school . I still remember some of the scripture choruses he taught us. He was so kind hearted. Gary and I were married on Novemeber 19th that year I graduated. We had asked him to officiate the wedding but out of the goodness of his heart he did not want to overstep the senior pastor. We were so fond of Pastor Bob and really wanted him to have a significant part in our wedding so we had him sing. He sang, "Each for the other and Both for the Loerd" and "Gentle Sheperd ". We are so sorry for your lose but rejoice with you knowing that he is at home with our Lord and Saviour. Love and Prayers! From Gary and Karen Phillips*

Karen Phillips - November 20, 2014 at 07:47 AM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Robert R. Knight.*



November 19, 2014 at 09:36 PM

 Beth
Adriance

“ *"Pastor Bob" was my youth pastor during my high school years. One of my most special memories was on a particularly rough day when I was feeling rebellious towards pretty much all authority in my life, my best friend & I snuck into his office at church/school. He allowed us to come in and spout off about what we were "mad" about and then to stay there, just chatting about life for quite some time. By the time he told us we had really better "get back to class", we were all laughing and feeling back to "normal" about life! I will never forget that day. For him to just take time to listen to our teenage "woes" meant a lot to us. I think he may have even got into a little "trouble" of his own for allowing us to stay there for so long. Prayers for your whole family.*

Beth Adriance - November 19, 2014 at 09:56 AM

PR

“ *Bob lived across the hall from our office. He was kind to all the residents he lived with and was an encouragement whenever he could do so. He often lead the prayers for meals. He loved music and enjoyed the programs and activities. He will be missed. His family loved him so. We are remembering you in our prayers. Paula Rasanen*

Paula Rasanen - November 18, 2014 at 07:14 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert R. Knight.*



November 17, 2014 at 09:30 PM

SS

“ I have many memories of Bob I am know heaven is a little sweater oh yes, and Phil and him I am sure telling stories of college days etc. Bob will be missed. Nancy and family you are in my prayers. God is sufficient. Praying for you.
Shirley (Griffin) Smith

Shirley Smsith - November 17, 2014 at 04:02 PM

PL

“ Nancy and family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss and healing.

Paul and Ruth Leisure
Port Orange, Florida

Paul Leisure - November 17, 2014 at 03:02 PM

DF

“ He will always be Pastor Bob to me. He was my youth pastor and performed my wedding. Roger and I both loved Pastor Bob and his family. Now they can both celebrate in heaven. Your family will be in our prayers. Love Dawn French

Dawn french - November 16, 2014 at 01:52 PM

Connie Owens

“ Robert Knight worked at Rockford nursing home on North Main Street and his wife was D.O.N. He was the kindness man,I worked then as a housekeeper.Eveyday when he came in first thing he would do was walk the halls saying good morning to all the staff and residents.If u needed to talk to him,he would stop what he was doing and always had time for u. He a wonderful man and i will never forget that. Prayers to Nancy and the Family. Connie Owens.



Connie Owens - November 16, 2014 at 12:57 PM

VH

“ Forty five years ago, Bob was youth pastor at Berean Baptist Church and I was one of the youth. He and Nancy were big influences on the direction many of us took in life. We also had a lot of fun! How I wish I could again see the yellow, 2 door, Javelin coming down the road filled with teenagers. Vena Wilder Hare



Vena Hare - November 16, 2014 at 12:02 PM

TM

“ I have such Wonderful childhood Memories of Mr. Bob leading my Youth Group at Berean Baptist Church in Rockford I'll. I would like to say he had such a Wonderful Spiritual impact on us growing up. I am very thankful for his Service & Spiritual Leadership. What a Testimony... I was very saddened to here of his passing, but rejoice that he is with our Wonderful Heavenly Father listening to him say Well done my good & faithful servant!

Tammy Vanatta Miller - November 16, 2014 at 02:15 AM

JC

“ *In the 1950's we lived near each other, went to First Baptist and West High together. I am sorry for your loss, but know that he is in a better place*

Jerry Calvert

jerry calvert - November 15, 2014 at 10:53 PM

RM

“ *Rick & Debi McCrillis sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert R. Knight*



Rick & Debi McCrillis - November 15, 2014 at 07:55 AM



“ *I remember growing up and my grandpa would pick me and my brothers up for Wednesday night church and my brothers would always say "grandpa how fast does your car go" and grandpa would speed up n speed down the side streets:) I miss my grandpa so much.*

-Nicole

Nicole Martinez - November 15, 2014 at 03:19 AM