



Robert Murphy

July 1, 1939 - April 21, 2010

Robert Joseph Murphy (Bob), Community Leader, Businessman, and Friend, of Cedar Falls went to be with the lord, Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the age of 70. He died at Covenant Medical Center of complications from Pneumonia. He was born July 1, 1939 on a family farm in Fonda, Iowa. His parents were William and Helen Murphy.

Bob attended country school and Our Lady of Good Council Catholic School in Fonda. He actively participated in 4-H, and Athletics, Farming, and loved riding horses.

On September 30, 1961 he married Mary Ellen Hood in Manson, Iowa. Bob attended Iowa State University, majored in Ag Business and was a member of Adelante fraternity.

His first job was with Rath Feed Company. Through his early years he advanced into management running all sales and marketing. An entrepreneur at heart, he purchased Geerlings Feed Mill and operated it until he was hired by Land 'O Lakes as their Poultry Specialist.

Bob had a passion for people and channeled that trait by being involved in many community organizations. Some of those include: Knights of Columbus, City of Cedar Falls Planning and Zoning Commission, City Councilman, Special Olympics, and Black Hawk County Foster Care Review Board.

He had many interests in life. He always put faith, family and friends first. But beyond that, he was an avid reader, loved to travel, played golf, loved cards, ping pong ,and the fall harvest.

Bob felt honored when he was elected Iowa Knights of Columbus State Deputy, and was later appointed Iowa Master of the 4th degree. He also served the residents of the city of Cedar Falls for 20 years on both the planning and zoning commission and the City Council.

He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease 11 years ago. Through his suffering he always demonstrated perseverance with a positive attitude. His faith, forgiveness, caring and compassion was evident in his daily life and he touched the lives of many people.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Mary Ellen of 48 years, his children Mike (Chris); Michelle (Scott) and Melinda (Jeff). Six grandchildren; Lauren, Brandon, Chase, Cayden, Dayna, and Drew. Brothers Jim (Sharon), Don (Linda).

Funeral Services will be at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Cedar Falls on Saturday, April 24 at 11:00am. Father Eve Hemann will officiate. Co-celebrants will be Father Ed Tiedeman, and Fr. James Starbuck. A funeral dinner will be served immediately following.

Visitation will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Friday, April 23 from 5pm-9pm. With a private family viewing at 4pm.

The Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary at 6:30pm with a vigil following at 7pm.

Tribute Wall



“ *To the Murphy family, my deepest sympathies. I always enjoyed working with and talking to Bob during his years with LOL. He will be missed by all he touched. My prayers are with all of you.*

April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Murphy family, I was so sorry to hear about Bob. I remember him as such a warm and happy person. You will be in my thoughts and my prayers.*

April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest Sympathies to the Murphy family. We knew Bob from Special Olympics. We served on the board with him. Great man can not tell you how much it meant to know him. He will surely be missed by us. We were so proud to see him march in the opening ceremonies in this years spring games. He was a proud man and loved by everyone.*

Dave and Paul Burger

April 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Ellen and Family,
We are so sorry to hear about Bob. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family. We are so grateful for all of the support he has given the City of Cedar Falls. He was a very special person.*

April 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Ellen*
Thoughts are with you.
Always remember that:
"to live in the hearts of those you leave behind is to never die"....
Treasure your memories.

Chris Timmons

April 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Ellen and Family: You are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. We would be there but are caring for our disabled granddaughter in Huntley, IL. Tom and Nola will not get back from their vacation until Saturday evening. We have many fond memories of Bob over the years with the Knights of Columbus. God Bless.*

Francis & Theresa

April 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mary Ellen and Family,*
Know of my sympathy and prayers at the death of Bob. It was a privilege to serve with him.

In Christ,
Fr. Dennis Quint
Iowa Knights of Columbus

April 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Ellen and Family:*

I was saddened to hear of Bob's death. Know that I am remembering him in my prayers. Know, too, that you and your family are also in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

Thank you for all the support both of you gave me in the years I served you as pastor at St. Patrick's.

April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart and prayers are with you all. Bob was a very special man. He will forever be in my memories as he was back in the good ol' days. My God comfort you all in this time of grief. Take care and God bless.*

Love,

Kevin Nestor

April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathies to the Murphy family and the Hood family.*
John Jenatscheck

April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM