



Robert Stanley Knoke

April 30, 1941 - November 5, 2025

Robert Stanley Knoke, known to family and friends as Bob, passed away peacefully at his home in Petoskey, Michigan, on November 5, 2025, surrounded by his beloved wife and children. He was born on April 30, 1941, in Florence, Wisconsin, to Neal and Doris (Haberkorn) Knoke. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his brothers Richard and Thomas Knoke.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Mary Pozza Knoke; his children, Bert (Karyn) Knoke, Jennifer (Daniel) Zoller, and Kristine (Dale) Burmeister, as well as a daughter of his heart, his niece Lynn (Ira) Liss; his grandchildren, Zandy, Lindsay, Natalie, Stella, Freshta, Ozzie, Bryce, Tess, Hudson and Spencer; and his siblings, Diane Knoke, David Knoke and Mary Seggelink.

Bob proudly served in the U.S. Navy for four years, stationed aboard the USS Northampton in Norfolk, Virginia. After his military service, he graduated from Eastern Michigan University and embarked on a distinguished career in accounting, serving as CEO of Cable Constructors in Iron Mountain before founding and eventually retiring from his own company, WK Communications.

Beyond his professional achievements, Bob was defined by his sharp intellect and endless curiosity, which he satisfied through a lifelong devotion to

reading. He always kept a keen eye on the stock market and was a formidable opponent in any game, especially cribbage and gin, where his competitive streak ensured he won every family card tournament.

A devoted family man, Bob's love and unwavering support for his wife, children, and grandchildren were central to his life. He was an active Rotarian with the Iron Mountain Kingsford Rotary Club, where he hosted international exchange students and logged countless miles running in the club's annual Lake Antoine Classic race.

Bob was an avid sports fan, loyal to the Detroit Lions and the University of Michigan. His own playing days included his time on the basketball team, "The Chapin Lakers," which his children loved to watch. This passion created a legacy: he was the family's most dedicated supporter, attending every possible match, game, and meet played by his children and grandchildren. He also loved being active himself, enjoying golf, tennis, and fishing—pastimes he cherished sharing with his family.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 am-11:00 am on November 22, 2025, at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain, Michigan, with a funeral service to follow at 11:00 am at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your local library or your favorite charity in Bob's memory.

Condolences to the family of Robert Stanley Knoke may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert Stanley Knoke*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - November 19, 2025 at 03:26 PM

JJ

Our deepest condolences to Mary and family. Bob was smart, thoughtful, considerate, and a mentor to many including me. God's blessings to you.
John and Dianna Jamar

john jamar - December 21, 2025 at 03:03 PM

GM

“ *Gerald W McMullen lit a candle in memory of Robert Stanley Knoke*



Gerald W McMullen - November 23, 2025 at 01:29 PM

GM

Dear Mary and Family, my sincere condolence for the passing of Bob. As first cousins we grew up and shared life together in Florence. In later years we went our own way and reconnected again as adults. Bob was a master at his profession and a devote husband and parent. He will be greatly missed and may he Rest in Peace. Until we meet again.

*Gerald "Jerry" McMullen
Spokane, WA*

Gerald W McMullen - November 23, 2025 at 01:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Stanley Knoke.*



November 20, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Stanley Knoke.*



November 19, 2025 at 06:16 PM

MH

“ *Dear Mary and family, So sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I enjoyed working with him over the years. My deepest sympathy and God Bless your family.*

Maria Hyrkas

Maria Hyrkas - November 18, 2025 at 02:33 PM

MP

“ *Mary - My deepest condolences to you and your family. Although I only met Bob a few times, he was a gentleman and I know you loved him a lot. Hope you and your family are doing well. Mike Person*

Mike Person - November 18, 2025 at 12:33 PM

JA

“ *Over the years, there have been many special memories with Uncle Bob and Aunt Mary. I'm happy that we were able to get together in Florida as well as Michigan. I'm blessed to have them in my life.*



Joanne Astor - November 11, 2025 at 02:10 PM