



Bob Koepp

January 10, 1932 - January 20, 2014

Robert "Bob" Koepp, age 82, of Milford, passed away Monday, January 20, 2014, in Milford, Iowa. He was born on January 10, 1932, in Arlington, South Dakota, to Paul Emil Koepp and Jennie Stofferan.

Bob graduated from Webb Consolidated Schools, Iowa State University, with a Bachelor of Science Degree and the University of Michigan, with a Masters of Arts Degree. He served his country in the United States Army, during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany. Bob was united in marriage to Sara Higgins in Webb, Iowa, for 59 years.

Bob worked in the advertising business in the Detroit Area, Berkley and Co. in Spirit Lake, served as Personnel Director of Stylecraft of Milford, before retiring in 1994. During his retirement, he became active in the antique and collectibles trade under the name of Yesterthings and helped his son in Sweet Memories Candy Shop in Arnolds Park Amusement Park.

Bob served as Chairman of the Dickinson County Democrats, the Spirit Lake City Council, the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, as president of the Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church of Troy, Michigan, as president of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau, the Detroit Chapter of Children's International Summer Village and the Greater Detroit Memorial Society.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sara Koepp; three children, Kathryn Lappegard, Susan Turner and David Koepp, and his wife, Rabab; sister, Alice Lehman, and her husband, Richard; eight grandchildren, Brendan Requa, Joe

Lappegard, Courtney Lappegard, Nathan Ardolino, Addison Ardolino, Jacqueline Ardolino, Zachary Koepp and Alexander Koepp; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dennis Koepp; and step-mother, Helen Conn-Koepp

A memorial service will be held at 11:00A.M. Sunday, April 6, 2014, at the Schuchert Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Higgins-Koepp Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Buena Vista University, 610 4th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, 50588.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Sara, I am so sorry that I missed the memorial. You know I remember Bob fondly always but my picture of him is always singing "O Holy Night Send me your phone number. I can't find it.
Love Connie

Connie Bennett - April 08, 2014 at 03:34 PM

CS

“ Bob Koepp

Chad Schuchert - March 31, 2014 at 10:13 AM

MW

“ Bob Koepp

Marjean Wegner - January 23, 2014 at 09:13 PM

DK

“ It is with saddnes that write this and offer sympathy to you who now greive. Bob's part in my life came when he was personel director (human resoure) at Stylecraft in 1978. He was at least partially responsible for my being hired, which involved a career that lasted 30 years. That also lunched a friendship that will not be forgotten. We will truly miss you Bob. Be assured that many have gone before & many (all of us) will join you in the future. God Bless!

Dennis Kintzi - January 23, 2014 at 08:01 PM

KB

“ Sara and family, I am sorry to hear of Bob's passing.

Kathy Bunt - January 23, 2014 at 07:29 AM

MI

“ Our warmest wishes for all of you as you grieve your loss and heaven's gain. May God keep you close and bless you during your journey and adjustment. We love your Mom and Dad David!

*Loads of love,
Misty and Paul*

Misty - January 22, 2014 at 10:13 PM

VV

“ Although I only knew Bob for a few years, he became a second father to me, and it was an honor and privilege to be treated as family by him. Bob's defining qualities -- deeply cultured, intellectually curious, politically engaged, socially enlightened -- were grounded in his wonderfully down-to-earth Midwestern wit. Bob was a very special gentleman indeed, and I consider myself fortunate to have known him, however briefly.

Victor Verney - January 22, 2014 at 09:55 PM

ST

“Dad is the one that injected a love of nature into me. At just the right time in the Spring, after a rain, he would look for someone to accompany him on a wild asparagus hunt. We would troll the ditches in whatever car we had at the time, his taking charge of the left ditch and me in charge of the right. He showed me how to find the plants that had gone to seed and to spy the paler new green stalks coming up at the bottom. Our take for couple hours work, was pretty hefty, about 3/4 of a paper grocery bag full.

In the dead of winter, we bundled up and hiked across a thick frozen lake and back, letting our dog run wherever she wanted.

He would head to the Fenn, or the Kettle, or to a field where there was an abandoned one-room shcoolhouse, to fly kites.

Hands down, those were my best memories. Not a lot was said on those walks, but none needed to be said. RIP, Dad

Susan Koepp Turner - January 22, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CI

“Sara and family, We were so sorry to hear the news of Bob's passing. As we have known you both from the Webb area and also in the working field he will be missed. Many thoughts of Sympathy go out to you today and many hearts are caring in a warm and loving way. Sending our Love and Sympathy.

Chuck and Donna Tielbur Milford IA - January 21, 2014 at 11:07 PM

AM

“ Bob was a wonderful man and I value our time together as founders of the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. He always had a smile on his face and something interesting to say. I was so happy to have seen him and have a chat at the nature center this past summer. Love to Sara and Rabab and all the family.

Anne McCormick - January 21, 2014 at 08:40 PM

WK

“ To Bob's family-- You are in our thoughts at this time. We were sad to hear about Bob, but we are hopeful that memories and stories can bring some warmth to your hearts. May God wrap his arms around you and give you strength.

Wayne and Diana (Doocy) Koppen - January 21, 2014 at 08:36 PM

WK

“ Sara and Family, Thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.

Wendell & Diane King - January 21, 2014 at 04:35 PM

ML

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Mary Eddy Linton - January 21, 2014 at 03:40 PM

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BW

“ Sara and children, my deepest sympathy to you. I remember you two so well having the old Antler's hotel. I believe you had it at the time I worked for Human Services and our office was a tenant. And was at a couple of Universalist meetings. Have a great time tripping the universe Bob!

Bev Sauer Wittler - January 21, 2014 at 03:16 PM

BW

“ Bob Koepp

Bev Sauer Wittler - January 21, 2014 at 03:11 PM

KK

“ I missed you both today at Third Age College. We are studying "My Favorite Universe" with Neil DeGrasse Tyson. I think Bob would enjoy listening to him. Tyson reminded us that we are made of star stuff. We come from star stuff and return to it. In my mind I see Bob at the Clay County Events Center selling caramel corn and salt water taffy. His smile said, "I am happy to be here."

Kella Klinker-Simonin - January 21, 2014 at 02:23 PM

MF

“ Dear Sarah and family, We are so saddened by Bob's passing...He was such a kind and dear friend...Our thoughts and prayers,

Mark & Sandy Fodness - January 21, 2014 at 02:22 PM

SD

“ Sending warm thoughts and hugs to your family during this time of loss. I know he was surrounded my the love of his beautiful family...God Bless.

Shannon Dunham - January 21, 2014 at 12:18 PM

AF

“ Dave, Rabab and Family,

Thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.

Amy Ness and Family - January 21, 2014 at 09:48 AM

PR

“ Dear Koepf family,

Was saddened to hear of Bob's passing. My thoughts are with you all.

Peggy Rick - January 21, 2014 at 09:37 AM

BS

“ Bob was a key force in founding, developing and growing the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. His thoughts and actions will be missed. Our love and support are with Sara and the family.

Bob Sneitzer - January 21, 2014 at 08:56 AM

GC

“ Sorry to read of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Gloria Christenson - January 20, 2014 at 02:52 PM

SD

“ Dave, Rabab and family, so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Take care.

Sally Christensen DeLoss - January 20, 2014 at 01:38 PM