



Judge Patrick Curran

November 8, 1945 - September 24, 2006

Judge Patrick Curran, age 60, of Melrose, Iowa, died Sunday, September 24, 2006 at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, after a courageous 22 month battle with cancer.

Judge was born November 8, 1945 in Melrose to C.D. and Rose (Judge) Curran. They preceded him in death. Judge was a graduate of Albia High School, class of 1963, and after high school he graduated from World Wide School of Auctioneering in Mason City. Judge married Maureen Carr at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown, on February 23, 1974.

Judge was an auctioneer and co-owner and manager of the Russell Sale Company in Russell, Iowa, for 42 years. Judge also farmed and raised cattle.

Judge is survived by his wife of 32 years, Maureen Curran of Melrose; his children, Jay Curran and wife Melanie, and granddaughter Finley of Pleasant Hill, daughter Jill Evans and husband Monty, and grandson Owen of Ankeny, and son, Randy Curran and Jenny Johnson both of Des Moines. Judge is also survived by his sisters, Mary Lou Fitzgerald (Bill), Pauline Whittington, Dorothy Steinberg (Jack), Charlene Hannam (Ed), RoseA Vestal (Jerry); and his brothers, John Joe Curran (Margie), Danny Curran (Jean); and a very large extended family of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M., Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose. Burial will be held, following services, at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, in Melrose.

Visitation will be open Tuesday September 26, 2006 at the Winfield Funeral Home, with the family present from 2 to 4:00 P.M. Visitation will begin at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with the family present at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday evening. Burial will be held, following services, at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, in Melrose.

Judge was an inspiration to everyone that knew him. He was an optimistic person who enjoyed everyday of his life. Judge loved his family and friends dearly. He enjoyed his occupation and everyone he came in contact with along the way.

Memorials may be given to St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Melrose or Melrose Betterment.

Tribute Wall



“ *Judge Patrick Curran*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Judge Patrick Curran*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I was sorry to hear about Judge. He was a fine young man in High School and I am sure he grew up to be to be a really good man. I always liked him, he had a great sense of humor.*

Carl Johnston "Class of 63"

Carl Johnston - October 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were sorry to hear about Judge's death. He was quit a popular guy as I remember. I think we last talked to him, and you, at the Harmony v. Albia football game in the fall '92. I think we had some discussion about the Ft. Madison Penitentiary where I worked.*

I am sure he was a good husband and dad and he will be missed.....Mick (AHS Class of "63)and Sue Anderson.

Mick Anderson - October 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Judge was a fine young man and I am sure a very fine father and husband..My condolences to Judges wife and children and extended family. Our prayers are with you all.

john magie - September 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ The Phillips family of Truro was sad to hear about the passing of Judge. We have sold our cattle at the Russell Sale Barn for many years and respected Judge and his family to the fullest extent. The Curran family will be in our thoughts and paryers.

*Phillips Brothers
Larry, Gary and Family*

Jason Phillips - September 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I had the great opportunity to work with Jill Curran at Pioneer Hi-bred some time ago and wanted to offer my condolences. Very sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad, Jill. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sally Catron

Sally Catron - September 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Maureen, Jay, Randy, Jill and family,

I am so sad to hear about Uncle Judge. Is it possible that one man could make such an impact on so many? In my younger years, with him only being 10 years older than me, I always thought he was so handsome and so cool. It was great joy when he married that adorable girl, Maureen and later went on to have a daughter and named her Jill.

He was a gift to the world when my mom would tell me how he was always doing for others young and old, poor and rich and most recently the big picnic/party at the racetrack. He was always the first one to entertain Kelly and myself, hooking up the red stage coach and saddling up "Ridge." Later in life he would entertain my girls. He was the first uncle to saddle up a horse to ride, take the kids to the barn, show us some breathtaking property while the sun was setting, putting extra money in the eggs for the Easter egg hunt, leading the Easter bonnet parade, the fourth of July parade, the frog races, the jokes and pranks....he was so full of life, love and laughter. That big extended family, I know will provide some comfort, but the hole in your hearts will always be there. It is so hard to understand why his time was cut short, but like me and so many others, we are so blessed that he crossed our paths and gave us an example of what Jesus must have been like, touching everyone, reaching out to everyone and following his footsteps to lead by doing....He will be sooo missed. Sorry, our family can not be there, but hope to come to Melrose soon, sit on your deck overlooking the hills and remember all the good times with Uncle Judge. Love and prayers, Jill Blaboill and family xoxoxoxo

Jill Blabolil - September 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry to hear that Judge lost his battle with cancer. I will always remember his smiling face and great personality. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Delores Flahive Littlejohn

Delores Littlejohn(Flahive) - September 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ We were so sorry to hear of the death of Judge. You have our deepest sympathy. We will keep the family in our thoughts and in our prayers.

John/Darlene O'Brien - September 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ You have our sympathy.

George & Jennie Conway - September 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM