



Patrick Edward Knowles

January 20, 1929 - March 29, 2013

Patrick Edward Knowles, age 84 of Melrose, died Friday, March 29, 2013, under the care of Monroe County Hospice at Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Pat was born January 20, 1929 to Michael and Julia (Navin) Knowles in Melrose. He married Cecilia Clare (CK) Heffron on May 2, 1953, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown. They were blessed with five children, Mary Jo, Terry, Mark, Julie, and Helen.

Pat was a lifetime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Melrose, a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #4167 in the 4th degree, and St. Patrick's Parish Council.

A graduate of Melrose High School, class of 1946, Pat farmed all of his life in the Melrose area. He was inducted into the Monroe County Ag Hall of Fame and was Monroe County Cattleman of the year. He also was a member of ASC Committee and was a 4-H leader. Pat enjoyed attending livestock sales, visiting with friends and family, and watching sports. He especially enjoyed watching his children's and grandchildren's events.

Pat is survived by his wife, Cecilia Clare (CK) Knowles of Melrose; daughter, Mary Jo (Mike) Zern of Burlington, their children, Jeremy and Ryan (Lori) Zern, and grandchildren, Xavier and Kalea; son, Terry (Debi) Knowles of

Waukee, and their children, Kevin and Keith; son, Mark (Renee) Knowles of Albia; daughter, Julie (Pat) Kearney of Chariton and their children, Shawn and Amber; and daughter, Helen (Bernard) Kurimski of Lovilia and their children, Heather (Sean) Balzer, Ryan (Kylee) Kurimski, and Aaron. He is also survived by a brother, John Knowles; and a sister, Catherine (Knowles) Beary.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Mary (Knowles) Mahoney.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Fr. Patrick Lumsden and Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will be 12-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, and then 4-8 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Pat's family present from 6-8 p.m. A Rosary will be led by Knights of Columbus Council #4167 at 7 p.m., followed by a Christian Wake Service, Tuesday evening in Melrose.

Memorials have been established to St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose and Monroe County Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick Edward Knowles*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Patrick Edward Knowles*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Dearest Cecelia,
I send my heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. My Grandmother is Bridget Agnes "Delia" Knowles...My Mother, Mary Brothers Sebastian would have visited with Patrick and John and many others back in 1947 following the death of my Father in December of 1946 I know that was sixty-six years ago but she did visit two farms: the Knowles and the Ryans. I visited Albia in my early twenties and stayed with Helen Humeston's family at the funeral home. I happened upon Patrick's death notice because I am planning a trip to Ireland in September. I "Googled" Melrose, Iowa and the cemetery...I am so glad I did.
I send love from all the Sebastian kids to all the Knowles...I am 7th of the eight.
Rita Sebastian Lambert*

Rita Sebastian - Chicago, IL - My Grandmother: "Delia Knowles" - June 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ May you all find peace in knowing that we all shared something quite special, growing up in a community as amazing as Melrose. Our fathers were an incredible group of men who treasured their families and understood the important things in life: family and friends. God bless each of you.

Julye Murphy-Tiernan - Johnston, IA - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ We are sorry to hear about Pat he was a great guy and always had a smile on when ever you meet him, He would help you with any thing even changing a flat when I frist moved to this neighbor hood hear come Pat to the change the tire for me. CK thing of you and your family. Helen & Gene

Helen Kline - Melrose, IA - friend - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to learn of Pat's passing, he was such a great man and always a smile. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers

Caren - chariton , IA - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Sorry for your loss. May God comfort you at this time. Our prayers and thoughts are with the whole family. May he rest in peace.

Mary Kay , Dean, and Tray Murphy - Cape Fair, MO - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We were sorry to hear of Pat's death. You have our deepest sympathy. We will keep the family in our prayers.

John & Darlene O'Brien - Pharr, TX - Friend - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May God Speed and Bless his Soul on his Continued Journey of Life and Death. Thoughts and Prayers are with the Knowles Family. Andy & Mary Rose Simmons.*

Andy Simmons - Fulton, IL - Friend - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM