



Mr. Robert Vernon Knoell

February 5, 1957 - September 29, 2018

Beloved husband of Lisa Marie; dearest father of Heather (Dan) DiGraziano, and Erica Knoell; loving grandfather of Sophia, and Liliana; dearest brother of Richard (Laura), Kevin (Marybeth), and Roger (Christine); loving son of Vernon "Buddy" Knoell and the late Barbara Lois Knoell. Dear brother in law of David (Mary), and Jeff (Lisa); dearest uncle of James, Erin, Kelly, and John. An expression of Sympathy may be made to Jack's Place for Autism

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Cultural Center

521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
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Service

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TL

“ I knew Bob since we both attended the IRPS conferences and the JEDEC netting's afterwards.

Bob started his career at Bell Labs before moving on to the automotive industry. That is something we both had in common.

I had a lot of respect for Bob.

Sorry to hear of his passing.

Ted Lach. Bell Labs (Chicago). Retired

theodore m lach - December 10, 2018 at 08:36 PM

CH

“ *Bob was a great supporter of IRPS and JEDEC. I always enjoyed my conversations with Bob and am saddened to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

Chris Henderson - December 10, 2018 at 04:51 AM

CC

“ *I invited Bob recently to IEEE IRPS conference to give a tutorial on automotive reliability requirements for semiconductors. Bob also ended up facilitating a workshop and was looking forward to contributing more at the conference. I thoroughly enjoyed my limited interaction at IRPS. May prayers be there for his family!*

chris connor - December 09, 2018 at 10:27 PM

MA

“ It was good to know Bob, even from remote. We had some good talks and exchanges. I didn't know him well, but he will be remembered.

Marc from Germany

Marc - December 07, 2018 at 10:22 AM



DE

“ Sincere condolences to the families. Bob gave us great guidance during the 2018 AEC workshop at Detroit. We will never forget his kindness.

Derek (JenSen Technology, CEO)

Derek - October 10, 2018 at 08:10 AM

JW

“ Sad beyond words, Bob contributed a lot of time and effort to AEC and all of us will miss him.

Joanne Wu (LiSion Technolog)

Joanne Wu - October 07, 2018 at 11:11 AM

AW

“ Bob was a great man and, more importantly, he was a very dear friend to me and my family. He will be sorely missed. There will never be anyone like him! Rest in peace, my dear friend.

Amy Walsh - October 06, 2018 at 08:55 PM



CA

“ *What an amazing man, and huge loss..... There are no words..Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to bob and family.*

David and Candice (Galaxy Century) 2018.10Caina

Candice - October 05, 2018 at 11:05 PM

DB

“ *Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow felt by the loss of Bob.*

My condolences to his family and friends.

I will always cherish the beautiful memories of Bob.

Mykola BLYZNIUK (Melexis)

Dr. Mykola BLYZNIUK - October 04, 2018 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ Bob’s passing is an enormous loss to his family, friends and the automotive electronics community. He was a dedicated and tireless leader and a true superstar in his profession. His ground work in defining automotive grade electronic components that can be produced at reasonable costs has help produce the affordable, highly reliable smart car we enjoy today. The successful methodology he created has been noticed by the defense and aerospace electronics industry who have established their own Aerospace Qualified Electronic Components organization to replicate the approach Bob pioneered at the Automotive Electronic Council (AEC). I have worked with Bob for over 12 years on the AEC and the SAE EE Reliability Committee, he was also involved with USCAR and JEDEC Reliability committees. He was not only a colleague and collaborator but also a good friend. It will be hard to fill the void his passing has left but those of us who remain will carry on with the processes that he inspired and established.

Jim McLeish (DfR Solutions)

Jim McLeish - October 04, 2018 at 12:25 PM

TH

“ I was crushed upon hearing of Bob’s death. Bob had incredible influence on the automotive industry’s use of integrated circuits. Bob was at the core of the founding of AEC, automotive electronic council, in 1993. Bob was the founding chairman and remained the chair of AEC for 25 years. AEC basically created the standards by which electronic components are qualified and deployed in vehicles. This was a natural extension of Bob’s work at JEDEC (joint electronic device engineering committee). Bob was “Mr. Standards”.

For 25 years, Bob oversaw this activity and so leaves an indelible legacy on the global automotive electronic supply chain. This is global, not local. The automotive industry worldwide is affected by Bob’s leadership and will be for years to come. Vehicles today are better, globally, due to Bob’s leadership.

Bob, may you rest in peace. It was my distinct pleasure in working with you for the past 18 years.

Tim Haifley, Intel Corporation

Tim Haifley - October 04, 2018 at 10:38 AM

OS

“ *What a sad news to hear! It was always a pleasure to be in contact with Bob and I was already looking forward to meet him in two week at this year's AEC-WS in Munich. So sad that this will not happen anymore.*

However, if it is about to leave something behind when it is time to go, Bob definitely left a profound basis to the automotive community we all can count on.

My condolences to his family and friends.

Oliver Senftleben (BMW Group)

Oliver Senftleben - October 04, 2018 at 03:37 AM

ML

“ *My condolences to Bob's family, and my thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you celebrate Bob's life.*

I first crossed paths with Bob in the late 1980's playing softball as part of the Ford Audio team, and then professionally many, many times after that during our years at Ford and Visteon.

Bob was always kind and talked to you in a way that said he was glad to see you. He was eager to help and offered advice freely. A great guy has left this world, but our loss is heaven's gain!

-Mark Laginess

Mark Laginess - October 03, 2018 at 04:00 PM

DM

“ To all of Bob’s family, friends and colleagues, as we grieve his loss, may we also honor him by following the example he set. I feel privileged to have met Bob 4 years ago when I started participating in the AEC Workshops. It can be challenging to engage in these types of events initially, but Bob made it easy. He was very welcoming, professional, and energetic. He set a wonderful example of how to lead, keep this large group focused, drive results and still have fun. I think we can each say that our lives were changed for the better because we met Bob. I love that, even in his passing, he & Lisa are giving back to the community; honored to make a contribution to Jack’s Place in his memory. Bob, may you rest in peace! Donna Moreland (TI)

Donna Moreland - October 03, 2018 at 03:35 PM

KM

“ I knew Bob from countless JEDEC meetings over the years. He always struck me as someone approachable and kind. I never had any run-ins with him. A great chairman too. One of the earliest memories I have of Bob was at the JC-14.1 meeting in South Padre, Texas in the early 1980s. Lots of fun times with him. Also see some photos from the meetings we had with the Japanese over the years. -- Ken McGhee--JEDEC



Ken McGhee - October 03, 2018 at 02:52 PM

AL

“ *Condolences to the family at this time of loss. Bob's energy and passion will be missed in JEDEC and the standards world.*
Alan Lucero (Intel Corp.)

Alan Lucero - October 03, 2018 at 01:28 PM

DG

“ *Bob will truly be missed. We had great times playing softball at Rotunda Fields and tailgating after the games. Condolences to Lisa and all of Bob's family.*

Dale Gilman - October 03, 2018 at 01:02 PM

DG

“ *2 files added to the album Softball*



Dale Gilman - October 03, 2018 at 12:53 PM

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Dale Gilman - October 03, 2018 at 12:52 PM

GT

“ With heart felt sadness I express my sympathy to Lisa, Heather, Erica, Buddy, Richard, Kevin, Roger and the entire extended family. Bob fought a courageous battle and was the most optimistic person I know considering the illness. My memories of my cousin are mostly from childhood as he pursued his career and moved beyond Long Island. Keep swinging Bob, we miss you. Love Gary

Gary Tilford - October 03, 2018 at 09:56 AM

RC

“ This a very sad news what I got at today. I first met Bob in 2012 AECQ workshop and have a wide discussion with him on semiconductor reliability issue. In following years, I get much help from him on JEDEC and AECQ case communication. We missed much AECQ friend since 2014. I suppose we can update AECQ file version to memory Bob at this time.



Rick Chu from Vishay General Semiconductor

Rick Chu - October 03, 2018 at 08:28 AM

AM

“ *What a sad news I've got today! I recall all the messages/calls exchange we had, even very recently, and the teamwork opportunities we shared over almost 10 years as Regional Quality Managers for our respective business areas and then for other matters. Bob was a nice person to work with, always open to provide and receive feedbacks, always positive and dynamic despite the illness he had to battle against lately. We had good time together when attending the few staff meeting we had the chance to participate and, for sure, I will keep remembering him on these days.*

My condolences and thoughts go to his beloved.

Alessio Mion, NXP Semiconductors (France)

Alesio Mion - October 03, 2018 at 07:04 AM

AD

“ *Bob's passing is truly sad. My deepest condolences to Bob's family and friends. I knew Bob in his leadership of the AEC workshop and his passion for Automotive Semiconductor Electronics. It was remarkable how he was able to pull together an appropriately tuned agenda and that attendance grew year after year. Bob was always looking to the future and predicted that the upcoming years would be truly amazing in Automotive Semiconductor Electronics. In this endeavor, his contributions were significant and he will be missed.*

-Aldo Dekovich

Aldo Dekovich - October 03, 2018 at 06:48 AM

JB

“ There is not much I can add to the memories which have been shared.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to work with Bob. Even we sometimes had to go through controversial discussions, there was always a spirit of respect and a constructive forward looking attitude which was really unique.

The Automotive Semiconductor Community lost a personality with deep expertise and great reputation.

My condolences go to his family.

*Jörg Breibach
(Bosch)*

former chairman of the Robustness Validation Workgroup

Joerg Breibach - October 03, 2018 at 06:11 AM

FK

“ Having Bob as a colleague in NXP, with his insights in automotive, his energy, his pleasant way of interacting, supporting NXP colleagues wherever he could, was a real privilege.

I cherish the times we met at IRPS conferences and AEC workshops. Bob was very professional and (more important) very good to hang out with. His efforts to revive AEC some years ago really made an impact on the automotive industry. He will be missed deeply. My prayers are with him and his family.

Fred Kuper, NXP Semiconductors, The Netherlands

Fred Kuper - October 03, 2018 at 04:11 AM

MT

“ Knowing Bob over 10 years from the NXP Automotive Quality Leadership team as Customer Quality manager and as a passionate JEDEC & AEC member where he regularly organized meetings with experts inside and outside NXP. Always dialing in for our calls, even when it was late or by night. Even later in his new role as Customer contracts manager we had some good times working on defining processes. I remember him as a very positive person, even during his illness he always stayed positive fighting for life and continued enjoying life, his work and talking about sports, life and his work. It was a pleasure and an honor working with Bob as a colleague and to know him as a person.

My deepest condolences to his family. You are in my thoughts during this diffecult time.

Maurice Twijnstra (NXP The Netherlands)

Maurice Twijnstra - October 03, 2018 at 03:41 AM

BJ

“ God Bless Lisa Marie !! I spent many hours with Bob on AEC Phone calls and yearly Council Meetings at Hotels. Only good memories for Bob!!! Dedicated to whatever he was interested in.

Brian Jendro

Brian Jendro - October 02, 2018 at 10:39 PM

CA

“ We (Cary, Cory, Phil, Wayne & Brian) met Bob freshman year at Stony Brook, he lived on our hall with mostly freshman and a few bugs. We had our fun, drinking beer, running to jack-in-the-box, some how acquiring the jack and the menu. We became roommates in a suite from sophomore year on. We studied, partied and grew during college and remained friends for the last 43 years. We added (Bruce and Dan) to our group, they went to high school with Bob. We would get together when Bob lived in NJ for cards and parties a few times a year. One time Bob came over to play poker only he was a week early! Once Bob moved to MI we would get together as a group to play golf in VT or CT for the past 20 years. Nobody swung harder than Bob. Even though Bob was a cowboys fan, everyone has flaws, he was a Mets and Tigers fan too. The seven of us are going miss Bob's good humor, his intelligence and his special skill 🤔 😏 😊. He fought the good fight against cancer, he never let it get him down. Our condolences go to Lisa, Rich. Heather, Erica, his Dad and the rest of the family. We raised a toast this past weekend to Bob, when we all got together, he fully expected to be there. We love and miss you always. 😭 😭 we will always remember the good times 🥂 🥂 🥂



Cary - October 02, 2018 at 07:48 PM

BR

“ *Bob,
Your light will shine on long after today! Your dedication and leadership spread far and near for many years all that is good in people that band together for the right reasons. I'm honored to have known you and participated in the AEC with you.*
Burt Rich

Burt H Rich - October 02, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Vernon Knoell.*



October 02, 2018 at 05:41 PM

TM

“ *RIP Bob. You will be greatly missed. Your dedication to the various projects that we worked on together was second to none.*

I will always miss you as a co-worker, fellow softball team mate, and friend. Lisa you have my deepest condolences.

Tom Mitchell

Tom Mitchell - October 02, 2018 at 05:36 PM

SH

“ *Worked with Bob over the last few years in JEDEC. He's been a leader and very personable and helpful, with large influence for good in industry. Please accept my condolences to Bob's family. --
Stevan Hunter, Queen Creek, AZ*

Stevan Hunter - October 02, 2018 at 05:17 PM

PF

“ Lisa, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Sorry that I cannot be there for you, but please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I became a Technical member in 2014 and was impressed by his leadership of the Technical Committee and all of what involved. He was a great example and fearless in this battle and I know he gave it his all. My condolences to you & your families. Warmest regards,
Pam Finer.

Pam Finer - October 02, 2018 at 05:11 PM

RR

“ Bob was more than a colleague. He was a friend! May his passion, drive and optimism be an example for all of us. My condolences to all of you, family that stays behind. I wish you all the strength you need in the coming days and weeks.
René Rongen (NXP Nijmegen)



Rene Rongen - October 02, 2018 at 05:04 PM

LT

“ A honor to have worked with you in JEDEC and AEC. Being a cancer survivor, I feel particularly sad for losing you. I sure will miss you. Rest in piece, my friend.

Larry Ting - October 02, 2018 at 04:36 PM

GV

“ I am sorry to hear of Bob's passing away. This was very unexpected - we had just met in Chicago for the JEDEC meeting. All I can say is that it was always a pleasure to meet Bob and that Bob's vibrant and cheerful personality will remain a warm memory.

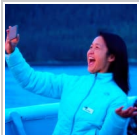
Gautam Verma, Intel Corp.

Gautam Verma - October 02, 2018 at 04:17 PM

AV

“ The last time I personally met Bob was during IRPS 2017, while being afterwards in contact via some telephone conferences regarding Bob's "Passion" - JEDEC & AEC. I would like to express my condolences and deep respect to his Family. He acted as role model and performed exceptional duties for the AEC. Many lives could be saved because of him. He will always be remembered !

Andreas Aal - Volkswagen - October 02, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ Xinmiao Zhao purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Robert Vernon Knoell.



Xinmiao Zhao - October 02, 2018 at 03:59 PM

TC

“ Lisa, So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Sorry I can't be there for you, but please know you are in my thoughts. He gave it quite a battle. My condolences to you & your families. Tim Callihan

Tim Callihan - October 02, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ I met Bob many years ago at JEDEC meetings. Was right away impressed by his composure, intelligence and, most of all, the polished style, from hair to shoes! 😊 I looked up to him for guidances and answers. It was some years later at AEC, the organization he practically shouldered alone in many aspects, that I really got to know him and became a friend. I am still in shock and denial that we lost my fearless leader and selfless friend! After Bob won the first battle, he came back to chair the AEC annual workshop in April 2016. He calmly relayed the situation when he heard the terrible news from his doctor. His immediate response was:”Ok, now how do we get them out of my system?!” Never give up but find a solution to each and every problem is how he dealt with the countless number of things going on at his no pay but full time job of leading AEC. I know for sure his effort made many of our cars more reliable and safer. It may not be a far fetch to say those efforts saved and will continue to save lives! Bob lives on through legends like these! At AEC 2016 member reception, Bob was using those few moments when he was not running a session or a member meeting to talk and hug his friends, like always, lovingly!



Xinmiao Zhao - October 02, 2018 at 02:53 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Don DeLaura - October 02, 2018 at 02:50 PM

DD

Bob, with a few of his fans/friends/teammates!

Don DeLaura - October 02, 2018 at 02:51 PM

PT

“ it's a sad day. My sincerest condolences to the Koell family. Bob's integrity was a shining light that provided clarity and direction when the path wasn't clear. His acumen for sustaining a collaborative process in his professional endeavors was second to none, and respected word-wide. And I consider myself fortunate to have known him for all of these years. In the sea of colleagues, Bob was a friend.

Peter Turlo - October 02, 2018 at 01:14 PM

SW

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Although it had been many years since we played softball together - first as opponents on rival teams and later as teammates - when we met back up at Jill's wedding, it seemed like no time had passed at all. He was such a positive and kind human being. He was so great to talk to. I am so sorry, Lisa. May your heart find comfort in your memories. You two made a great pair! Love, Sam and Jessica Wilson

Sam and Jessica Wilson - October 02, 2018 at 01:13 PM

HM

“ Dear Knoell Family and Friends, I am very sorry for your loss. Bob was a dear friend and an exceptional leader. I had the privilege to work with Bob for the past 18 years in the AEC. His positive energy, attitude and jovial personality will be hard for me to forget. I will continue to have a smile on my face every time I remember him. Please accept my condolences. His family will be in my prayers. I would like to share this historic photo with his family and friends as this was a blessed occasion which led to the founding of AEC. I can not over emphasize the impact that Bob had on safety and reliability of cars through his endless support and leadership in the AEC. Rest in peace my friend and Thank you for setting an excellent example.



Hadi Mehrooz - October 02, 2018 at 12:31 PM

CB

“ Lisa, I'm so sorry for your loss and the loss to the world of knowing Bob. He was an amazing friend, technical colleague and outstanding human who touched the lives of many people. He will be missed, but I'm certain that now he is totally pain free and in a better place.

As I told you on the phone, I'm always here for you if you need anything or just want a shoulder.

Rest in Peace my dear friend Bob!

Chris Brigham

The photo is from 1999 in Hakone Japan at a joint EIA-J/Jedec meeting ... so many great memories.



Christopher Brigham - October 02, 2018 at 12:08 PM

MB

“ Dear Knoell family, I am sure you will hear many, many heartfelt and sincere reflections from Bob’s numerous colleagues from the AEC or NXP. I too am one of those colleagues but have only known Bob for a couple years. The first time I met Bob, in April 2017, he was gaunt and bald from chemotherapy. We spoke through Skype several times throughout that year and I had the chance to see him again April, 2018, again at the AEC Workshop. As I entered the hotel ballroom, I could hear Bob speaking over the mic but could not see him. I looked right at the speaker and did not recognize Bob because he looked so vital and healthy! His hair was back, his voice strong again, and his posture straight.

During the conference I was sitting near him but off to the side as he spoke to the audience. I could not help but notice that his eyelashes looked about an inch long as he addressed the room. I thought it my imagination, but when I shook his hand at the end of the day and mentioned that to him, he said his lashes had grown back so long that he couldn’t put on glasses properly, I mentioned something about him getting a transfusion from a camel, and we both laughed until tears flowed. In addition to his kindness, his generosity, his knowledge and leadership, I will remember that moment of laughter we shared. Rest in peace my friend knowing that we thank you for all you did for us and will surely miss you.

Michael Brucker
GlobalFoundries

Michael Brucker - October 02, 2018 at 12:02 PM

EF

“ Bob was affectionately called Mr AEC in recognition of his compassion, leadership and love for the “Automotive Electronics Council” that he lead and cofounder. He was truly a blessing and a gift to all who have known him.

Earl Fischer former supervisor and admirer.

Earl Fischer - October 01, 2018 at 08:59 PM

JM

“ Bob, may you rest in peace with the Lord. Thank you for being such a great person I always enjoyed our baseball talks at Tiger Camp with you and Lisa.

Lisa your in our prayers as you and your family move forward from the lose of your wonderful husband. May Gods Peace and grace be with you and your family during this tough time.

God Bless you !! Joe Mansour

Joe Mansour - October 01, 2018 at 08:04 PM

KJ

“ Lisa, our hearts are breaking for you. Sending love and hugs to you. Bob was truly amazing and kind man. Love Karen and Mick.

Karen Jones - October 01, 2018 at 06:55 PM

CF

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Lisa-Marie and Bob's family, we were deeply saddened to learn of Bob passing.

Please accept our deepest condolences. Rest in peace dear friend.

Sincerely, Paul & Carol Feisthamel, Hollister, CA.

Carol Feisthamel - October 01, 2018 at 03:28 PM

TP

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Bob,

I truly admired you as a man and a teammate. Your smile and love of the game was always apparent. Even at your last game on 9/5/18, you were still smiling. I'll miss you my friend

Todd Palmer



Todd Palmer - October 01, 2018 at 02:36 PM

LM

“ *Bob is the best Uncle in the world! I am so grateful for all of the Joy, Love, and Laughter that you have selflessly given my kids. You and Lisa have been one of the best parts of their lives and for that I will always be eternally grateful* ❤️

Love

Laurel

Laurel May - October 01, 2018 at 11:35 AM