



Knute R. Dresden

January 4, 1949 - March 9, 2025

Knute R. Dresden, 76, of Aurora, Illinois passed away Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Mercy Medical Center Aurora. He was born January 4, 1949, in Detroit, Michigan.

Knute attended Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked as an Air Traffic Controller until the 1981 strike, he was one of the few controllers that were rehired and he proudly worked as a controller until his retirement in 2007. Knute also worked at Rush Copley Medical Center in the Bio/Medical department. He was a private pilot and later became a licensed drone pilot.

Knute had a wonderful generous spirit and helped people all the time. Even when he was homebound, he would help them on the phone with their electrical and computer problems.

He was a devoted member of St. Rita of Cascia Church and volunteered as often as possible. He was on the renovation committee and helped to design the church audio system. He was always willing to help the church with electrical issues or advice with audio problems.

He was an armature astrologer and his friends looked forward to his photos and advice on Facebook. He always told his wife, that when he passed, he

wanted it known that he “died of old age.”

He is survived by his wife Jo (Tvrdik) Dresden, and though he had no siblings he had so many dear friends who felt like his brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Anne (Szachta) Dresden.

A memorial mass will be held Monday, April 7, 2025, at 11:30 AM at St. Rita of Cascia Church; Fr. Juan Ayala will officiate.

In state memorial visitation will be held Monday, April 7, 2025, from 10:00 AM until the funeral hour at 11:30 AM at St. Rita Church.

Arrangements entrusted to THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. 630-631-5500.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial In State Visitation

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Rita of Cascia Church
750 Old Indian Trail
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-892-5918

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ My deepest sympathy goes out Jo , knute and you were the best neighbors, friends i knew. Always enjoyed the get togethers with Norman and Millie and the gang. Knute will truly be missed, he will be watching over you with open arms. God Bless you

Pam Hacker - April 15, 2025 at 09:52 AM

LM

“ Meeting Knute was the best thing that happened to me when I worked Copley 3 East and transitioned from night shift to day shift. Knute was kind, supportive, encouraging and funny. It was always nice to see Knute and Kenny coming down the hall because who knew what sort of mischievous they might be up to. As the years passed, Facebook replaced work places. I always looked forward to Knute telling me when and where to look up at the night sky. Always enjoyed his videos from his drone too. But most of all, as the calendar turned from February to March, I looked forward to April 1. Already this year I was anticipating how Jo would prank Knute on April Fool's Day. Thank you for your friendship Knute, I will miss you. Deepest sympathy to Jo and Knute's extended family and all of his friends; we have lost one of the nicest people to ever cross our paths.

Lynn Mitchell - April 06, 2025 at 03:15 PM

DH

“ Knute and I worked together as Air Traffic Controllers until 1981. I considered Knute as a dear friend. If you needed a hand no matter what the issue Knute was there to help you. i had just called him about a week ago, I am so glad I did. We had a great chat that I will always remember.

David Heeg - March 15, 2025 at 01:47 PM

LL

“ I have many fond memories of my cousin, Knute. He was kind, fun, interesting, and always so smart! I deeply admired him. Though our adult lives took us to separate states, and we weren't able to get together, I thought of him often. I admired Knute for his love of life and his caring for friends and family. Rest in peace, dear cousin....you will be missed! ❤️🙏

Linda Lyons - March 15, 2025 at 12:08 AM

KD

“ Dear Cousin through all the years. Remember his visits to the farm from way back. Always friendly, never angry, and always helpful. Never spoke ill of anyone. Rest in Peace dear cousin.
Keith



keith dresden - March 14, 2025 at 01:15 PM

DB

“ Diana Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Knute R. Dresden



Diana Baker - March 13, 2025 at 07:43 PM

JB

“ Jim, Diana Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Knute R. Dresden



Jim, Diana Baker - March 13, 2025 at 07:41 PM

DN

“ I worked with Knute at Copley and he was such a wonderful person. My sympathy and prayers to his wife. May his memory be eternal.

Debi Nolte - March 13, 2025 at 05:21 PM

CA

“ I just sent a message that I did not burn the toast that brought the fire department to the old Copley! You will be missed by all of us Knute, RIP my friend 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Clare Augustine - March 12, 2025 at 08:28 PM

SA

“ Knute will truly be missed. What a great co-worker and friend. I was looking forward to meeting up at Open Range for confessions this spring. May he rest in peace.

Sandy Anderson - March 12, 2025 at 05:10 PM