



## Curt Allen Kobler

June 15, 1962 - March 31, 2021

Curt Allen Kobler, 58, of Memphis, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 31st, after a long illness. He was born on June 15th, 1962, in Cairo, Illinois, to Dr. William “Doc” Kobler and Carla (nee Myers) Kobler, who both preceded him in death. Curt is survived by his four children, William, Grant, Reid, and Elizabeth, his beloved brother William “Bubba” Kobler (Debbie), several nieces and nephews, his former wife and parenting partner, Dana Turner Daly, and countless treasured friends throughout the United States, who were drawn to his near-permanent smile and easy laugh. He was also preceded in death by his loving sister Linda Faulkner (Wayne).

Born and raised in Cairo, Curt attended St. Joseph Catholic Grade School and Cairo High, where he played football, graduating in 1980. He then attended Shawnee Community College, eventually moving to Memphis and in 1992 converted a love for cars into a 29-year career in the automobile business at Oakley Keese Ford, now AutoNation. At the time of his death he was Internet Sales Manager, and was very well-liked by his co-workers, who continued to support him throughout his recent health issues.

Curt enjoyed golf, fishing, playing pickup basketball, going home to Cairo for visits, and treasured his family getaway house on Kentucky Lake. To him, a fancy restaurant paled in comparison to a fish fry with friends. His greatest source of pride and the joy of his life was his children, who will miss him immeasurably.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at Egyptian Country Club in Mounds, Illinois. The family is requesting memorial donations in his name be provided to the Cairo Preservation Fund, in care of the Cairo Public Library, PO Box 151, Cairo, Illinois 62914.

Curt Kobler leaves a legacy of a life lived with a great appreciation for the joy of friendship, nature, and family. The loss of his ever-present grin featuring his remarkably perfect teeth, leaves many with a deep sense of sadness. Yet, he and his children, in his final months, felt great joy from the giant outpouring of support, love, and prayers he received from so many people across all aspects of his life. The family would like to express their deep and

profound thanks.

A celebration of Curt's life will be held on Saturday, May 15th from 1-4 pm at Egyptian Country Club in Mounds, IL (4480 US-51, Mounds, IL, 62964).

# Events

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Egyptian County Club

4480 US-51, Mounds, IL, US, 62964

# Comments

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“ Curt was quite a prankster when he was around 10-12 yrs old. When he and several other kids, including my boys, would be swimming in the pool at Egyptian Country Club, he would take some of the boys to the locker room where he would put powder in the hand dryer and turn it on and blame it on the other boys. I came to know Curt quite well over the years when I saw he and his family often. The Turners are special friends of mine and back in the day that included Curt. Love you still, Curt, and will see you again one day.

**Penny Farris** - April 07, 2021 at 11:39 AM

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“ My condolences to Curt and his family. He was a classmate of mine. Class of 1980. I do remember his smile. Rest In Peace!

**Gerald Patterson** - April 06, 2021 at 10:31 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. May he Rest In Peace!

**Richard Antoon** - April 04, 2021 at 10:31 PM

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“ Curt's childhood house was on Holbrook St., the same block as our house. He was a great friend growing up, right across the street from Cannonball Park. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Love to his family in this trying time.

**Scott Simpson** - April 03, 2021 at 12:38 PM

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“ Susan S Josey lit a candle in memory of Curt Allen Kobler



**Susan S Josey** - April 03, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ Curt you were my running buddy when we both attended SCC. You are family as well as my friend your smile could make anyone melt. God has gain a heck of a man and a heck of a golfer you Doc Carla Momma and Daddy get out on Gods course I bet every hole will be a hole in one. Rest easy my dear your back hole  
Torrie & Mark Klein



**Torrie Klein** - April 03, 2021 at 04:26 AM

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“ When I was a kid, his Pontiac Firebird Formula was the coolest car I had ever seen in my life. Being a part of his and my Aunt Dana's wedding, was extremely exciting for a 12 year old. I'll never forget a prank call he made, while I was at home babysitting, he and my parents were at a holiday party. Even before he became my uncle, he and Dana would pick us up and do fun things with us. He was a part of my family for as long as I can remember.

**Rachael Turner Wilkerson** - April 02, 2021 at 09:48 PM

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“ Rest In Peace friend. You were a wonderful man. Condolences to Bubba & all the family members. Chari & Steve Willis



Chari Willis - April 02, 2021 at 08:43 PM

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“ David Westermann is following this tribute.

David Westermann - April 02, 2021 at 08:25 PM

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“ Curt was a groomsman in my wedding. My first friend I met in Memphis. I'll never forget meeting Dana at our apartment mailbox and she asked me if I would be her husband's friend. I'll never forget all our weekends on Beale St. May perpetual light shine upon you.  
- Vince

Vince Elpers - April 02, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ Thank you, Vince. Those were some good times. Love you.

Dana - April 03, 2021 at 11:25 AM

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“ I've known Curt for over 50 years and he's always had that beautiful smile and he always seemed genuinely happy! Love you Curt! Keep smiling!

Denise Dowling - April 02, 2021 at 04:50 PM

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“ Judy Dunker Wadley lit a candle in memory of Curt Allen Kobler



**Judy Dunker Wadley** - April 02, 2021 at 04:17 PM

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“ Jo E. Westermann Bone lit a candle in memory of Curt Allen Kobler



**Jo E. Westermann Bone** - April 02, 2021 at 02:51 PM

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“ I reminisce about all the good times I had with Curt and Bubba. Even though I never learned to play golf, Carla or Linda would drive us to either Mounds or Charleston county club to swim. Playing football at Canonball park, spending the night at his house, and how cold Bubba would keep the bedroom, window ac on even in the winter. And even though we lost contact since high school, with me going to college, I am so sorry he passed away so young. My condolences to Dana, Bubba, and his sons and daughter.

**David Westermann** - April 02, 2021 at 02:37 PM

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“ David Westermann lit a candle in memory of Curt Allen Kobler



David Westermann - April 02, 2021 at 02:16 PM

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“ Back awhile back in the 80s he would come up to my apartment next to Sonic and we would watch the basketball games and chill. He always had a great sense of humor and we would tell jokes to the others watching the games. And the fun times we had in Cairo at King Tuts. Always will be a good friend.



mark Franklin - April 02, 2021 at 02:13 PM

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“ Forever smiling and forever in our hearts. Prayers to the family. Curt talked me into getting a couple of mice when we were at St. Joe. I can't believe I actually took care of those "pets." Curt was that persuasive and charming, even during elementary school...

Stephanie Summers Hemminghaus - April 02, 2021 at 01:47 PM



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Dana Newton - April 02, 2021 at 02:44 PM