



# Daniel Knoll

**Grafton | Thursday, January 1 2015**

Daniel Brent Knoll, 58, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on January 1, 2015 near Rayville, MO.

He was born in Platte, South Dakota on October 18, 1956, one of four sons born to Garret and Mae (Van Zee) Knoll.

Dan grew up on the family Dairy Farm in Platte and graduated in 1974 from Dakota Christian School and went on to attend Wyoming Technical Institute where he pursued an education in the Autobody field, graduating in 1975.

After graduating from Wyo Tech, he moved to Illinois in the summer of 1975, where he began working for Wilson Farms near Patterson, before relocating to Grafton to head up Uncle Andy's Apple Orchard.

He then owned and operated River Road Wheels in Grafton from 1986 until the flood of 1993 when he moved the business to Godfrey, operating out of that location until 2000.

A man with incredible drive and a superior work ethic, Dan then went on to develop a successful line of Agribusiness companies where he had the satisfaction of being with, and working alongside all of his children.

He married the former Marsha Eberlin on November 25, 2000 at the Otterville Baptist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are four children and their spouses, Autum Gettings, and her companion, Ben Klopfer of Jerseyville; Amanda and Ryan Van Tuyle of Roodhouse; Kayla Knoll of Alton; and Jordan Knoll and his fiancé, Katy Stiles of Kansas City, MO. Five grandchildren, who were his pride and joy, Lyla and Easton Van Tuyle, Issac Nicholas and Elijah Gettings, and Ezra Klopfer; his parents, Garret and Mae Knoll of Hamilton,

Montana; three brothers and their spouses, David and Maryann Knoll of Platte, South Dakota; Steve and Jill Knoll of Lancaster, Kentucky and Tom Knoll of Big Timber, Montana; several aunts and uncles, including a very special aunt, Wilma Knoll; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Madyson E. Purcell and his grandparents, Nick and Margaret Knoll and Gerrit and Hattie Van Zee.

Dan enjoyed life to the fullest with his favorite past times being riding his Harley, boating, hunting, and above all else, spending time with his grandkids. He loved being a man of God and spreading his love for Christ. His devotion of giving to others will not be soon forgotten, neither will his smile.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m., Friday, January 9, 2015 at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville where funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 10, 2015 with the Rev. David Prosser officiating.

Burial will take place at Scenic Hill Cemetery in Grafton.

Memorials may be given to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or to the Grafton Food Pantry.

Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville is in charge of arrangements.