



## Eric C Knorr

April 13, 1952 - January 10, 2021

Eric C. Knorr, age 68 of Crown Point (LOFS) and Rotonda West, FL, passed away on January 10, 2021 due to complications from CoVid 19. He worked at Arcelor Mittal for 41 years before retiring as VP of purchasing for N. America. Eric was a member of Theta Xi, Delta Chapter at MIT. He was a kind, generous man and donated to many local charities. Eric was blessed with the opportunity to travel much of the world. He was a loving husband, father, and son and he will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his mother- Florence Knorr. He is survived by his wife of 32 yrs, Ellen; son, Robert Knorr, step-son-Timothy Hennon; father-Robert Knorr; sister- Dr. Amy (late Mark Laser) Knorr; brother-Mark Knorr; many nieces and nephews. Private services entrusted to Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Was blessed to work with Eric for several years during my 8 year tenure at Inland Steel Company in East Chicago IN. We often talked philosophical, political, and social development, outside our norm of science and the universes. He was a fascinating individual to work with and I was saddened to learn of his departure when this morning during my communing walk with the Lord, Eric's name came to mind as someone I could identify with professionally. My condolences and prayers for his wife and family to God in Heaven they they be comforted and emotionally healed, I pray in Jesus name, Amen. Hope you knew the Lord as your Savior in hopes to get to see you in the other side one day. Roger Smith

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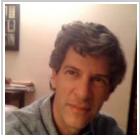
**Dr Dimento** - June 20, 2024 at 11:57 AM

PT

“ My thoughts and prayers go with you.  
So sorry for your loss

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**Paula Thompson-Staton** - January 21, 2021 at 11:56 PM



“ Eric was one of the few great men I've known. Everything about him was larger than life, his presence, his intellect, his voice, his heart, his spirit. Goodbye, my friend. I regret that we didn't spend more time together. My condolences to Ellen and the rest of his family. Please know that he won't be forgotten.

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**Steve Crane** - January 20, 2021 at 12:38 PM

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“ Eric was my MIT fraternity brother. I was 2 years behind him. He was someone I looked up to. I well remember our evening ritual of “watching Knorr watch the news”. It seemed funny then but in retrospect he helped teach me the value of critical thinking. He had a larger than life personality. He won’t be forgotten.

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**Ken Davis MIT 76** - January 19, 2021 at 01:37 AM

TH

“ I met Eric in September 1970. We both pledged the same fraternity at MIT, Theta Xi, and the same major, Metallurgy. We roomed together for much of the next four years. Since Metallurgy was a small department it was great to have someone who understood the gripes and trials of our classes.

He was amazing, with stories of his youth, Eric's father worked for GE Turbines, so Eric spent most of his early life overseas. He learned Portuguese from his Brazilian nanny before he spoke English. He was thrown out of Lebanon in 1967 after the Arab-Israeli War, and finished high school in Rome.

After graduation he went to Inland Steel, starting as an inspection metallurgist at the slab dock. He held a number of quality-oriented jobs in the mill, then went into operations, He became an expert in the raw materials to make steel, and was in charge of planning the raw materials procurement. During this time Inland became Ispat Inland, then Mittal Steel, then Arcelor Mittal, at the time the largest steel company in the US. His final position was vice president of purchasing. He worked for 41 years there, a rare thing anymore.

Eric was my best friend. He had opinions on everything, and usually pretty sensible ones. He had a phenomenal memory and could reminisce about things that happened decades ago. He had a wicked sense of humor.

I can't believe he's gone. I will miss him very, very much.

My deep condolences, Ellen, Tim and Rob,

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**Thomas Howard** - January 18, 2021 at 08:23 PM

WY

Thank you for filling in the life of your best friend ❤️

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**William Young** - January 19, 2021 at 01:48 AM

CK

“ Chris Kossnar purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Eric C Knorr.



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**Chris Kossnar** - January 18, 2021 at 08:44 AM

WY

“ Eric and I were in the same class in college and were fraternity brothers. He was one of my best friends during that time. I remember Eric as very witty and always up to date on current events. I knew better than to debate him on politics so I listened and just laughed along with him!  
I am not surprised at the comments about his career as a metallurgy expert. He always had a love of his chosen field.

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**William Young** - January 17, 2021 at 09:03 PM

JH

“ Sending deepest sympathies to my dear friend, Ellen, sons Rob and Tim and all of Eric's family. Although we didn't know each other well, I do know how much Ellen loved him and cherished all the memories they made together. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jean Heath** - January 17, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eric C Knorr.



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January 17, 2021 at 12:51 PM

BS

“ My condolences to Ellen and the Knorr family on Eric’s passing. As a long time work mate of Eric’s, back to the Inland Steel days, I was the beneficiary of Eric’s expertise in ironmaking, steelmaking and raw materials. Most of our conversations involved me listening and learning and Eric teaching and explaining - but that is the dynamic in the midst of a polymath like Eric. On behalf of his many work colleagues, we wish the Knorr family strength and peaceful memories.

*Bill Sammon*

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**Bill Sammon** - January 16, 2021 at 02:58 PM

HV

“ Eric earned respect and awe of everyone while walking the pathway of professional life whether it was in Research Laboratory, or the steel mill, or many installations in China. He was the walking-talking encyclopedia of steelmaking who was gifted to our company, as a result, we all benefitted enormously because of him. We were lucky to have his presence amongst us for which we thank Almighty.. We are saddened for the loss but accept the wishes of Almighty.

*Hardarshan S. Valia*

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**Hardarshan Singh Valia** - January 15, 2021 at 08:00 PM

MR

“ Eric worked with me at Inland / Ispat Inland / ArcelorMittal for 15+ years. He had a brilliant mind and wide ranging knowledge. He was like having a live encyclopedia next to you. Anytime there was a challenging assignment that needed a combination of advanced technical knowledge, efficiency and business savvy, Eric was the go to guy! I enjoyed his company. Some people were fooled by his closing of eyes during meetings----- only until he opened them and made an incisive observation. He was always a step ahead of others in thinking through problems. I will miss him. Ellen, I think we met only a few times. Please accept our deepest sympathies.  
Karen & Madhu Ranade

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**Madhu Ranade** - January 15, 2021 at 06:36 PM