

A good buddy dies

Broken Eagle signs off the airwaves

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

One less voice crackles through the CB airwaves.

With the death of George Knabl on July 12, truckers and CB hobbyists in the Midwest mourn the loss of the Broken Eagle.

Knabl, 62, of Farmington Hills became an institution on the airwaves after he became bedridden with emphysema two years ago. He had fought a 10-year bout with the disease.

Services for Knabl will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday in McCabe Funeral Home, 31951 West Twelve Mile. Rev. William N. Holmes will conduct the service.

For 10 years, Knabl defied doctors' predictions that he would die within the first three months of his illness. He survived the loss of a lung and a portion of his stomach.

Instead of losing interest in life, he channeled his energies into making friends with CB'ers.

His oldest son brought him a CB base set and he began listening to drivers talk to each other in their own jargon.

"I listened for a long time," Knabl said last March. "The jargon was hard to pick up but now I rattle it off like a carnival barker."

It was the quality of the information which he rattled off which endeared him to truckers making their way down I-696 at night.

Eagle was up and willing to help. When someone asked in the middle of the night if there was anyone awake and willing to talk, the Broken Eagle would gleefully answer, "There's no one here but us chickens."

With his fighting spirit, his books dealing with history, geography and biography, Knabl brought the world to his door.

Last summer, the CB world literally came to his bedside when 200 members

of the Farmington CB Club met at his house. The all-day celebration was hosted by Knabl's wife, Dorothy, who is known on the CB as the Michigan Skydiver.

Many of his CB friends never met Knabl. But last Friday the word of his death spread across the airwaves.

"I heard about it as I was on 275," said one CB companion. "People don't know how much he meant to CB'ers in the area."

"He had so many friends," said neighbor Ellie Smith. "This morning all you heard on the CB was people talking about the Broken Eagle dying. Women were crying." "He'll really be missed."

Knabl is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughters, Mrs. Julianne Slater, Mrs. Phares Johnson; sons, George H. Thom M. and 14 grandchildren.

Burial will be at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.



George Knabl stuck by his CB radio for two years before his death, defying the doctors and entertaining his friends on the road. (File photo)

NO MATTER how late the hour, the

She's off to England

Tammy Durfee, daughter of Dale and Maggie Durfee of Farmington, will spend her college junior year of study at the University of Surrey, Guildford, England.

She has been accepted to participate in their hotel and catering program. The program includes a full year of academic study to be followed by a summer of practical work experience in the hotel industry.

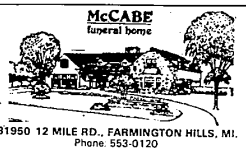
Ms. Durfee just completed her second year at Michigan State University.

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ARTHUR J. PRIMM, President
FIRST FARMINGTON SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

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