



Robert Anton Knutson

March 29, 1952 - February 7, 2026

Robert A. Knutson, known to many as Bobby, passed away in February 2026 at the age of 73.

Bobby was a complex, brilliant, and deeply curious man. He earned a master's degree from the University of Miami and built a career on Wall Street, where his sharp mind, intensity, and independence were unmistakable. He was a lifelong student of history, culture, and ideas always reading, researching, and debating.

His travels took him across the world, through Asia, Africa, and beyond. He spent time in Japan, China, India, and Kenya, and was involved in humanitarian housing work in Africa. Bobby spoke some Japanese and Chinese and was fluent in Spanish. He loved learning languages and believed that understanding the world required seeing it firsthand.

He had a deep love for the sea. In his younger years, he sailed extensively and at one point even lived aboard a cruise ship while attending college. He also loved restoring old cars, wearing his signature hats, and doing things his own way usually the hard way, but always his way.

Bobby endured profound personal loss, including the deaths of his children and former wife. Those losses shaped him deeply and were carried quietly

beneath his sharp exterior. He could be difficult, stubborn, and intense, but he was also loyal, generous in his own way, and fiercely protective of the people he loved.

He is remembered for his intellect, his global life, his independence, and his unmistakable presence. Bobby lived fully, imperfectly, and on his own terms.

May he now be at peace.

Cemetery Details

Huntington Rural Cemetery

555 New York Avenue
Huntington, NY 11743

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.
1380 New York Avenue
Huntington Station, NY 11746
(631) 423-2185
jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

Church Service

FEB 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church of Cold Spring Harbor
1670 New York, 25A
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

Burial

FEB 13 (ET)

Huntington Rural Cemetery
555 New York Avenue
Huntington, NY 11743

Tribute Wall

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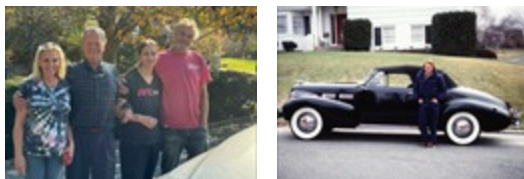
“ I was greatly saddened learning of Bobby’s passing. He was a steadfast friend and mentor from the very beginning of my involvement in the financial markets 40+ years ago (he on the sell-side, I on the buy-side, now retired). But unlike most of my sell-side contacts over the years, his friendship was sincere, and didn’t rise and fall with the “amplitude” of our business activity with each other. However I didn’t feel like I was unique in any way; I got the impression he treated EVERYONE that same way – I suspect EVERYONE was Bobby’s “special” friend. Very thoughtful, generous, selfless, funny-as-heck, and as the obituary implies, always in a (very enthusiastic and humble) learning mode, always eager to add to that already-vast quantity of knowledge stuffed in his brain. I saw a video of his involvement in humanitarian housing work in Africa and I laughed to myself, of all the Wall Street people I know, only Bobby would have the combination of heart and brains to get involved in such an initiative. A GREAT loss to all of us who knew him.

J. Falconi

Jack Falconi - March 14 at 03:41 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



alex dron - February 12 at 10:08 AM



“ Uncle Bobby was truly one of a kind. His charisma, originality, and straightforward nature made every conversation unforgettable. He brought so much joy and laughter wherever he went. We will always carry his light and spirit in our hearts. “Let us hurry to love people, for they leave us so quickly.”

A - February 12 at 09:44 AM



“ Julie Long purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Anton Knutson.



Julie Long - February 10 at 08:50 PM



“ Julie Long planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Anton Knutson.

Julie Long - February 10 at 08:50 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Anton Knutson.



February 10 at 02:12 PM

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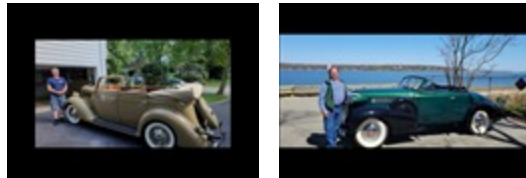
“ *Domenic Del Balso purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Robert Anton Knutson.*



Domenic Del Balso - February 10 at 01:32 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



alex dron - February 10 at 01:11 PM

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Can't believe your gone uncle Robert you'll always have a special place in my heart. I'm happy I stopped by a month ago to see you and got to spend some time with you. Rip

alex dron - February 10 at 01:19 PM

ML

“ *Thank you Robert for being my friend and enjoying the old cars and the hobby of collecting . We some great laughs over the years. Be at peace my friend . Godspeed. Love , Mike LoRusso*

Mike LoRusso - February 09 at 08:13 PM

TG

“ Thinking of you, Greg purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Anton Knutson.



Thinking of you, Greg - February 09 at 06:05 PM

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