



Robert "Bob" Grotenhuis

January 28, 1958 - December 11, 2021

The passing of Robert Alan Grotenhuis (Bob) elicits not only grief but also fond memories for those who knew him. Bob was born into a Christian family on January 28, 1958 in Hudsonville, MI, and died in hospice care in Grand Haven, Michigan on December 11, 2021. Bob's parents were Dale and Eleanor Grotenhuis (deceased) and brothers Jack (deceased), Phil (wife Joy and four children and five grandchildren) of Abbotsford, British Columbia and Tom of Holland, Michigan. Bob was most well-known for his quick mind, happy disposition, church devotion, and a willingness to serve Christ in the demanding world of television news as an anchorman and producer. Bob grew up in Sioux Center, Iowa and attended the Sioux Center Christian School, Western Christian High School, and Dordt University with a communications major and a theology minor. Bob began his media career at Dordt around the age of 16. As stories go, he hung around the local college radio station (KDCR) so frequently that employees took him under their wing and taught him the rudiments of broadcasting. He continued at KDCR throughout his college years and then entered the television industry in Sioux City, Iowa as the youngest anchorman in the state at the age of 22. His television career took him to various places: Austin, TX; Boise, ID; Battle Creek, MI; South Bend, IN; El Paso, TX and other locations. One thing characterized Bob's career: service. He often decried the egos and pretentious spirits he found around him and desired to do his job in a spirit of humility and service. Bob's vocation consumed his life for many years. The

hours were intense and his positions were demanding. In time they took their toll on his health and he retired a few years ago. He died in Grand Haven, Michigan at the age of 63. Through it all, Bob never wavered in his commitment to Jesus, his theological convictions, and his love for the church. He reflected this consistently both in what he said and what he did. He often found time to befriend and help those in need, from the elderly to the young. His surviving family take great comfort in knowing that Bob now experiences face to face communion with Jesus along with his father Dale, his mother Eleanor and his brother Jack. He will be missed greatly.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Bob was the most dedicated anchor and producer I had ever known. He put in 120% each and every day. I used to love to bring him Thanksgiving meals. He was so appreciative. Today KTVB celebrated 70 years. I missed seeing him and didn't know where he went. My heart is sad to read of his passing. RIP Bob. You will not be forgotten.

Carolyn Haney - July 16, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ Robert "Bob" Grotenhuis

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

JJ

“ "Bob, rest in peace."

Jerry Jones - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ "Rest in peace Bob, it was great working with you at KTVB, you were always number one in the ratings..."

Jake Putnam - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ "Rest in Peace Bob. Prayers for your family."

Drew Speier - December 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TP

“I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Bob in El Paso and again in Colorado Springs. I'm grateful that I was able to call him a friend and he will certainly be missed.”

Tolk Persons - December 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LM

“I was honored to anchor with Bob at KMEG in Sioux City, and to learn first-hand from his top-notch news writing and producing skills. I will never forget him. My sympathies to all those who knew and loved him.”

Leslie Rupiper Morrow - December 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RH

“Sad to hear of Bob's passing. Great memories of his time at KDCR Radio.”

Ruth Hofland - December 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM