

Robert grew up around the Preston, Iowa area and that is where he lived his whole life. Robert was a great guy who would absolutely do anything for anyone. He owned a meat locker/distribution center for more than 50 years. During that time in the early 1970's he would go down and buy cattle at the auction in Wapello, Iowa. This is when Robert met Knowlton Fletcher and become friends with him and bought his first racehorse at that time. Robert's horses then would race mainly at the Quad City Downs and a few small fairs. Robert, throughout the years, had horses race on the east and west coast, but mainly in the Midwest. Robert loved watching his horse's race and always wanted them to do good, but what he enjoyed most about the races was talking to people and catching up with them. Robert and his son Joe had some nice horses over the years, but never went out and bought the highest dollar horse. Robert and Joe would always try to find the horse that maybe had a slight issue but had a lot of potential and hope that they could make that horse go to its full potential someday. I know Robert would want to say thank you for the award and thanks to anyone who has trained or driven any of his horses.