

3. I have known Curt Ruby since 1984. I met him in connection with martial arts. I am 11 years younger than Curt. He was a fellow student who assisted instructor Bill Koller. I was a high school student. He and Bill Koller took me under their wings.

4. Throughout my service in the military and my career in law enforcement, I have been in touch with Curt Ruby. I visit Fort Dodge several times per year and have telephone contact with Curt regularly.

5. He has been a surrogate father to me. My parents divorced when I was 14 and I met Curt when I was 16. He taught me what a father or big brother needed to teach a young man in order to grow into a good man. He was the consummate mentor. He was patient and nonjudgmental and a good friend. If I was slipping away from the straight and narrow, he would tactfully point me back in the right direction. He taught me the fundamental lessons of life, including what it meant to have self esteem, honor and respect. I always looked up to him as a truly great human being. I cannot overstate his influence on my life. I revere him.

6. I rode with him in the squad car on occasion when I was in college and I learned that good policing includes caring for citizens and for life. As an example, Curt kept dog food in the squad car so when he found a stray he could feed the animal and leave additional food behind for it to eat.

7. He is a person of the highest character. He was the reason I chose law enforcement as my own career. In any dangerous or touchy situation, he was the person who could be counted on. He has been consistent in his dealings with victims of domestic violence. We often discussed the special problems of women and children who are assaulted by people who are supposed to love them.

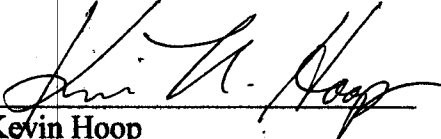
8. One of the defining circumstances of Curt's life was Bill Koller's Lou Gehrig's disease. Curt simply stopped his personal life. Curt devoted his time, attention and money to Bill. He wanted to be sure that Bill could die with dignity and honor. He sacrificed greatly to help Sue Koller, Bill's wife. It was truly profound to see the extent of his devotion to his friend. He would have sold every personal belonging he had to assure that Bill and his family were taken care of.

9. I could have had a nice cushy job in an office someplace making lots more money, but I was compelled by his example to become a law enforcement person and to try to do in my life what he has been able to do in his. Because of Curt, I see police officers as shepherds looking over their flocks.


10. Curt is a guy who should be wearing a law enforcement uniform. Curt had an unwavering commitment to policing and an immaculate record. He has been a shining example for others in law enforcement.

11. Every one he makes contact with he tries to make it a positive encounter. People just gravitate toward him. In summary, he is a good human being. He is exactly the kind of person that everyone would want as a friend, a mentor, and a law enforcement officer.

I hereby swear and affirm that the above and foregoing are matters within my personal knowledge and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Kevin Hoop

Subscribed and sworn to me before this 19th day of February, 2008.


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