



Mark Robert Koepke

July 24, 1954 - March 2, 2016

Mark Robert Koepke passed away peacefully at his home on March 2, 2016.

He will be deeply missed!

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Robert Koepke*

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“ Dr. Koepke was one of my favorite ER Doc's to work with. Their group (Utah Emergency Physicians) has around 134 (or so) Doctors and Dr. Koepke was easily in my top 5 favorites. He was always more concerned about doing the right thing for the patient than worrying about some pointless protocol that had been put into place by some high up administrator that not only had never set foot into an Emergency Department, but also wasn't even a physician. Dr. Koepke remains to this day as the ONLY physician I have seen personally go out of his way to help a patient outside the ER. Plenty of Docs consider the doors to the ER as the end of their "scope of practice" (per se), meaning that if they aren't checked in and actually in an ER room, the patient is not their problem. Or plenty I've seen "pawn off" (for lack of a better term) the patient's care to a social worker or the Nursing Supervisor. I watched late one night as Dr. Koepke gave a ride home to a patient who clearly needed one (she had arrived alone and in an ambulance - which had long left). She was quite elderly and lived high in an apartment complex. Dr. Koepke recognized that simply sending her home in a taxi cab wouldn't do her a bit of good except get her to the building's curbside. Without any hesitation he pulled his personal vehicle up into the ambulance bay and instructed me to assist him with helping her into the front seat of her car while he loaded all her personal effects into the back seat. We (the ER) were well staffed at the time and she lived only a couple of blocks from the hospital so I offered to follow him and help him get her into her apartment, but he politely assured me that he would have no problem whatsoever assisting her into her apartment. Instances like this were not rare, nor were they "the exception" when it came to Dr. Koepke. I loved the rare chances when the department was slow and I was able to "pick his brain" about certain topics and/or diagnoses (whether medical or more worldly). I have missed working with him since he left, but I was (and am) ever grateful, that he was able to spend his time on earth doing whatever he wanted to do. My condolences go out to his remaining family and loved ones. I will forever be a better healthcare provider thanks to the many lessons I was able to learn from watching him and his methods in practicing Emergency

Medicine.

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