



Leon Koester

August 29, 1929 - July 17, 2020

Leon Koester, age 90, passed away Friday, July 17, 2020, at his home.

Leon was born on August, 29, 1929 in St. Wendel, Indiana to the late Anton and Louise Knapp Koester.

He prided himself on being an entrepreneur in the farming, fertilizer and seed business and was an innovator of many farming techniques.

He acquired a trucking business, Aluminum Transport, which led to another excursion to manufacture semi-dump trailers. He is the inventor of the Superior dump trailer, holding two patents. He made many friends and acquaintances through his involvement in many businesses including a winery. He dabbled in making his own homemade wine as a hobby.

Leon loved to entertain from his backyard cookouts and turkey fries with family and friends and many trips in his motor home.

Leon is survived by his wife of 69 years, Peggy (Brandsasse) Koester, daughters, Mary (Kenny) Ernst, Cindy (Dennis) Mayer, Lori (Gary) Bowman and sons, Tom (Debbie)Koester, Ron (Kim) Koester, Gene (Susie)Koester and Randy (Carol) Koester. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his sisters: Sally Barrett, Eloise Conen, Ludwina Eisenhower and brothers, Urban, Anthony, Edward, Clinton, Ralph and Oscar Koester.

The family requests donations be made in Leon's memory to Asera Care Hospice, 8401 N. Kentucky Avenue Evansville, IN 47725 or "Smile on Down

Syndrome”, PO Box 994, Newburgh, IN 47629

The family will hold a private funeral at this time because of the Corona virus and hold a public celebration of Leon’s life at a later date.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leon Koester*



Pierre Funeral Home - July 19, 2020 at 10:09 AM

MK

So sweet to relive all those good times Kenny and I remember the time we ended up meeting your mom and dad in Branson and your had no rest we had had to eat together and then next taking us and showing us all around and then we got to buy them the biggest ice cream you ever saw Great time. And Kenny was proud to be the one they chose to build 2 beautiful homes for them and truly enjoyed doing it. Love and will truly miss him

Marlene Kissel - July 19, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Leon Koester*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

JS

“ *Please accept our sincere sympathy. We remember Leon as always smiling and willing to help. Sincerely Gerald and Janet Schneider*

Janet Schneider - July 22, 2020 at 10:10 PM

BS

“ When I began dating Leon’s grandson many years ago, he introduced me to Leon and Peggy. I remember saying to Chad as we left, “I want a love like that. I want you to look at me the way Leon looks at Peggy when we are 80.” A real life love story. I’m so happy to have been able to know and love this dear man.

Becky Sawyer - July 22, 2020 at 01:10 AM

JW

“ He was such a special man. My prayers to the family at this time. I can hear his laugh in my mind as he has found out how wonderful the Lord’s house is.

Jim Will - July 21, 2020 at 12:50 PM

CT

“ We are sorry to hear of Leon's passing. Our prayers are with the family.

Chris & Diane Thorsen - July 20, 2020 at 10:01 PM

AK

“ To Aunt Peggie and Uncle Leon's entire family,
Lori and I offer our prayers and condolences in this time of sorry.
We have reflected on many memories from over the years and will miss him. We are looking forward to the day when we can get together to celebrate his life together,
God Bless,
Allen and Lori Koester

Allen B Koester - July 20, 2020 at 11:39 AM

BF

“ Dear Peggy & Family,

My heart aches for all of you. Even after all these years, I still had so much love in my heart for Leon. I would still get a full on kiss when we crossed paths! That was Leon! More than just a father-in-law to me. What a huge family man, loving with his whole being. You've all been blessed all these years with so many wonderful memories. Hold tight to them.

Love, Brenda Fuchs

Brenda Fuchs - July 20, 2020 at 08:23 AM


Christine
Scheller

“ *Lori and family, so sorry for your loss. The angels have gained a good man.*

Christine Scheller - July 19, 2020 at 07:39 PM

MR

“ *Peg and “Pop” were our neighbors on Aspen Drive for a few short years. They were wonderful, generous people. Leon always loved having me over for snacks and drinks, even coaxing me into a shot of whiskey on occasion. He was so much fun and he was a straight shooter as well. He loved my kids like his own. We have great memories to treasure. - Mark, LeAnn, Trevor and Ty Rumsey*

Mark Rumsey - July 19, 2020 at 10:26 AM

WK

“ *I'll never forget Leon. He was a good man. I'm so sorry to hear we've lost another icon in the Koester family. My best wishes, prayers, and regards to all of you.*

William Koester - July 19, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leon Koester.*



July 18, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ *So much to say after knowing him and Peggy for 47 years, he wasn't a father figure to me, he was a father. Can still hear him saying "god dang kids!!! Arta knockum all in the head":-).*

Rick Jones - July 18, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ *What a great man. Leon and Peggy and his kids use to come over to the Henry Radigan residence nearly every Sunday after church and among the other Koesters, the Reickens and Webers, Ed Schmidt family, Spud Paul and family among other families. Everyone brought burgers, chickens, hot dogs, and other foods and desserts. Just listening to Ralph and Leon speaking German was a great memory. Leon will be missed. Condolences to his family.*

Roger Radigan - July 18, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ *I am sadden to hear of Leon's passing. I have missed him and Peggy at church during this Covid 19. Rest in peace my friend. Rachael Schlachter*

Rachael M Schlachter - July 18, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Leon Koester.*



July 18, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Leon. I helped him after his back surgery at home and wondered about him often I'm so sorry to hear about his passing. Thank you for letting me take care of him for a bit. Teri Martin*

teri - July 18, 2020 at 06:21 PM