



## Loretta M. Koester

March 9, 1929 - June 11, 2017

Loretta M. (Rexing) Koester, 88, of Wadesville, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2017 at her home surrounded by family.

Loretta was born March 9, 1929 in Vanderburgh County, IN to the late Leo J. and Cecelia (Bultman) Rexing. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Wendel Catholic Church, the St. Wendel Ladies' Club, VFW Post #6576 Ladies Auxiliary, the Armstrong RRC and St. Ann's Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John. Loretta, along with her late husband Ralph, was inducted into the Brute` Society of the Diocese of Evansville in 2011 for their service to their church. Loretta had a great desire to serve others and did so through her gifts of quilting, sharing produce from her garden, baking and cooking. She loved her family and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving Loretta are four daughters, Annalee (Jeff Tim) Wilson and Karen (David) Blankenberger, both of Evansville, Lynn (Dr. David) Ogle of Newburgh and Lois (Scott) Curtis of Boonville, IN; six sons, James (Elise) Koester and Raymond (Teresa) Koester, both of Wadesville, Allen (Lori) Koester of Evansville, Duane (Zelda) Koester, Edwin (Julie) Koester and Dale (Lisa) Koester, all of Wadesville; two sisters, Clara Gries and Helen Skaggs; three brothers, Ralph Rexing, Henry Rexing and Bernard Rexing; forty one grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Loretta was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Ralph Koester in 2011; by a sister, Irma Schmitt and by three brothers, Walter, Cletus and Joseph Rexing.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at St. Wendel Catholic Church, Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Wendel Church Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:00 A.M. until service time on Thursday at St. Wendel Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Wendel Catholic Church, 10542 W. Boonville – New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Wendel Church Cemetery

10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

JUN 15. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Wendel Catholic Church  
10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN

## funeral

JUN 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Wendel Catholic Church  
10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta M. Koester*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers.*

**Ron and Norma Faust** - June 17, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Clara, so sorry for the loss of your sister. From your friend in Florida*

**Janet Nutt** - June 17, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ *Fred And Terry Freeman lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Koester*



**Fred and Terry Freeman** - June 15, 2017 at 05:19 PM



“ *Thinking of your families at this time of your loss. Prayers.*

**George & Nancy McEuen** - June 14, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Koester.*



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June 14, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ *I believe it was Lynn that told me about canning with her mom, although I'm sure many of you did. A great family the result of outstanding parents.*

*Randy Brown*

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**Randy Brown** - June 14, 2017 at 02:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Koester.*



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June 14, 2017 at 02:13 PM



“ *Love, Chelsea & Rachael Hunter & Mark Strouse purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Loretta M. Koester.*



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**Love, Chelsea & Rachael Hunter & Mark Strouse** - June 14, 2017 at 01:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Koester.*



June 14, 2017 at 11:15 AM



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



June 13, 2017 at 11:20 PM



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



June 13, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ *Rick & Melinda Ziliak lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Koester*



**Rick & Melinda Ziliak** - June 13, 2017 at 09:08 PM

JG

“ *Jim and Lisa Gagnon purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Loretta M. Koester.*



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**Jim and Lisa Gagnon** - June 13, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Koester.*



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June 13, 2017 at 08:13 PM

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“ *Lucian & Debbie Robbins lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Koester*



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**Lucian & Debbie Robbins** - June 13, 2017 at 06:59 PM

DB

“ *We want to send our condolences to the entire family. She was a wonderful person and I considered her someone I could talk to as a friend. Loved the kindness she showed to everyone.*

*Rest in peace, Loretta.*

*Mike and Doris Beckerle*

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**Doris Beckerle** - June 13, 2017 at 06:28 PM

TK

*Dear AnnaLee,  
I'm sorry I was not able to be there to offer my sympathy. Im still at my mom's helping her as much as I can. I was glad to hear she joined Jesus peacefully and that she was surrounded by family. Love, Toni*

Toni Keeneth - June 15, 2017 at 06:52 PM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - June 13, 2017 at 04:39 PM

BF

“ All of you have my deepest sympathy. I remember Loretta as a very strong, kind, soft spoken woman, full of grace. Embrace the memories.

*Brenda (Bradford) Fuchs*



Brenda Fuchs - June 13, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Koester.



June 13, 2017 at 04:27 PM

MF

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Aunt Loretta. She and all of you will be in our prayers. The Martinez Family in Arizona

Margie Martinez and Family - June 13, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Koester.



June 13, 2017 at 02:07 PM

RJ

“ She will be so MISSED! She has been a great inspiration, to many women! She is truly one of the strongest women, that I was Blessed to have known. I Love you, GRANDMA  
Sending you & yours, Love & Prayers Rhonda Jackson



rhonda jackson - June 13, 2017 at 12:46 PM

JR

“ to the Rexing Family,  
  
I was sorry to read about the passing of your sister,  
  
Joe Rettig  
Cincinnati, OH

Joe Rettig - June 13, 2017 at 11:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Koester.*



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June 13, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Koester.*



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June 13, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *To Lynn and the entire Koester family,  
Sending you all thoughts, prayers, and the deepest of sympathy.  
May all of the wonderful memories fill your sad hearts, and may His  
light comfort you.  
Blessings,  
Cheryl Voight*

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**Cheryl Voight** - June 13, 2017 at 08:17 AM



*Thank you dear Cheryl! Love, Lynn*

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**Lynn Ogle** - June 13, 2017 at 12:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta M. Koester.*



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June 13, 2017 at 07:54 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Koester family! Sorry we are unable to attend the funeral. We are out of town. George and Norma Falls*

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**Norma Falls** - June 13, 2017 at 07:42 AM



“ *Karen,*

*So sorry for the loss of your mother. We were just talking about her and her strawberries Friday night at dinner. Teresa and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mike and Teresa Van Stone*

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**Mike Van Stone** - June 13, 2017 at 07:09 AM

CK

“ *Elise,  
I send my heartfelt prayers and condolences to you and your family.  
I was just thinking of your mother in love ( and her delicious  
strawberries) the other day. I pray that the Lord comfort you all in  
your time of bereavement.*

*Sincerely,  
Minister Carol Kidd & family*

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**Carol Kidd** - June 13, 2017 at 05:14 AM

BE

“ *To all the Koester Family,  
We send our deep condolences to all of the  
family. Your Mother will be greatly missed.  
Her and your Dad were a great example of  
what a true Christian family should be May  
she and all of the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace. God's  
Blessings to all.*



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**Bud and Sandra Elpers** - June 12, 2017 at 11:37 PM

JA

“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember her and the Koester children.  
She left a legacy.*

*Jane Goedde Amos*

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**jane amos** - June 12, 2017 at 09:10 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was a hard working  
woman. Gonna miss seeing her working in her garden. Eddie &  
Karen Hale. (neighbors)*

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**Karen Will-Hale** - June 12, 2017 at 08:06 PM

JS

*I was good friends in high school with Annalee so I spent many nights at there house. She made the best strawberry pies. Such a sweet and gentle woman. RIP*

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**jane Seib** - June 12, 2017 at 09:13 PM

BR

*Jim and Allen Koester and Family, My deepest Sympathy for the loss of your Mother. Your Family have greatly contributed to the Knights of St. John and St. Wendel Church. Sorry I cannot attend the Funeral due to my wife Caroline has Lung Cancer and is in Chemo Therapy this week. Prayers and Peace of Mind , Bernie Rietman.*

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**Bernie Rietman** - June 13, 2017 at 09:54 PM