



Ralph E. Koressel

February 20, 1937 - March 11, 2021

He came into the world during a flood, inheriting the strong, German genes of his mother who hopped in a rowboat while in labor for the voyage to the hospital. Ralph Koressel has left us after 84 years, defying odds and displaying that sturdy genetic makeup until the very end.

Born during Evansville's famous 1937 flood, he grew up the second of four in a modest house on the West Side. He attended St. Boniface, Mater Dei, and Industrial Arts, where he learned the craft that would become not only his career but also his passion and how he expressed his creative, inventive mind. After a brief Army stint where he served as a medic, he began his career hanging neon displays for SignCrafters. Following a steady rise from journeyman electrician to estimator to business leader and owner, Ralph's unique combination of street smarts and steely determination enabled him to succeed in a competitive commercial market. Because of his expertise in this area, he volunteered for two mission trips to Haiti to bring electricity to impoverished towns.

As a member of the West Side Nut Club, the Evansville Country Club, and PGA West, he enjoyed networking with businessmen, building a solid reputation at the helm of Premier Electric, which he and his wife, Judy, co-founded and ran for fifteen years. They were a team, both professionally and personally, raising two daughters and balancing work and fun. Avid golfers,

Ralph and Judy spent winters in La Quinta, California, enjoying their view from the 11th hole of the Palmer Course.

Ralph lived life on his terms, with an amazing ability to figure things out without ever looking at the instructions. He achieved success through hard work, determination, and a deep sense of curiosity. There wasn't a gizmo or gadget he didn't own, and he spent countless nights and weekends working on projects from the simple (building a playhouse for his girls) to the complex (an in-ground pool). He was the original DIY'er.

Ralph is predeceased by his loving wife, Judith Carlisle Koressel, and is survived by daughters Lori (Doug) Hudson and Kathy Koressel, brother Robert (Carolyn) Koressel, sister Carolyn Wenzel, and sister-in-law Marilyn Hoppe, grandchildren Sarah Hayden, Victor Koressel, Elliott Hudson, and Aubrey Hudson, and many nieces and nephews.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Julia (Hartman) Koressel, and a brother, Charles Koressel.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 6:00 PM on Monday, March 15, 2021 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street. Private funeral services and entombment will be held at St. Joseph Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hamilton Pointe for their loving care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heart-to-Heart Hospice, 2532 Waterbridge Way, Evansville, IN 47710, in appreciation of their caring and compassionate services.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph E. Koressel*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Koressel.*



March 15, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of our Brother Ralph Koressel. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and share in their loss. A private tribute to his memory will be held at our next Union meeting in his honor. Rest in peace, Brother. With Deepest Sympathy, The Officers, Staff and Members of IBEW Local Union 16 Evansville, Indiana*



Kim Musgrave - March 15, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Koressel.



March 14, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ 106 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - March 14, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ Dave H. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph E. Koressel.



Dave H. - March 13, 2021 at 09:59 AM

DH

“ *Dave and Gloria send our sincere condolences to the family. Ralph and Judith were friends of ours for many years. We have many many great memories. Ralph had more skills that anyone I have ever known.. He could do anything he set his mind on doing. If you needed help with anything he was always there. He was always there for Judith serving as her caregiver while she endured her many health problems. Now its time for the good Lord to pay him back.*

Gloria and Dave Halbig Sebring Florida

David Halbig - March 13, 2021 at 09:26 AM

BM

So so sorry!!! I will definitely miss him when I can go back to visit at Hamilton Pointe. Sure didn't know that he was so gifted. Would have had more conversations with him. Love and prayers!! Beth Ann Murray

Beth Ann Murray - March 13, 2021 at 11:54 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Koressel.*



March 12, 2021 at 10:48 PM