



Ralph E. Koester

May 22, 1927 - August 17, 2011

Ralph E. Koester, age 84, of St. Wendel, passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at his home surrounded by his family.

Ralph was a dairy farmer. He was a member of St. Wendel Catholic Church and the Knights of St. John at St. Wendel. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Korean War and was a member of the VFW Post #6576 at Wadesville. He was also a member and former board member of Armstrong Recreation Center.

Surviving Ralph are his wife of 60 years, Loretta (Rexing) Koester; four daughters, Annalee (Jeffrey Tim) Wilson and Karen L. (David) Blankenberger, both of Evansville, Lynn (Dr. David) Ogle of Newburgh and Lois (Scott) Curtis of Chandler; six sons, James (Elise) Koester, Raymond (Teresa) Koester, Allen (Lori) Koester, Duane (Zelda) Koester, Edwin (Julie) Koester and Dale (Lisa) Koester, all of St. Wendel; one sister, Sally Barrett of Evansville and two brothers, Clinton (Mary) Koester and Leon (Peggy) Koester of Evansville. Also surviving are 38 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Urban, Edward, Oscar and Anthony and sisters, Ludwina Eisenhauer and Eloise Conen.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, August 20, 2011 at St. Wendel Catholic Church, Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery where military rites will be conducted.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial

service held at 4:00 P.M. Friends may also visit from 9:00 A.M. until service time on Saturday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Wendel Building Fund, 10542 West Boonville-New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN. 47720.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

AUG 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

AUG 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph E. Koester*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ralph E. Koester*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Dear Annalee and family,*

I was saddened to read of your dear father's passing away. May God grant you peace, love, strength during this difficult time. May his love and warm smile remain in your hearts forever. Take care and God bless. Sincerely, Beth Seaton##imported-begin##Beth Seaton##imported-end##

August 22, 2011 at 10:36 AM



“ *Dear Allen and Family,*

So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. You and your family and in my thoughts and prayers.

Dan###imported-begin###Dan Dick###imported-end###

August 19, 2011 at 10:32 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Koester family during this difficult time....we always enjoyed when Mr Koester stopped by to chat, he was a great person!###imported-begin###Tony & Michele Tepool###imported-end###*

August 19, 2011 at 07:49 PM



“ *Loretta & Family,*

Bud & I are so very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I always had such appreciation of his continuing respect for me. He was such a gracious man. We know he has suffered much these last months. You can now know that he is at peace. May you have comfort in your memories. May the Lord Bless you & Keep you, May He Rest in Peace. We will keep you & your family in our thoughts & prayers during your time of great loss.

Bud & Sandra Elpers###imported-begin###Bud & Sandra Elpers###imported-end###

August 19, 2011 at 06:17 PM



“ ON BEHALF OF THE COMRADES AND SISTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND OUR DEPARTED COMRADE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. SINCERELY VETERANS OF FORIEGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA STATE CHAPLAIN KEISTON R.HOLLOWAY##imported-begin##KEISTON R.HOLLOWAY##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 12:34 PM



“ We're so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. You have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Greg Weinzapfel Family##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 11:28 AM



“ Sorry to hear about your loss. I know this is a difficult time. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you and your family.##imported-begin##Phillip Cree##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 09:29 AM



“ I want to offer my sympathy to the family in your time of loss. Mr. Koester was a respected man of the community and agriculture industry. He always took time out to talk with me and ask about the agriculture programs and kids in FFA. I appreciated his kindness and wisdom. I will never forget the time he locked himself out of the tractor on the Ned Williams farm by the school fence. I am truly sorry for your loss...##imported-begin##Mike Wassmer##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 07:42 AM



“ Uncle Ralph the last time we saw you was a very happy time for all of us. Even though we lived apart from you for so long you were always in our hearts, your handsome smile will be always in our minds forever, and you will always be remembered in our prayers. We love you and know that you are now with Mom, Pop, and your brothers and sisters in a beautiful place.

We love you,
Joanie, Shirley, Marilyn, Margie, & Bobby##imported-begin##Joan Eisenhauer##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 11:19 PM



“ How can I write about a man who was such a friend. Oh how the times we sat down and laughed and joked and just enjoyed each others company. I will cherish the last conversation with you. You will be truly missed. May the angels greet you and take you to heaven and place in in God's arms. Rest well my friend you don't have to worry or be in pain anymore. My sympathy to your family. Katrina##imported-begin##katrina paul (Gross)##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 09:26 PM



“ *My prayers are with your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Beth Reger##imported-end##*

August 18, 2011 at 05:02 PM



“ *I will miss Mr. Koester. We had some great conversations. He was, without question , A Great American !!##imported-begin##Ken Pettit##imported-end##*

August 18, 2011 at 02:04 PM