



Clarence A. Korte

August 12, 1929 - May 29, 2021

Clarence A. Korte, age 91 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, May 29, 2021, at Stillwater Senior Living in Edwardsville, IL.

He was born on Monday, August 12, 1929, in Pocahontas, IL, the son of Frank and Emma (nee Kalmer) Korte.

On Saturday, January 24, 1959, he married Ruth R. Korte nee Schrage at St. Rose Catholic Church-St. Rose, IL, who survives.

He was a member of Saint Gertrude Catholic Church, Grantfork, IL; Former Member-Immaculate Conception Catholic Church-Pierron, IL; Knights of Columbus Council #1580; N.F.O. and Carpenter's Local.

He was born on a farm east of Pierron, IL near Pocahontas, IL. He attended Immaculate Conception Grade School. His father passed away when Clarence was 13 years old; his mother continued to operate the family farm. He and his brother helped operate the farm. He served in the US Army from 2/18/1954 to 11/17/1955 during the Korean War. He did construction work for several years, then he purchased and operated the family farm. He was featured in the National Geographic for his organic farming in February 1980. In the mid 1980's they moved off the farm and he followed a career as a union carpenter and later retired. His avocation was woodworking; he built wooden

horses for all his grandchildren. He loved his family and was a faithful church member. He was a father figure for nieces and nephews and quick to help anyone.

Survivors include:

Wife - Ruth R. Korte (nee Schrage), Highland, IL

Daughter - Kathleen F. Korte-Long, Edwardsville, IL

Son - Philip A. (Anita) Korte, Morris, IL

Son - Christopher A. (Gina) Korte, Highland, IL

Son - Curtis F. (Mykelann) Korte, Edwardsville, IL

Son - Douglas G. (Francine) Korte, Pacific, MO

Daughter - Cinthia R. (Scott) Pratt, League City, TX

Daughter - Sheila Marie (Significant Other-Dan Korte) Korte, Saint Louis, MO

Daughter - Emily (Clayton) Korte-Stroff, Saint Louis, MO

Son - Chad P. (Cassie) Korte, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Katrina Knebel

Grandchild - Angela (Josh) Flicker

Grandchild - Jene (Charlie) Lintz

Grandchild - Kendall (Craig) Claire

Grandchild - Kaylin Korte

Grandchild - Nathan Korte

Grandchild - Chase Korte

Grandchild - Reece Korte

Grandchild - Evan Korte

Grandchild - Jessica Korte

Grandchild - Samantha Korte

Grandchild - Lillian Pratt

Grandchild - Amelia Pratt

Grandchild - Zenga Stroff

Grandchild - Francis Korte

Great Grandchild - Sylvia Knolhoff

Great Grandchild - Athea Knolhoff
Great Grandchild - Monet Flicker
Great Grandchild - Jude Flicker
Great Grandchild - Addison Lintz
Great Grandchild - Gavin Lintz
Brother - Norbert (Helen) Korte
Sister - Florence Schrage
Sister - Olivia Ficker
Sister - Irene (Bernard) Huelsmann.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Frank Anton Korte - Died 02/26/1941

Mother - Emma Anna Korte (nee Kalmer) - Died 08/23/1990

Sister - Eleanor Henrichs - Died 12/14/1986.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 02, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 03, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 AM on Thursday, June 03, 2021, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pierron, IL, with Father Paul J. Bonk, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Pierron, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Gertrude Catholic Church,

Parkinson's Foundation and Adonai International Ministries.

Tribute Wall

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“ My favorite memory of your dad was when he offered to meet one of our students with autism at Giant Steps to talk to him about his unwavering desire to build a house. Your dad did not try and talk him out of it like most adults did he listened to his idea, helped him draw up a plan and then brought in the supplies! They even put on a real roof! When the project was completed five or six people could easily sit in the house and be comfortable. But that is not all. This house really made an impact. The house stood in the OT room where Emily worked and children really loved it and used it. We put rugs and cushions on the floor so they could be comfortable. One new student used the house every morning on arrival. She was a screamer, always screaming at the slightest upset. She would sit in the house quietly usually undisturbed and then come out at her own pace. One day she said, “now I don’t need to scream anymore!” And she did not as long as she sat in that house every morning until she didn’t need it anymore. That was the power of that house built by your father, grandfather and great grandfather. A splendid man and a powerful carpenter.

betty berger - June 02, 2021 at 09:22 AM

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“ Clarence lived a long good life
Symphony to the family

bernette (Cletus) Toennies - June 02, 2021 at 08:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence A. Korte.



June 01, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Clarence A. Korte.



June 01, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarence A. Korte.



June 01, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Clarence A. Korte.



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