



Eugene B. "Gene" Korte

October 19, 1924 - October 28, 2015

Eugene B. "Gene" Korte, age 91 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL.

He was born on Sunday, October 19, 1924, in Pierron, IL, the son of John and Emma (nee Benke) Korte.

On Saturday, December 29, 1979, he married Mary Haldi Korte nee Tschannen who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church; Knight of Columbus; VFW Post #5694; American Legion Post 439; former member of the Country Club; and former member of Highland Rotary Club.

Gene was born north of Pierron, IL, on the family farm. He attended Immaculate Conception School, Pierron, IL. He worked for Wm. F. Mewes & Co. General Store in Pierron. He served with the U.S. Army for 2 1/2 years; 15 months duty overseas with the Second Infantry Division during WW II. He worked for Steiner's Men's Wear and later purchased the shoe division from the Steiner family. He was the owner and manager of Korte's Shoe Department Store for 24 1/2 years. In 1979 in worked as a real estate broker for Ralph Korte Realty Inc., later named Terra Properties. He enjoyed golfing, playing baseball, playing cards (bridge) and Saturday lunch with family.

Survivors include:

Wife - Mary Haldi Korte nee Tschannen, Highland, IL

Son - Nic E. (Mary) Korte, Grand Junction, CO

Son - Brad E. (Jeannie) Korte, Highland, IL

Daughter - Jeannie M. (Scott) Korte, Highland, IL

Step Son - Rick C. (Gail) Haldi, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Ann E. (Ryan) Leonard, Grand Junction, CO

Grandchild - Adam E. (Cara) Korte, Grand Junction, CO

Grandchild - Aaron E. Korte, Cornville, AZ

Grandchild - Julie M. Korte, Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - Ensign Matthew J. Korte, U. S. Navy, Norfolk, VA

Grandchild - Alexander C. Korte, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Nisa B. (Jason) Schmitz, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Daniel S. Korte, Saint Louis, MO

Great Grandchild - Zia K. Leonard, Grand Junction, CO

Great Grandchild - Koen M. Leonard, Grand Junction, CO

Great Grandchild - Anton J. Schmitz, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Brea L. Schmitz, Highland, IL

Sister - Lenore "Toots" Windsor, Saint Louis, MO

Sister - Dorothy M. "Dot" Kimberlin, Highland, IL

Brother - Gerald G. Korte, Highland, IL

Brother - Marcellus W. "Popeye" (Agnes) Korte, Saint Rose, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - John G. Korte

Mother - Emma E. Korte nee Benke

First Wife - Margie D. Korte nee Pacatte (married 2/10/1948; died 6/28/1977)

Brother - Jerome Korte (killed in WWII)

Brother - Alfred J. "Al" Korte (died 7/17/1998)

Brother - Joseph G. Korte (Died 1/4/2010)

Sister - Magdalen M. "Madge" Haenny (Died 11/11/2006)

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, November 01, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Monday, November 02, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 02, 2015, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL., with Rev. Father David L. Peters, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Paul School Educational Foundation; Friends of Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Highland, IL

Tribute Wall

ME

“ I met Gene a few years ago when playing Bridge down at the community center. He was an easy person to like and an excellent bridge partner.

Melanie Escott - January 01, 2016 at 09:29 AM

PL

“ Our thoughts and and prayers for the family and friends. Gene was always such a kind, gentle person who always was smiling. I remember as a child going to the shoe store and always having him wait on us. I know he'll really be missed but the memories will always be in your hearts. God Bless

Pam Ulrich Lecerf - October 31, 2015 at 05:58 PM

KM

“ Uncle Gene was the epitome of kindness and good will. He will be missed.

Kathy Aylward McCasky - October 30, 2015 at 07:45 PM

BK

“ So sorry to hear the news about Uncle Gene. He was so sweet, and I always looked forward to seeing him at Christmas. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Peace be with all of you. Love, Becky

Becky Kimberlin - October 30, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eugene B. "Gene" Korte.*



October 30, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ *Uncle Gene was a true gentlemen. I remember many visits to Highland growing up where we were greeted by his smile and gracious hospitality. He always made us feel welcome. The older I get, the more I appreciate those who demonstrate kindness. Uncle Gene was one who demonstrated authentic kindness--a rare and precious trait in this world.*

May the Lord bless and keep him,

*Stephen Moll
(son of Kathryn Pacatte Moll)*

Stephen Moll - October 30, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ *Gene will have a special place in my heart. His smile was the best after eating one of my chocolate chip cookies or a bowl of homemade soup. Susie*

Susie - October 29, 2015 at 07:05 PM