



Felicitas R. "Felix" Korte

December 16, 1923 - May 17, 2015

Felicitas R. "Felix" Korte, age 91 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, May 17, 2015, at Faith Care Center in Highland, IL.

She was born December 16, 1923, in Saint Jacob, IL, the daughter of Edward A. and Phillipina "Bena" (nee Fohne) Mersinger.

On September 10, 1947, she married Alfred J. "Al" Korte who passed away on July 17, 1998.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church. She was also a member of the former Daughters of Isabella; Former member of St. Anne Altar Society.

Felix was born southwest of St. Jacob on the family farm off of Route 4. She grew up there and attended Black Jack County School. She briefly worked at Wicks Organ Company. Following her marriage she worked at home, then helped her husband with Korte-Richter Meat Processing, they opened in 1969. It is now operated by her son as Korte Meats. She has been in the same Rummy Card Club since the early 1970's. She did a lot of Community Volunteer work, a Meals on Wheels driver, and helped with Daughters of Isabella activities. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include :

Son - David E. (Therese M.) Korte, Highland, IL
Daughter - Diane M. (David) Schwind, Glen Carbon, IL
Daughter - Sue A. (William "Marty") Wilson, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Shandy L. (Gerald) Klein, Glen Carbon, IL
Grandchild - Shawn A. (Shannon) Hogg, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Amy L. (Jason) Koerkenmeier, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Anita M. (Rob) Zbinden, St. Jacob, IL
Grandchild - Katie M. Schwind, Waimea, HI
Grandchild - Shelby L. (Chad) Bartoszkiewicz, Edwardsville, IL
Grandchild - Mike M. (wife Beth Rapoff) Wilson, Granite City, IL
Grandchild - Kyle D. (Amanda) Korte, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Matthew D. Schwind, Kissligg, Germany
Great Grandchild - Nathan Klein
Great Grandchild - Joshua Klein
Great Grandchild - Syler Hogg
Great Grandchild - Shayden Hogg
Great Grandchild - Sayde Hogg
Great Grandchild - Finn Wilson
Great Grandchild - Charlotte Wilson
Great Grandchild - Kyler Koerkenmeier
Great Grandchild - Kendyl Koerkenmeier
Great Grandchild - Kira Bartoszkiewicz
Great Grandchild - Khloe Bartoszkiewicz
Great Grandchild - Brittin Korte
Great Grandchild - Landry Korte
Great Grandchild - Landon McKinnon
Great Grandchild - Jayna Zbinden
Great Grandchild - Dexter Zbinden

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Edward A. Mersinger

Mother - Phillipina "Bena" Mersinger nee Fohne

Husband - Alfred J. "Al" Korte died 7/17/1998

Brother - Emil F. Mersinger died 10/29/2006

Brother - Lawrence G. Mersinger died 12/16/1983

Brother - Clarence E. Mersinger died 6/21/2009

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Father Scott A. Snider officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul School Education Foundation; Hospice of Southern IL; or St. Joseph Hospital Foundation.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. May God be with all of your family during this sorrowful time.*

Colette Schuetz - May 21, 2015 at 10:09 AM

DS

thank you

Diane Schwind - May 22, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ [continued from the previous post]

.....Grams will always be my example of a balanced life, a good life. She led a life with structure, an organized, impeccably managed life, but she never had that cold stiffness usually associated with those characteristics. All of us grandchildren, family, friends felt the warmth and unconditional love that she shared. Through all our shenanigans and mis steps, grams was never one to turn a cold shoulder. She'd maybe give a stern face, maybe a word or two, but we all knew, that she always still loved us.

Her lines of right and wrong, clean and dirty , held a high bar, but she always supportive of us reaching those lines, even in a chronic teenage slob like myself :)

Her humor and affinity for a good time will always be a reminder of a life well lived. Even in her last weeks, stuck in a hospital bed, facing death, she was still cracking jokes, keeping things lighthearted and finding the joy even in trying times. She is our example for a life well lived, work hard, play hard, love unconditionally. Be kind and understanding but firm and unyielding. Love you grams, you'll always be with me in my heart, that voice over my shoulder saying, just do this dishes right now. :). Whenever I see an owl, someone getting angry at a squirrel, cleaning products; whenever I hear an older woman say "ack" at the site of an unkempt home.... I'll think of you.

When you get up there to Grandpa, give him a big wet kiss on the lips for all of us, as you do to each of us every time we saw you. I love you Grandma Korte. You are always in my heart.

Your Granddaughter,

Katie Schwind

KT Schwind - May 20, 2015 at 04:42 PM



“ 91. Ninty-one years on this earth. From 1923 - 2015. The world is a different place from when you came into it, a better place because of you and the incredible family you raised. Through your memories and reminiscing, I got to glance into the world that was, when you were came into it.

For a school project once, I had to ask someone to tell me about their favorite teacher. I asked you; you giggled at me and said well it was Miss X. I asked why, and you giggled again, and said "well I only ever had one... and a few nuns" From a world of one-room school houses and farm kids only needing an 8th grade education, buying only sugar and flour because you grow and raise everything else, getting your first real job in a factory b/c it was WWII and they needed women to work so you dipped boxes in wax at an converted organ factory, from the introduction of the TV to the atomic bomb, you have seen and experienced drastic changes in the world. I remember the first time we skyped because you were so overwhelmed you cried. I was in Sweden, talking to you through a TV; it was like something out of a Sci-Fi book. Every time, skyping at Thanksgiving, you ask if I'd be home for Christmas and if I said I couldn't this year, tears would well-up behind your glasses and it broke my heart as much as yours.

You've always had such love for us ruckus kids, even when we drove you crazy. It didn't matter how many times I got grounded for having a messy room, it was never much motivation to do anything about it, but the one time you saw my room and cried because it was messy, I whipped it right into shape. I felt so shamed for making grams cry.

Swipe a white gloved finger in your house and it would still be white. Your cleanliness and innate sense of order is unparalleled and to this day it can still light a fire under my bum to get my life in neat and tidy order. Whenever someone would bring up the historic Mersinger cabin, your response was always 'Ack!!', in your good German way because a 150year old cabin could never look clean

enough for your taste :)

Peanut butter balls, french toast, and deep-fried catfish will always be the taste of grandma's house. Home Alone, Shirley Temple, and Grumpier Old Men will always bring me back to being a kid sitting on the floor of your living room, with the owls on the wall starring us down :) Boating with you and grandpa, I can still see you in your clear green-billed visor on and permed hair poofing out of the sides, sitting next to grandpa with a stag in his hand. When I hear Frank (Sinatra), I think of you and Toni and all us girls being silly in the back of the van going to MMA... and you just loving it.

You're a tough old bird Felix Korte. A impeccable sense of cleanliness and order; a sense of humor that even at 91, in a hospital bed for days, you can make a tired old nurse laugh and spit back at the dirty jokes I make. Your simple grace, strength, kindness, warmth, and humor has always and will always inspire those of us who have had the pleasure of you in our lives. In these last few weeks, your unshakable positivity, unfathomable clearness of mind and heart, and your courage and assuredness in the path you are about to walk, just drives your always inspiring image deeper in us.

..... to be continued on the next post. (I was always kind of the long winded one of the family :))

KT Schwind - May 20, 2015 at 04:41 PM

PG

“ You and your family truly had a treasure. Your Parents were both amazing. Selfless, generous and a role model for the community. They raised a wonderful family and gave each and every one of you your talents and wisdom to give back to the world. Felix was one of a kind. God bless all of you as you grieve her passing and know that she is in God's hands. We love you, Paul and Marilyn Georgy

Paul and Marilyn Georgy - May 20, 2015 at 08:11 AM

DS

thank you. I know you can relate.

Diane Schwind - May 20, 2015 at 09:56 PM

DS

“ 2 files added to the album *Felicitas Korte*



Diane Schwind - May 19, 2015 at 06:01 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Felicitas Korte*



Diane Schwind - May 18, 2015 at 08:33 PM

DS

“ *Felix Korte was the mother of 3, Grandma of 9 and great grandma of 16. She was and will continue to be our strong foundation and she will be greatly missed but never forgotten. She will live on in each of us as we strive to live up to the example she and our dad have set for us.*

She loved and was proud of her children, grandchildren and all of their spouses. She always talked about her wonderful grandkids and their spouses, she was so proud of each of you. You have all become honest, giving, hardworking men and women and it was such a joy for her to watch you as good parents raising the next generation of beautiful great grandchildren. We are who we are because of the example she and dad have been to us.

Grandma worked hard, volunteered her time to many organizations and to those who needed her. She had a straight moral compass and enjoyed life. She had strong religious convictions and followed God's commandments. She always gave more than she took and being helpful and needed gave her joy. She never asked for much and she never complained. The simple things in life like family and friends were most important to her. Her only complaint about getting older is she was “useless” – her words, certainly not ours because we needed her spirit and direction, always. She was never happier than when she was cooking, cleaning or babysitting for any of us. We are so grateful to God that he has given her and us these last several days. She has been awake and alert and in no pain. We were able to watch her go quietly, joyfully and peacefully like the gentle ocean waves.

Felix and Al Korte

Diane Schwind - May 18, 2015 at 08:26 PM

SF

“ Thinking of all of you today and in the days ahead. Felix was a special lady and will truly be missed. You will now have all your beautiful memories of your mother which will grow more precious everyday! With our deepest sympathy, Jeff and Sandy Frey

sandy frey - May 18, 2015 at 08:03 PM

DS

thank you,

diane schwind - May 19, 2015 at 02:44 PM

PL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family on the loss of Felix. I will always remember fondly the fun times we all had when the parents would all get together for parties every weekend. The many times I had the honor of "babysitting" you children and the fun times we had playing games. I was glad when she moved to Sunbeam Drive and was my neighbor. Many friends will miss this truly great lady. God Bless.
Pam Ulrich Lecerf

Pam Ulrich Lecerf - May 18, 2015 at 06:51 PM

KD

“ Kim Deimeke lit a candle in memory of Felicitas R. "Felix" Korte



Kim Deimeke - May 18, 2015 at 06:03 PM

MB

“ *Mary Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory of Felicitas R. "Felix" Korte*



Mary Beth Broughton - May 18, 2015 at 02:52 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Felicitas R. "Felix" Korte.*



May 18, 2015 at 02:21 PM