



Gerald G. "Jerry" Korte

March 6, 1927 - January 10, 2016

Gerald George "Jerry" Korte, age 88 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, January 10, 2016, at St. Mary Health Center in Richmond Heights, MO.

He was born March 06, 1927, in Pierron, IL, the son of John and Emma (nee Benke) Korte.

On October 20, 1948, he married Colleen Margaret Gathard who passed away on January 18, 2006.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus, Council #1580, Highland, IL; Knight of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly #0231, Highland, IL; Highland Optimist Club(Past President); Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #2479; Highland, IL; Lee Iten Post #439-American Legion, Highland, IL..

Jerry was born at Pierron, where he grew up and attended Immaculate Conception School, graduating in 1941. He served with U.S. Army from 1/22/1946 to 4/2/1947. He Co-owned Community Lumber Company and Community Builders from 1950 to 1982. He worked for B-Dry and Gutter Helmet until his retirement. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, boating on Carlyle lake, playing cards, and was an avid bowler. He enjoyed watching the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals and played baseball for Pierron, "All Stars" in his

youth.

Survivors include :

Daughter - Kay A. (Richard "Rick") Schuette, Highland, IL

Daughter - Jan M. ("Butch") Covili, Litchfield, IL

Daughter - Jeri L. (Jeff) Foehner, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Jami L. (James) Miller, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Jason R. Hemann, Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - Thomas R. (Significant Other - Melissa Crim) Schuette, Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - Daniel G. Schuette, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Briana R. (Significant Other - Chad Henningfeld) Martin, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Kayla M. Martin, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Jenee E. (Significant Other - Ryan Mitchel) Foehner, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Maria A. Foehner, Lebanon, IL

Great Grandchild - Connor J. Miller

Great Grandchild - Aubree C. Hemann

Great Grandchild - Braden J. Miller

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

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

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

He was preceded in death by :

Father - John G. Korte (Died 12/11/1955)

Mother - Emma E. Korte nee Benke (Died 12/20/1990)

Wife - Colleen M. Korte nee Gathard (Died 1/18/2006)

Daughter - Judy Rose Korte (Died 11/05/1980 @ age 21)

Brother - Jerome Korte (killed in WWII on 12/7/1944)

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)

Brother - Eugene B. "Gene" Korte (Died 10/28/2015)

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 Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL., with Father Pat G. Jakel, officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul School Educational Foundation; Highland Optimist Club; to the Family (to select a memorial later).

Tribute Wall



“ *Our deepest sympathies from the library board and the staff of the Lebanon Public Library.*

Kelly Wilhelm - January 14, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald G. "Jerry" Korte.*



January 13, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss of Jerry. Not many people who I have cross paths with, have lived life and enjoyed life to its fullest. I think we can all learn something from him... Next time I am in Highland I will tip a Stag in his honor. Dan and Mary Ellen Richter. Medfield, MA*

Dan Richter - January 12, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers!
With deepest sympathy,
Ron Markus and Marla Trone*

marla trone - January 12, 2016 at 07:18 PM

JK

“ To Jeri and the family . We are so sorry for the loss of your wonderful Dad! He always brought smiles and happiness into the room. When we became teenagers he hung out with us at times and it was so much fun. I always remember him taking such good care of that beautiful yard and sitting on his lawn mower. What a great Dad you have all had all these years, I know he will be so missed . Bless you all as you go through this season .
Jacqueline Hogan Kneller

jacqueline hogan kneller - January 12, 2016 at 10:07 AM

RB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for your family
Rich Billiter



Richard Billiter - January 12, 2016 at 10:02 AM

MR

“ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Roberts lit a candle in memory of Gerald G. "Jerry" Korte



Mr. & Mrs. Rick Roberts - January 12, 2016 at 08:05 AM

MR

We are so sorry to hear about your grandfather.

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Roberts - January 12, 2016 at 08:09 AM

MB

“ *Mary Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory of Gerald G. "Jerry" Korte*



Mary Beth Broughton - January 11, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerald G. "Jerry" Korte.*



January 11, 2016 at 10:06 PM

CD

“ *Chris and Diane Duncan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gerald G. "Jerry" Korte.*



Chris and Diane Duncan - January 11, 2016 at 08:47 PM

KL

“ Jerry will always be in our thoughts and prayers. He always had a wonderful smile and kiss for Ann whenever he saw her. I entertained several "after Optimist Shootout Parties" at our house. Jerry was always the first one there and the last one to leave! I was glad that Jeff and Rick brought him over to play cards at our house, just before Christmas. We will miss you, Jerry Korte.

Kent and Ann Linenfelser

Kent Linenfelser - January 11, 2016 at 07:27 PM

BK

“ I loved Jerry and Colleen so much. Smokey and I loved going to Florida with them, Smokey and Jerry fishing and Colleen and I at the pool. I'll always have wonderful memories of them with great big smiles on their faces. Please know I'm praying for you during this difficult time.

Bonnie Kloss - January 11, 2016 at 07:09 PM

DS

“ My fondest memories of Uncle Jerry, my dad and his brothers always make me smile. They were fun loving, hard playing, hard working "characters". Uncle Jerry was a kind, happy, wonderful man who lived life to the fullest, never met a stranger, and would help anyone who needed it. I never saw him without a smile, and a friendly greeting. You will be missed uncle Jerry, tell my mom and dad hi and I love them.

Diane (Korte) Schwind

Diane Schwind - January 11, 2016 at 06:59 PM

CS

“ *Jan, Kay, Jeri and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you cherish all of the memories that you had with him.
R.I.P. Jerry.*

Chuck

Chuck Schadegg - January 11, 2016 at 06:51 PM