



James W. "Muttie" Koehler, Sr

October 7, 1933 - January 4, 2018

James W. "Muttie" Koehler, Sr., age 84 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, January 4, 2018, at his residence in Highland, IL.

He was born on Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Highland, IL, the son of Waldo R. and Martha M. (nee Kustermann) Koehler.

On Saturday, January 27, 1951, he married Joan M. Moore at Pocahontas, AR, who survives in Highland, IL.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL and retired Teamster Local 525.

Mr. Koehler was born and grew up in Highland, IL. He worked at Alton Box Company. He operated Muttie's Tavern east of Highland and then on Broadway in town. He operated a DX Gasoline Station at Walnut and U.S. Route 40 for several years. He worked as a Teamster until retiring in 1995. He was a partner with F & K Enterprises renovating and remodeling apartments for use as rental units. He enjoyed motorcycle riding and stock car racing, and worked in the pit area of the race track. He was an officer with the Southwestern Racing Association for a number of years. He liked traveling in his motor home to visit family and friends throughout the United States. Spending time with his family was very important to him. He loved all animals

and enjoyed feeding squirrels, cats, dog and birds. For many, many years he played cards with his friends at Ed and Millie's Tavern and Hi-Top Bowl.

Survivors include:

Wife - Joan M. Koehler, nee Moore, Highland, IL

Son - James W. (Janet) Koehler, Jr, Paradise Valley, AZ

Daughter - Jamie L. Wesselmann, Highland, IL

Daughter - Jody R. (David) Rouggly, Highland, IL

Daughter - Janet K. (Rodney) Sullivan, Clermont, FL

Sister - Mary Lou Moore, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Jene' S. (Brian "Herbie") Zobrist, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Julie R. (Sean) Engelmann, Trenton, IL

Grandchild - John D. "JD" (Tammy) Wesselmann, Carlyle, IL

Grandchild - Jaclyn N. "Jaci" (Jeremy) Nash, Saint Jacob, IL

Grandchild - James W. Koehler, III, Paradise Valley, AZ

Grandchild - Justin P. Koehler, Paradise Valley, AZ

Great Grandchild - Maya L. Zobrist, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Calli M. Engelmann

Great Grandchild - Tucker C. Engelmann

Great Grandchild - Lexa A. Nash

Great Grandchild - Jaylyn R. Smollen, Saint Jacob, IL

Great Grandchild - John David Wesselmann, II, Carlyle, IL

Great Grandchild - Jayse D. Smollen, Saint Jacob, IL

Great Grandchild - Brier C. Engelmann

Great Grandchild - Kelsie A. Wesselmann, Carlyle, IL

Great Grandchild - Alexis M. Wesselmann, Carlyle, IL

Great Grandchild - Madilyn R. Wesselmann, Carlyle, IL

Great Grandchild - Brynna A. Nash

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Waldo R. Koehler - Died 10/30/1985

Mother - Martha M. Koehler, nee Kustermann - Died 3/24/1979

Son - Jerry L. Koehler - Died 1963

Sister - Alice M. Manley - Died 12/26/2012

Sister - Beatrice C. "Betty" Pfister - Died 6/25/1973

Sister - Dorothy L. "Dot" Bellm - Died 5/01/1994

Son-in-law - John A. Wesselmann - Died 8/14/2017

Nephew - Roger A. Pfister, Sr - Died 3/07/2015

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

Visitation will be held from 8:00 AM to 9:45 AM on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Animal Shelter or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of James W. "Muttie" Koehler, Sr



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - January 05, 2018 at 02:56 PM

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“ Thinking of so many childhood memories and sending prayers for the Koehler family.



Carol Schmitt MacKnight - January 06, 2018 at 12:37 AM

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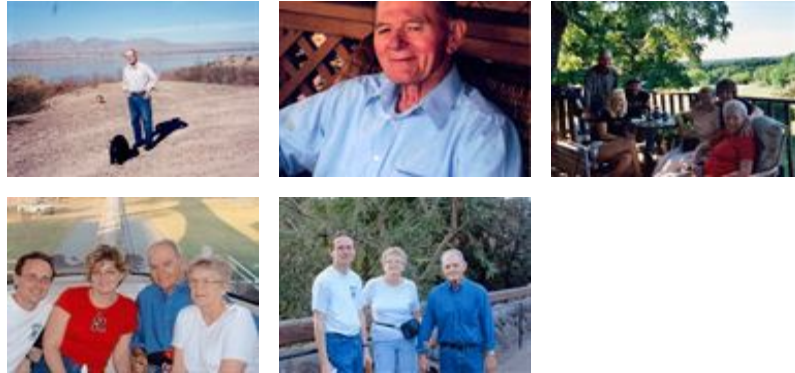
“ Kim Orcutt lit a candle in memory of James W. "Muttie" Koehler, Sr



Kim Orcutt - January 05, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulangier Funeral Home - January 05, 2018 at 01:54 PM

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“ *Jim was a great friend and neighbor of Kay Driemeyer and Janet (Driemeyer) Schrage families. Always a good word and smile. RIP our friend.*

Schrage family - January 05, 2018 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Jim was a great friend and neighbor to the Kaye Driemeyer and Janet (Driemeyer) Schrage families. There was always a big wave and smile. His kindness will be always be remembered.*

Virgil Schrage family - January 05, 2018 at 10:09 AM

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“ *Leann Shoot lit a candle in memory of James W. "Muttie" Koehler, Sr*



Leann Shoot - January 05, 2018 at 07:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James W. "Muttie" Koehler, Sr.*



January 04, 2018 at 11:09 PM



“ *Michelle Bast Waeckerle lit a candle in memory of James W. "Muttie" Koehler, Sr*



Michelle Bast Waeckerle - January 04, 2018 at 09:58 PM