



## Kenneth D. Korsmeyer

April 11, 1970 - August 27, 2024

Kenneth D. Korsmeyer, age 54 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at his sister's house in Alhambra, IL.

He was born on Saturday, April 11, 1970, in Highland, IL, the son of Delmar and Marlene (nee Mayer) Korsmeyer.

On Saturday, September 6, 1997, he married Janice Elizabeth Ostertag who survives.

He was a member of St. Gertrude Catholic Church. He was also a member of New Switzerland Model R.R. Club, Highland, IL and Madison County Farm Bureau. He was featured with his Oliver tractor collection in the Oliver Heritage Magazine.

Kenneth was born in Highland, IL and grew up in rural Alhambra area on the family farm. He graduated from Highland High School in 1988. Then he graduated from SIU-E for Electrical Engineer and continued with a Master Degree at SIU-E. After he married, they moved to rural Highland, IL. He enjoyed his many Oliver tractors and would drive his Oliver's in the homecoming parades. He enjoyed country line dancing and his favorite line dance was "Apple Jacks" which was his signature move along with the Cha-cha. He did farm tours at the family farm. He was a farmer all his life. He did

some carpenter work early on with his father. He enjoyed building train layouts and customizing trains for his club. He loved family time and vacations. Olivers were his pride and joy as he loved sharing his passion with family and friends and showed them off in parades and shows. Ken enjoyed playing piano, writing poems, and telling jokes.

Survivors include:

Father - Delmar E. Korsmeyer, Alhambra, IL

Mother - Marlene F. Korsmeyer, nee Mayer, Alhambra, IL

Wife - Janice E. Korsmeyer, nee Ostertag, Highland, IL

Daughter - Katrina J. Korsmeyer, Highland, IL

Daughter - Alissa J. Korsmeyer, Highland, IL

Daughter - Makayla J. Korsmeyer, Highland, IL

Daughter - Evonna J. Korsmeyer, Highland, IL

Nephew - Nathaniel B. Straube, Alhambra, IL

Nephew - Nevin J. Straube, Alhambra, IL

Nephew - Jaxson C. Ostertag, Waterloo, IL

Sister - Karen M. (Brian) Straube, Alhambra, IL

Mother-In-Law - Elizabeth "Betty" F. Ostertag, nee Politsch, Dupo, IL

Brother-In-Law - Darrell A. (Amber) Ostertag, Waterloo, IL

Best Friend - Scott M. (Angela) Paul, Worden, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father-In-Law - Darrell C. Ostertag - Died 7/16/2021

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, August 30, 2024, at Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at St. Gertrude Catholic Church in Grantfork, IL., with Father Paul J. Bonk, Pastor, pastor, Grantfork, IL officiating.

Interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family for his daughters education (make checks payable to Janice Korsmeyer) or for Masses.

# Cemetery Details

## Salem Cemetery

Alhambra, IL 62001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dauderman Mortuary - Alhambra  
609 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 167  
Alhambra, IL 62001  
(618) 488-3000  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Morning Visitation

**AUG 31.** 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

Dauderman Mortuary - Alhambra  
609 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 167  
Alhambra, IL 62001  
(618) 488-3000  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Funeral Service

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AUG **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Gertrude Catholic Church  
202 N. Locust Street  
Grantfork, IL 62249

# Tribute Wall

JK

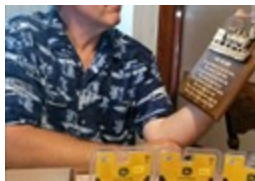
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Janice Korsmeyer - November 18, 2024 at 05:57 PM

JA

“ Video Tribute photos.



Jay - September 18, 2024 at 03:24 PM

JA

“ 2 files added to the album Family



Jay - September 18, 2024 at 02:46 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Family



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**Jay** - September 18, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JN

“ Janice Koehler (nee Nagel) lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Korsmeyer



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**Janice Koehler (nee Nagel)** - September 03, 2024 at 06:51 PM

JS

“ Sending light and love from The Shaws -- Bill, Marlene, Jennifer, and Jonathan.

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**Jennifer Shaw** - September 03, 2024 at 03:53 PM

RS

“ Mr. Korsmeyer was such a dedicated, gifted, and passionate engineer, in which we were blessed with at Air Products. I'll miss our Monday morning “tractor conversations” and periodic Friday lunches. Hugs & prayers to the beautiful family he leaves behind.  
-Rob Smegner



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**rob Smegner** - August 30, 2024 at 10:54 PM

TF

“ *The Hilker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth D. Korsmeyer.*

**The Hilker Family** - August 30, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Korsmeyer.*



August 30, 2024 at 03:30 PM

RB

“ *Janice and girls, I've only met Ken/dad twice. I quickly found out Ken was a man of many talents and was a man that loved his family completely! Our sympathy and prayers are with all of you.  
Love, Ruth Sharon and Mike*

**Ruth Brauer** - August 30, 2024 at 10:28 AM

SF

“ *Sanders Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth D. Korsmeyer.*



**Sanders Family** - August 29, 2024 at 04:38 PM

RY

“ I worked with Ken at Air Products. He was always participating in the volunteering activities such as PERC and also SciFest. He enjoyed sharing what he did with everyone!



Roger Yee - August 29, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Korsmeyer.



August 29, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Korsmeyer.



August 29, 2024 at 02:02 PM

YP

“ Your Friends at Air Products planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth D. Korsmeyer.

Your Friends at Air Products - August 29, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Korsmeyer.*



August 29, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ *With love and fond childhood memories, I share in your sorrow and wish you all peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

**Melora Dunnagan & family** - August 29, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Korsmeyer.*



August 29, 2024 at 01:04 PM



“ *My family is sending our deepest condolences. I have worked with Ken for many years and got to know him as a very caring and open person. I will miss him. -- Holger Carsten*

**Walter Kersten** - August 29, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to his family 🙏🙏  
I have fond memories of Kenneth when he was a second grade student in my class at Grantfork Elementary. God Bless 🙏🙏*

**Beckie & Bob Schrupf** - August 29, 2024 at 11:04 AM

RK

“ To all of Kenneth’s family, Robert and I send our sympathy and love.



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**Robert and JoAn Kakac** - August 29, 2024 at 11:02 AM

WW

“ This is how I will always remember Kenneth! Smiling! Prayers of comfort to his family.



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**Wendy Williams** - August 29, 2024 at 10:43 AM