



Ruth R. Korte

July 31, 1932 - June 4, 2026

Ruth Rose Korte, age 93 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, June 4, 2026, at Stillwater Senior Living in Edwardsville, IL.

She was born on Sunday, July 31, 1932, in St. Rose, IL, the daughter of Anton and Frances (nee Middeke) Schrage.

On Saturday, January 24, 1959, she married Clarence A. Korte at St. Rose Catholic Church, who passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

She was a member of St. Gertrude Catholic Church and a member of Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary - Highland, IL.

Following her high school graduation, Ruth balanced her career and home life with grace, working at Highland Box Board, Koch Cleaner's, and finally as a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Brown in Highland, as well as dedicating herself as a homemaker.

A uniquely kind soul, Ruth lived her life sharing love with everyone she met and always looking for the good in everything. She found immense joy in life's simpler pleasures, from the quiet patience of gardening and crocheting to the vibrant beauty of flowers and blackberries. Her kitchen was the heart of her home, where she spent countless hours baking and crafting delicious

homemade jellies and jam preserves. Above all else, Ruth's greatest treasure was her family; she absolutely loved spending time with her grandkids, who will forever carry her gentle spirit with them.

Ruth is survived by her children, Kathleen F. Korte-Long of Edwardsville, IL, Philip A. (Anita) Korte of Morris, IL, Christopher A. (Gina) Korte of Highland, IL, Curtis F. (Mykelann) Korte of Edwardsville, IL, Douglas G. (Francine) Korte of Pacific, MO, Cinthia R. (Scott) Pratt of League City, TX, Sheila M. Korte of Saint Louis, MO, Emily (Clayton) Korte-Stroff of St. Louis, MO and Chad P. Korte of Highland, IL;

grandchildren - Katrina Knebel, Angela Flicker, Jene (Charlie) Lintz, Kendall (Craig) Claire, Kaylin Korte, Nathan Korte, Chase Korte, Reece Korte, Evan Korte, Jessica Korte, Samantha Korte, Lillian Pratt, Amelia Pratt, Zenga Stroff, Francis Korte and Anton Korte; great grandchildren - Sylvia Knolhoff, Althea Knolhoff, Monet Flicker, Jude Flicker, Addison Lintz, Gavin Lintz, Hudson Claire, Caden Claire and Adeline Claire; sister - Florence (David) Luechtefeld; sisters-in-law, Florence Schrage, Joann Schrage-Rehkemper, Peggy Schrage, Olivia Ficker and Irene (Bernard) Huelsmann.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence A. Korte (died 5/29/2021); parents, Anton & Frances (nee Middeke) Schrage; siblings, Vincent Schrage, Marie (J. Francis) Isert, Andrew (Florence) Schrage, Edmund (Rita) Schrage, Clarence Schrage, Anthony "Tony" (Cecilia) Schrage, David Schrage, Bertha (Maurice) Kampwerth and Casean Schrage (infancy); brother-in-law & sister-in-law - Norbert & Helen Korte; parents-in-law - Frank & Emma (nee Kalmer) Korte and sister-in-law & brother-in-law - Eleanor & Virgil Henrichs.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Friday, June 12, 2026, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 12, 2026, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pierron, IL, with Father Callistus Osiaga, officiating.

Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Pierron, IL.

The family would like to thank the staff and nurses at Stillwater Senior Living for their help and care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Adonai International Ministries, Parkinson's Foundation, Alzheimer's Association or Masses to St. Gertrude Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2133
info@spengel-boulanger.com

Morning Visitation

JUN 12. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
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Funeral Mass

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
991 Main Street
P.O. Box 410
Pierron, IL 62273
(618) 675-3383

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth R. Korte*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - June 12 at 09:46 AM

TW

“ *Thinking of Aunt Ruth today-she was such a wonderful, kind, strong woman! Many fond memories of her while I was growing up & later in life as well! My sympathies to all of her extended family. (So sorry I couldn't make it to wake/funeral.) May She Rest in Peace, Dear Aunt Ruth! 😍*
Fondly, Theresa (Isert) Wright

Theresa (Isert) Wright - June 12 at 09:28 PM

TW

“ *Theresa (Isert) Wright lit a candle in memory of Ruth Korte*



Theresa (Isert) Wright - June 12 at 09:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album video



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - June 12 at 09:46 AM

TW

*Totally enjoyed the Ruth Korte's family memories video-Thank you SO much for sharing it! 😊 I admired Aunt Ruth's resilience & her ever-positive attitude!!
Theresa (Isert) Wright*

Theresa (Isert) Wright - June 12 at 10:51 AM



“ Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth R. Korte.



June 11 at 02:07 PM

JH

“ *Ruth was such a beautiful, faith-filled woman of God. I had the privilege of doing some caretaking work for her. And even after her move to Stillwater, I worked with her a little. This woman always had a beautiful smile on her face and time for anyone that wanted to spend a few moments talking with her. Such a delightful person with a happy attitude! There just aren't enough words...
May God bless her family and comfort them during this time of loss and may Ruth rest in peace!*

Judy Hereford - June 10 at 09:09 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth R. Korte.*



June 09 at 11:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth R. Korte.

June 09 at 11:55 PM



“ *I also remember working with your mother when I was a Realtor at Holzingers in the late 1990's. She was a polished agent and highly respected by her peers. I'm so sorry for your loss. Fondly, Susan Jo COKER*

Susan Jo Coker - June 09 at 11:04 PM



“ *Jessica Korte purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Ruth R. Korte.*



Jessica Korte - June 09 at 02:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth R. Korte.

June 09 at 09:58 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ruth R. Korte.* ”



June 09 at 09:58 AM



“ *Ruth and Clarence have been very dear to me throughout my life.* ”

Clarence Potthast - June 09 at 09:39 AM



“ *Melissa D. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ruth R. Korte.* ”



Melissa D. - June 08 at 10:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth R. Korte.* ”



June 08 at 08:50 PM



“ *I always enjoyed working with Ruth, she was very kind.* ”

Bonnie Kloss - June 08 at 11:47 AM

TW

Thinking of Aunt Ruth today-so sorry could not make it to wake/funeral...She was a very special, kind, & strong woman & I have so many fond memories of her as I was growing up & throughout her long life! My sympathies to all of her extended family! 🥰🙏 Rest in Peace, Dear Aunt Ruth!

From Theresa (Isert) Wright

Theresa (Isert) Wright - June 12 at 09:54 AM

CF

Dear Kathy, Phil, Chris, Curt, Doug, Cindy, Shelia, Emily and Chad: I extend my deepest sympathy to you on the loss of dear mother Ruth. I had hoped to give you all a hug in person, but it will have to be a virtual hug since bad weather in Chicago derailed my hope to be there in person. Aunt Ruth was a very special lady and she was always happy to see you. Vivian shared a few tidbits from Emily's eulogy and card playing was definitely one of her joys. I remember her as a premium tomato grower and we all got canned jars of tomatoes!. That is one of my best memories of her and she still did it at Stillwater. Because you lived in Highland for a time, we Iserts saw her more often so we have lots of good memories. Her faith was important to her and she was my confirmation sponsor. May she inspire us all to a life of faith. May memories of good times comfort you at this time of sorrow. It's wonderful that you had her as long as you did to make those memories in the video on this site. May she rest in peace.

*Sincerely,
Carolyn (Isert) Firestone*

Carolyn Firestone - June 12 at 04:56 PM