



Linus Koster

April 11, 1929 - January 19, 2014

Linus Koster, 84, of Breda, was called home to our Lord on Sunday January 19, 2014.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 24, 2014 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. Celebrant will be Fr. Gary Snyder. Music will be by Marilyn Hundling, organist, and the St. Bernard's Choir. Lectors will be Linus' granddaughters: Karen Garringer, Carrie Hanson, and Annie Pudenz. Gift Bearers will be Linus' granddaughters: Emily Koster, Sarah Koster, Samantha Koster, and Chelsea Koster. Eucharistic Minister will be Linus' son, Mike Koster. Casketbearers will be Linus' grandsons: Ross Johnson, Tyson Johnson, Brian Koster, Travis Koster, Mike Pudenz, and Andy Koster. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. The Breda Catholic Order of Foresters will form an honor guard for the funeral mass.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda after 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014 where there will be a Breda Catholic Order of Foresters Rosary at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda, and online condolences may be shared for Linus' family at www.sharppfuneral.com.

Born on April 11, 1929, on the family farm, Linus was the son of Joseph and Sophia (Schulte) Koster. He attended St. Bernard's grade school and high school graduating in 1948. While in school he was a great baseball player being a left handed pitcher and first baseman. After graduating from high school he began farming near Breda where he resided his entire life. On November 7, 1950 he was united in marriage to Madonna "Donnie" Goecke, by Fr. Hausmann, at St. Bernard's Church in Breda.

In his young adult life, he loved fishing, pheasant hunting, and bowling which he excelled at. He loved farming and loved the land. Lennie enjoyed building birdhouses from wood out of the old barn. He and Donnie enjoyed dancing at the Lakewood Ballroom to many of the big bands, and in later years, dancing in Texas to country western bands. He liked to go camping with his family, and specialized in making bonfires. He enjoyed spending time at both Blackhawk Lake and Spirit Lake fishing and having fun. He and Donnie spent the last 17 years wintering in Texas, enjoying day trips to Mexico and Padre Island, and forming many lasting friendships. Fortunately, he was able to spend time in Texas this winter. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Donnie, of Breda; children: Pat Johnson and husband Ron of Apple Valley, MN, Mike Koster and wife Judy of Breda, Linda Pudenz and husband Phil of Sioux Falls, SD, and Ken Koster, and wife Beth, of Centralia, MO; daughters-in-law: Joan Wehr of Westphalia, and Pam Koster of Norwalk; 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren; and a sister Esther Heim of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons: John and Jim Koster; a grandson, Joshua Johnson; his siblings: Herbert Koster, Andrew Koster, Lucille Fleskes, Agnes Seivers, Mary Ortner; and his mother and father-in-law: Clarence and Clara Goecke.

Tribute Wall

LD

“ Our deepest sympathy to Donnie and all of the Koster family on the passing of Linus.
He was a wonderful family man and a friend to all of us.
Our prayers are with Donnie and the family at this difficult time.
May God rest his soul.
Larry & Diane Wilberding

Larry & Diane - February 08, 2014 at 05:20 PM

R.

“ I'm so sorry. My condolences to the Koster family. I know the pain can be so unbearable but may you find comfort in Gods Words.
Revelation 21:3,4

R.A. - January 24, 2014 at 04:27 PM

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“ I love and miss you Grandpa! I still remember the audio tape you and Grandma made for me on one of your trips to Texas. I remember the summer trips to the farm and the summer walking beans. You were an excellent example of a man and I will do my best to follow your example.

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DY

“ We are so sorry to hear about Lennie, with our sympathy from Excel of Iowa members Charlie and Delores York.

Delores York - January 24, 2014 at 07:50 AM

BM

“ Donnie & family, you have my sincerest sympathy for your loss. Lennie was a larger than life person, always ready for fun. May all the precious memories you have shared together give you peace in this time of sorrow.

Bonnie Malm

Bonnie Malm - January 22, 2014 at 09:07 AM

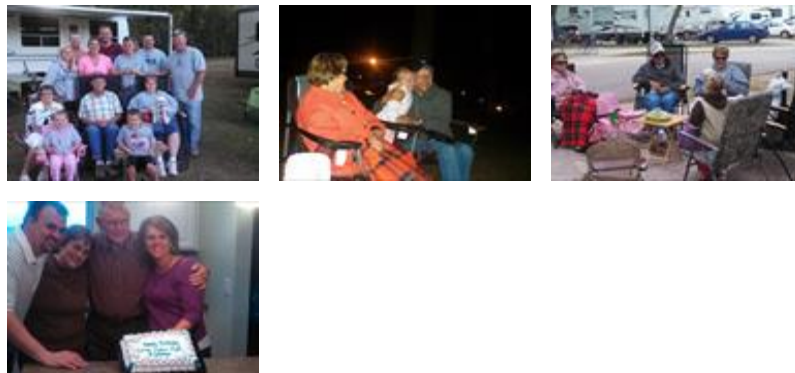
SM

“ Sending our sympathy to the Koster family at this time of great loss. We have fond memories of our visits.
Sally and Buck Mueller

Sally and Buck Mueller - January 21, 2014 at 09:26 PM

KG

“ 4 files added to the album Karen Garringer



Karen Garringer - January 21, 2014 at 08:34 PM

TK

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



travis koster - January 21, 2014 at 08:02 PM

BK

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Brian Koster - January 21, 2014 at 07:59 PM

JJ

“ *Donnie: We will always have very fond memories of our times together at Palm Shadows. It was a joy to know you both. Now our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God grant you His peace during this time.*

Judy and Harold Jackson

Judy Jackson - January 21, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AP

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Annie Pudenz - January 21, 2014 at 04:08 PM

KT

“ *Dear Aunt Donnie, Pat, Mike, Linda and Ken....My heart is full of prayers for your family as we all mourn the loss of Uncle Linus... He was always quiet and reflective when I would visit with him... When he spoke of his family his eyes would twinkle and his warm smile would shine.. May you find comfort in knowing he has entered into eternal life with God our father, and his sons John and Jim.... Many thoughts and prayers to all of you..*

*Love,
Kathy Tracy*

Kathy Tracy - January 21, 2014 at 03:57 PM

SG

“ *Donnie, so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts & prayers.*

Steve & Joan Garnatz

Steve Garnatz - January 21, 2014 at 03:08 PM

BP

“ *What a wonderful neighbor and friend Linus was in Palm Shadows, TX. We loved both him and Donnie and the fun times we have had together in the neighborhood. We send our prayers and love to Donnie and the family. May God hold you all in His loving arms during this time of grief. Know that you are remembered and thought of.*

*Bev & Earl Powell
Palm Shadows RV Park
Donna, TX*

Beverly Powell - January 21, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MJ

“ *We met Lennie thru the Excel Camping Club of Iowa about 18 years ago and have been enjoying their company in many events since then and 3 winters in Texas. He is a wonderful man, caring and thoughtful and loves his family very much. He will be missed by so many people and his family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.*

*Mike & BJ Jessen
Cedar Falls, Iowa*

Mike & BJ Jessen - January 21, 2014 at 09:43 AM

MD

Though we never had the privilege of meeting Lennie - he must have been a great guy - based off the Koster family members that we do know! Mike, Judy & their entire family are awesome! So, I have a feeling he might have had some influence on that! May you cherish the great memories!

*Love,
Mel & Bobby Dahm*

Mel Dahm - January 21, 2014 at 02:00 PM

GW

Our Sympathy to Donnie & Family. We always enjoyed talking to you & Linus as we walked the park in Palm Shadows. Sicerely, Gene & Sharon Wahl

Gene & Sharon Wahl - January 23, 2014 at 12:51 PM