



Francis Koch

September 3, 1925 - March 1, 2020

Francis P. Koch, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will take place Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake with a KC Rosary at 7 p.m. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Francis P. Koch, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Francis Paul Koch was born September 3, 1925 in Granada, Minnesota the son of Paul and Helen (Schmitt) Koch. As an infant, he was baptized in Granada.

Growing up, Francis attended school in Granada before moving to Storm Lake where he attended St. Mary's Catholic School and graduated in 1943.

On November 1, 1943, Francis enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps where he proudly served his country during World War II. He was honorably discharged on April 25, 1945.

Upon returning home from the service, Francis worked at HyGrade in Storm Lake before becoming a farmer.

On February 12, 1952, Francis was united in marriage to Rose Ann Overmohle at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake and moved to a farm six miles outside of Storm Lake. Together, they were blessed with three children: Thomas, Timothy, and Sharon. As a family, they farmed 240 acres and tended to various livestock for about 40 years until they moved to town to enjoy their retirement.

Francis was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he served on the building and grounds committee, an usher, a eucharistic minister and sold raffle tickets for many years. He also belonged to the Knights of Columbus for over 70 years.

In his spare time, Francis enjoyed fishing and yearly trips to Minnesota. He loved racing his dirt stock car at the local racetracks as #777. A favorite pastime of Francis' was playing cards with the card clubs. He treasured woodworking and built several beautiful items for his family members. Francis also enjoyed crossword puzzles. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Tom (Mary) Koch of Marshalltown, Iowa; Tim (Connie) Koch of Boone, Iowa; Sharon (Dale) Heuiser of Marine, Illinois; grandchildren: Ben (Shari) Koch of Marshalltown, Iowa; Ryan (Kristine) Jorgensen of Pocahontas, Illinois; Justin (Jessica) Jorgensen of Boise, Idaho; Jason (Chelsie) Jorgensen of Highland Illinois; Meghan Jorgensen of Phoenix, Arizona; Stephanie (John) Thieben of Madrid, Iowa; Joshua (Darlene) Heuiser of St. Jacob, Illinois; Meredith (Scott) Jackson of Highland, Illinois; great grandchildren: Ophelia, Ronan, Carter, Addelynn,

Chase, Gavin, Alexis, August, Brynnlee, Brecklyn, Noah, Maya, Colby, Jaxson and Olive; sister, Cecelia Berg of Waynesville, North Carolina; sisters-in-law: Betty (Don) Schmitt; Nancy Overmohle; Lois Kestel; brothers-in-law: Luvern (Eileen) Overmohle; David Breon; numerous nieces and nephews; cousins; extended family and many friends.

Francis was preceded in death by his wife, Rose Ann Koch; parents, Paul and Helen Koch; parents-in-law, Anton "Tony" and Laretta Overmohle; grandson, Alex Koch; brother, Robert (Margaret) Koch; sisters: Rosemary (Leo) Overmohle; Regina (Robert) Burke; Lenore (Howard) Mahaney; nephew, Steve Mahaney; brothers-in-law: Donald Overmohle, Norman Kestel, Jerry Harman, Howard Berg; sisters-in-law: Rita (Fred) Jansen and Mary Breon.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to learn of Francis's passing. Our mother, Kathryn (Kutzer) Luick was a cousin to Francis on the Schmitt side of the family. She loved sending and receiving Christmas cards from Francis and "Rosie" for many years before both Rosie and our mother passed away. With our thoughts and prayers for Francis and Rosie, and all the family. From the family of Gordon and Kathryn Luick, near Fairmount, ND. Kathryn worked on the Schmitt-Sauter history and created books of these histories which we enjoy so much! God's peace and blessings to all.

Karla Luick Aune - December 03, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Francis Koch.



March 05, 2020 at 05:08 PM

RB

“ Rose Baker lit a candle in memory of Francis Koch



rose baker - March 05, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Francis Koch.



March 05, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ I remember the 4th of July golf ball tube that Francis built in his highly organized farm machine shop. We dropped a lighted M-80 in the bottom of that tube then very, very quickly dropped a golf ball on top. The golf ball shot so high that it disappeared and we had to run for cover! I also remember the loudest firecracker report challenge (war) between farms. I was always proud of my M-80s and how loud they were. One year Francis had enough and he sets off a stick of dynamite! The report rattled our house. And yes, Francis won the 4th of July firecracker challenge that year. A good man.....by gum!

Wayne and Julie Edwards

Wayne Edwards - March 05, 2020 at 10:25 AM



Wayne I can attest to that, Francis rest in peace.

Charles D. Erickson - March 05, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Francis was such a friendly person. He always had a smile on his face and a warm wish when he saw you.



Wil & Karen Triplett - March 04, 2020 at 01:53 PM

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“ Love and Prayers from Cecilia, Denise, and Diane purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Francis Koch.



Love and Prayers from Cecilia, Denise, and Diane - March 04, 2020 at 11:02 AM

Sharon Heuiser

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Sharon Heuiser - March 03, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Francis Koch.



March 03, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Francis Koch.



March 03, 2020 at 03:52 PM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 02, 2020 at 05:14 PM



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Sharon Heuiser - March 02, 2020 at 05:01 PM



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Sharon Heuiser - March 02, 2020 at 04:58 PM



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Sharon Heuiser - March 02, 2020 at 04:57 PM



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Sharon Heuiser - March 02, 2020 at 04:50 PM



Such a beautiful photo which will hold memories forever ❤️

Lisa Breon Pyle - March 02, 2020 at 06:35 PM



I took this photo, in Phoenix! Such a wonderful time. He was a special man.

Jessica Laabs - March 03, 2020 at 06:21 PM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - March 02, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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“ *Your Glen Carbon EMS Family purchased the Flo or Plant for Sympathy for the family of Francis Koch.*



Your Glen Carbon EMS Family - March 02, 2020 at 01:50 PM

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“ *OUR SADNESS & PRAYERS IN THE LOSS OF FRANCIS KOCH. WE KNOW HE HAD A GOOD LIFE, AS HIS FAMILY WOULD KNOW. HE WAS ONE OF MY STRONG PRAYER WARRIORS FOR OUR PRO-LIFE & CORNERSTONE FOR LIFE. HE REALLY IS HAPPY NOW WITH GOD & ROSIE. PEACE TO YOU, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE*



PATTY GUNVILLE - March 02, 2020 at 12:20 PM

DM

“ *Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Francis Koch*



Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten - March 02, 2020 at 08:19 AM