



Alfred "Tooter" Koester

August 25, 1929 - February 13, 2015

Alfred Erhard Koester, 85-year-old resident of Swanville, passed away February 13th, 2015 at his home in Swanville. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday February 18th at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN with Pastor Kevin Zellers officiating. Burial will be in the St. Peter's Springbrook Cemetery in Swanville. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on Tuesday February 17th at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville and one hour before the funeral on February 18th. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN.

Alfred "Tooter" Erhard Koester was born on August 25th, 1929 at his family's home farm place to Alfred and Irene (Rahn) Koester in Swanville Township in Morrison County. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Lutheran in Swanville. He received his education at Swanville Public School. He was married to Rosella Martha Bliese on June 16th, 1950 at St. Peter's Lutheran church in Swanville. He spent his whole life farming the family farm. He also spent 7 years between 1965-1972 working at Larson's Boat Works. Alfred and Rosella were blessed with 11 children, 24 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. He loved his family dearly.

He is survived by his sons: Vernon Koester of Swanville, Merlin (Bernice) Koester of Upsala, Wayne (Jean) Koester of Golden Valley, Lynn (Kathy) Koester of Alexandria, Randy (Carmen) Koester of Sartell, Brian (Kathy) Koester of Little Falls, Steven (Katie) Koester of Sartell; by his daughters Gail (Tom) Meyer of Royalton, Peggy (Richard) Farmer of Litchfield, and Julie

(Mike) Larson of Osseo; brother Earl Koester of Swanville and sister Devonna (Don) Peterson of Baxter; brother-in-laws Gene (Peggy) Bliese of Swanville, Arthur (Shirley) Bliese of Swanville, Edwin (Ruth) Zastrow of Sauk Centre; sister-in-laws, Jeanette Schneider of Albany and Ethel Bliese of Blaine; 23 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Rosella, daughter Doreen Koester, grandson Joshua Koester, brother Homer Koester, sister Bernice Zastrow, sister-in-law Martha Koester, and brother-in-law George Bliese.

Pallbearer for funeral will be, Nicholas Koester, Kevin Koester, Mark Koester, Stephen Roerick, Davis Mickelson, Paul Kremers and Darryl Peterson.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery

Swanville, MN 56382

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville
502 Berkey Avenue
Swanville, MN

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville
502 Berkey Avenue
Swanville, MN

Service

FEB 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 16, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“ *Alfred "Tooter" Koester*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alfred "Tooter" Koester.*



February 23, 2015 at 09:19 AM



“ *Lynn Kraska Barthel lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester*



Lynn Kraska Barthel - February 17, 2015 at 09:49 PM

KM

“ *Kim Mielke lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester*



Kim Mielke - February 17, 2015 at 12:34 PM

MS

“ *Muzamba Sibajene lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester*



Muzamba Sibajene - February 17, 2015 at 09:48 AM

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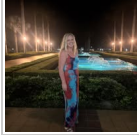
“ *My sincere condolences go out to the Koester family for the loss of your patriarch. The pictures clearly show the deep love he had for his family and the love that is shared among his surviving family. I wish God's Grace, peace and blessings during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.*

Muzamba Sibajene - February 17, 2015 at 09:47 AM

KH

“ *Peggy & Dick--remembering you and your entire family in our thoughts and prayers at this time and in the days ahead. May you treasure the wonderful memories you have and hold them close to your heart, they will help give you comfort and peace. Our sympathy, love and prayers to all. Karen and Larry Hoffmann (Litchfield, MN.)*

Karen Hoffmann - February 17, 2015 at 07:31 AM



“ Whitney Schultz lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester



Whitney Schultz - February 16, 2015 at 09:44 PM

HC

“ I remember a kind and gentle father who was always nice to his children's friends; of course that goes back to the 1970's. Each and everyone of you have my sincere sympathy in the loss of your dear father, grandfather, brother & friend to many. May He Rest In Peace as He is having a reunion with his wife Rose & his daughter Doreen. I will keep all of you in my prayers as you grieve & miss this very special man. Helen Czech-Walsh

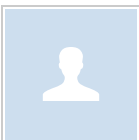
helen czech-walsh - February 16, 2015 at 05:52 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred "Tooter" Koester.



February 16, 2015 at 05:22 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred "Tooter" Koester.



February 16, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 16, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas* was purchased for the family of Alfred "Tooter" Koester.



February 16, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ *Randy & Family - with deepest sympathies to you and your family. May your memories ease your sorrow. God bless you all. Bonnie Klitzke*

Bonnie Klitzke - February 16, 2015 at 10:03 AM



“ *Brenda Baum lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester*



Brenda Baum - February 15, 2015 at 08:18 PM



“ *Our sympathy to you and your families. No matter how old we get, we still want our Mom and Dad. Ken and Sharon Hegna*



Ken and Sharon Hegna - February 15, 2015 at 07:32 AM



“ *Jon Strandberg lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester*



Jon Strandberg - February 14, 2015 at 12:18 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cherish the memories you had with your Dad/Grandpa. May He Rest in Peace..*



Roger & Michelle Schneider - February 14, 2015 at 10:14 AM

CF

“ Clayton Rosty Family lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester



Clayton Rosty family - February 14, 2015 at 10:02 AM

KW

“ Ken Wensmann lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester



Ken Wensmann - February 14, 2015 at 12:27 AM

GT

“ Gayl Tschida lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Tooter" Koester



Gayl Tschida - February 13, 2015 at 07:32 PM