



Frances "Fran" G. Koetter

October 11, 1945 - May 3, 2020

Frances "Fran" G. Koetter, 74 year old resident of Swanville, MN, passed away Sunday, May 3, 2020, at Lake Hills Elderly Care in Cushing, MN. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville, MN with Father Ron Dockendorf officiating.

Frances "Fran" Koetter was born October 11, 1945, in Pierz, MN to the parents of Arnold & Edith (Wolf) Kimman. She grew up on a dairy farm and learned how to work hard at a young age. She and all her brothers and sisters were expected to help with lots of the farm work and did it faithfully. She never complained about her upbringing and was proud of it. Her family was very religious, as God and church were a big part of family life. She learned from her upbringing of growing and raising lots of their own vegetables and meat and never wasting anything. She graduated from Father Pierz Memorial High School in 1963. After four years of working at Munsingwear in Little Falls, she met Robert (Bob) Koetter and they were married on November 4, 1967, at St. John's in Lastrup, MN. After their marriage, they purchased a hobby farm in Culdrum Township, where they raised some cattle and pigs. Fran was the one that was responsible for the chores and taking care of the kids, as Bob's job required him to work long hours. Fran enjoyed living on the farm as she had a big heart and love for animals. She constantly had to have some sort of animal by her side. In 1980, Bob & Fran purchased a small-town grocery store

in Swanville, MN naming it Bob & Frans Grocery. Having 6 children and a mortgage payment, they had to dig in and grow the business, which Fran played a big part in. She was well-liked by the community and enjoyed it herself, pleasing people. Fran enjoyed spending time with her family and friends playing cards, going bowling and she loved to collect roosters. She helped start the Swanville Flyer and it became popular as the years went by. In 2002, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's and she was forced to slow down. After 30 years of owning the business in 2010, they sold it to their daughter Sandra.

Fran is survived by her husband, Robert of 52 years; 6 children, William (Julie) Koetter, Jerome (Mary) Koetter, David (Ann) Koetter, Sandra (Brian) Primus, Paul (Kathy) Koetter, Amanda (Adam) Notsch; 17 grandchildren; siblings, Margaret Manchester, Reinhart (Annette) Kimman, Jeannette (Art) Altenhofen, John (Karen) Kimman, JoAnn Belinski, Betty (Craig) Johnson, Geraldine Kimman.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold & Edith Kimman; sister in law, Sharon Kimman; and daughter-in-law, Rebecca Koetter.

Cards of condolence can be sent to Bob Koetter P.O Box 284/313 Degraff Avenue Swanville, Mn 56382

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Cemetery - Swanville, MN

Swanville, MN

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 5:30 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 05, 2020 at 11:13 AM

JV

*Our Deepest Sympathies.
Ron and Jayne VanHeel*

Jayne and Ron VanHeel - May 05, 2020 at 06:12 PM

NC

That is a beautiful video. Fran was a very nice friendly lady/ So sorry for your loss. Norman & Annie Carlson

Norman Carlson - May 06, 2020 at 01:17 PM

BG

*Bob & Family
So sorry for your loss. Fran was one of the nicest ladies ever and the world is a lesser place without her.
Bill Glowacki*

BILL GLOWACKI - May 07, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 05, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ *Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter.*



June 17, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ *Kim Mielke lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Kim Mielke - June 16, 2020 at 09:57 PM

HS

“ *Loved being neighbors to this wonderful lady*

Harold and Kathie sunstrom - May 06, 2020 at 12:05 PM

JL

“ *My deepest sympathies to Bob and family. Fran was a wonderful and kind person. She will truly be missed by everyone.*



Julie and Mike Lambrecht - May 06, 2020 at 08:00 AM

DH

“ *Our sympathy to the whole Koetter Family. May you find peace and comfort in God's Love.*



Dave & Mary Hollenkamp - May 05, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter.*



May 05, 2020 at 10:40 PM

KK

“ Karen Koester lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Karen Koester - May 05, 2020 at 09:25 PM

JS

“ Jenny Stout lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Jenny stout - May 05, 2020 at 09:15 PM

SA

“ Bob and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Fran. She was a lovely lady and always would take time to visit. She had to deal with many obstacles with the terrible illness she had. And now with this terrible virus, your friends and relatives can't be there with you for comfort and support. We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you. Sandie and Glenn Klimmek

Sandie - May 05, 2020 at 08:14 PM

MG

“ Thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time. I always enjoyed talking to her on the phone as she was such a sweet lady.

Michelle Goddard - May 05, 2020 at 04:04 PM

JM

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers from Neenah, WI.
Judy Glowacki McDonald*

Judith McDonald - May 05, 2020 at 01:16 PM

JT

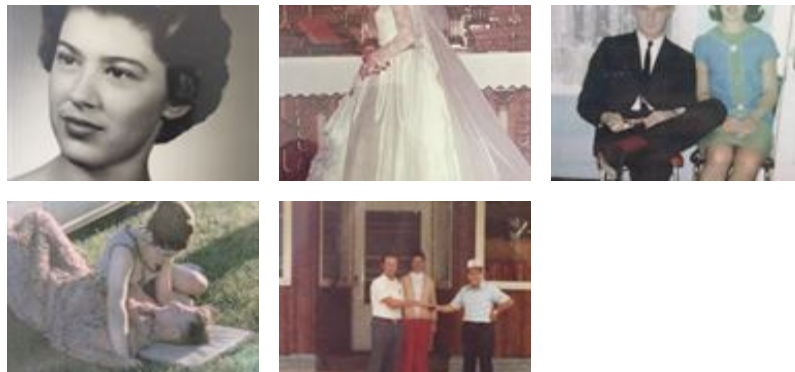
“ *To Bob & all the Koetter family,
Fran always kept an open door and
welcomed visitors with remarkable warmth &
caring. she believed in family with a
compelling sincerity and set so wonderful &
graceful an example of God's love. I am very grateful I was able to
pay a visit a few months ago along with some other members of her
family, and share a piece of birthday cake with her one last time.
She looked so nice. Even then I could clearly recognize the warmth
of her eyes and the inspiring, welcoming presence of her kindness -
moreover, a touch of her good humor. How fitting it is that she, who
shared a mother's love so generously, has gone home to Heaven
during this month of Mary. I pray she is welcomed into God's care
with the same warmth and compassion for which she will be so
fondly remembered as deeply missed.
My heartfelt condolences & prayers are offered for all the family &
friends whose lives, like mine, were touched through the years by
her reassuring presence and motherly care for others.
God rest her gentle spirit.*



John Thoma - May 05, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 05, 2020 at 11:11 AM

MO

“ *Mielke Oil purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter.*



Mielke Oil - May 05, 2020 at 10:39 AM

DP

“ *Darlene Palm lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Darlene Palm - May 05, 2020 at 10:06 AM

NV

“ Bob n family....I'm sry for ur loss my family n I will keep u in r prayers



Nichole kircher veldkamp - May 05, 2020 at 09:35 AM

JH

“ Jessica Hofmann lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Jessica Hofmann - May 05, 2020 at 09:34 AM

JK

“ My sincere sympathy for your loss Bob and for her children!
Fran was a kind lady.
James Kedrowski



James Kedrowski - May 05, 2020 at 09:27 AM

PL

“ Bob and Family, so sorry for your loss.
Duane & Pat Lentz



Patricia Lentz - May 05, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter.*



May 05, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ *Bob and Family, Sorry to hear about the passing of Fran. In addition to family, the beauty of living in a small town is the support and care of those around us who make our lives meaningful and appreciated. Our condolences.*

*Jim & Lisa Glowacki
Britt, Mn*

Jim Glowacki - May 05, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ *Harold. Pat & Rob Reith lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Harold. Pat & Rob reith - May 05, 2020 at 03:18 AM



“ *Ron & Karen Kobylinski lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Ron & Karen Kobylinski - May 04, 2020 at 09:56 PM

KK

“ Karen Koester lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Karen Koester - May 04, 2020 at 09:25 PM

DM

“ Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Dixie Murray - May 04, 2020 at 08:44 PM

FB

My sincere condolences to the Koetter Families.

Fran Brown - May 04, 2020 at 10:23 PM

FG

Sorry to hear about Fran. I an sure she is at peace with the Lord now.

Frank and Helen Gessell - May 05, 2020 at 09:27 AM

LB

“ Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Lucille Belch - May 04, 2020 at 07:54 PM

LB

Bob and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Fran, she was a wonderful enjoyable lady I got to know.

Lucille Belch - May 04, 2020 at 07:56 PM

BK

Thanks Lucille. Both you and also Dickie Were so nice to us over the years..

Bob Koetter - May 07, 2020 at 12:02 PM

CE

“ *Bob and Family, So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed visiting Fran. She was such a gentle and kind person. RIP You will be missed.*



Collette and Vern Ehrenberg - May 04, 2020 at 07:38 PM

RK

“ *Richard, Emma Jean & Steve Knopik lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Richard, Emma Jean & Steve Knopik - May 04, 2020 at 02:44 PM

CL

“ *Cheryl Lambrecht lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



cheryl Lambrecht - May 04, 2020 at 02:29 PM

SM

“ Shirley Mayers lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Shirley Mayers - May 04, 2020 at 01:06 PM

SG

“ Shirley Gessell lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Shirley Gessell - May 04, 2020 at 09:48 AM

MR

“ Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Mary Jo Retka - May 04, 2020 at 08:27 AM

CM

“ Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Claudette Moran - May 04, 2020 at 12:31 AM

RS

“ Rosie And Jim Solorz lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Rosie and Jim Solorz - May 03, 2020 at 04:44 PM

AS

“ My deepest sympathies to Frans family....heaven truly gained an angel!



audrey stout - May 03, 2020 at 03:04 PM

SA

“ Swanville Auxiliary lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Swanville auxiliary - May 03, 2020 at 01:50 PM

DG

“ Denise Gill lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter



Denise Gill - May 03, 2020 at 12:03 PM

GC

“ *Gina Christopherson lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Gina Christopherson - May 03, 2020 at 11:54 AM

JS

“ *Jon Strandberg lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Jon Strandberg - May 03, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ *Brenda Baum lit a candle in memory of Frances "Fran" G. Koetter*



Brenda Baum - May 03, 2020 at 10:55 AM

BS

Our deepest sympathy to all of Frans family 🙏🙏

Brenda Schmidt - May 03, 2020 at 11:40 AM

FB

My sincere condolences to the Koetter families. Fran Brown

Fran Brown - May 03, 2020 at 11:43 AM