



Dr. Alfred Cornell Koelling

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Dr. Koelling died at his home in Menard County, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Charlene, son, Geoffrey, daughter, Jill, nephew, Roger Michael, and niece, Mary Lou Holzauer.

Dr. Koelling received his Bachelor of Science at the University of Illinois, his Master of Science in Botany at the University of Illinois, a Master of Science in Horticulture from The Pennsylvania State University, and his Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Illinois.

He taught at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville and Auburn University.

He was the Curator of Botany at the Illinois State Museum for 33 years.

During this time, he identified plants and mushrooms for the community and curated the herbarium at the museum. Dr. Koelling also served as a long-time member on the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and helped create nature preserves across the state of Illinois.

Memorials can be made to the Nature Conservancy, the American Lung Association or plant a tree in his memory.

Cremation rites are accorded by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Alfred Cornell Koelling*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Mrs. Koelling, Geoff and Jill: My deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you. My heart goes out to you. .*

Joanne (Fleck) Gaston - August 07, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss!*

Phyllis (Becker) Bliven - July 18, 2017 at 09:12 PM



“ *Susan Short sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Alfred Cornell Koelling*



Susan Short - July 18, 2017 at 02:41 PM



What a great picture of his smile! Sending you all hugs of support as you grieve!

Susan Short - July 18, 2017 at 02:43 PM



My deepest sympathies to the family.

Anita Davis - July 18, 2017 at 06:20 PM

BJ

“ *My condolences to all of the killing family*

Beth Johnstone - July 18, 2017 at 09:29 AM

CW

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Koelling family. Still remember Mr. Koelling's powerful voice singing along to the National Anthem at sport events that Geoff and Jill participated in high school. He always had a smile on his face.
With my deepest condolences,
Christine Ware (Chris Melton)*

christine ware - July 17, 2017 at 10:12 PM

JH

“ *Al was one of the brightest, most positive people I ever met. Whether we were talking about quilts, flowers, or anything I could always learn something just in talking to him. The joy with which he approached life was a delight to behold. He will be missed. Blessings to all his family and friends.*

Judy Hurdle - July 17, 2017 at 09:54 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to your Family Mrs. Koelling, Geoff, and Jill.*

Fondly, Deb Severns Selby

Deb Selby - July 17, 2017 at 09:29 PM