



## Bethany Ann Koch

February 1, 1964 - April 25, 2015

Bethany Ann Koch, 51, of Petersburg, died on April 25, 2015 at 9:35 AM at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL. She was born February 1, 1964 in Springfield, IL, the daughter of Lloyd and Marilyn Chester Schafer. She married Ronald Wayne Koch on September 6, 1986.

Bethany is survived by her husband Ronald; 2 sons, Alex and Clay Koch; a brother, Greg (Stacey) Schafer and her parents, Lloyd and Marilyn Schafer, all of Petersburg.

Bethany was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and worked as a dental hygienist. She loved outdoor activities including fishing and mushroom hunting. She and her husband enjoyed attending St. Louis Cardinal baseball games.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg with burial following at Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 27, from 5 to 7 PM at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sanctuary Refresh Fund or National Psoriasis Foundation at [www.psoriasis.org](http://www.psoriasis.org).

Online condolences may be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home of Petersburg is assisting the Koch family with arrangements.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

APR **28** (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
120 W Monroe  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2453

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bethany Ann Koch*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Lloyd, Marilyn, Greg, Ron and the Koch family,*

*Bob and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers and may God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. May you be filled with the precious memories of your time together.*

*Bob and Joyce Ketchum*

**Joyce and Bob Ketchum** - April 28, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss, and will hold you close in my prayers.*

**Melissa Brauer Applebee** - April 27, 2015 at 08:27 PM



“ *Anita Davis lit a candle in memory of Bethany Ann Koch*



**Anita Davis** - April 27, 2015 at 03:47 PM

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“ *PSSI purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Bethany Ann Koch.*



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**PSSI** - April 27, 2015 at 11:39 AM

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“ *So sorry to learn of this devastating illness that grabbed such a sweet, caring, young and vibrant young woman and friend. We were SIU alums and the last time I saw Beth was at the State Fair. She looked fabulous and filled me in on all her family and was having a great time. I am thankful that this is my last memory! Sending all of her family my love and prayers during this most difficult time. Sincerely, Karen E. Sutton*

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**karen e sutton** - April 27, 2015 at 11:29 AM

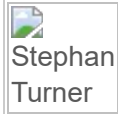


“ *Stephanie Turner Freer Hastings lit a candle in memory of Bethany Ann Koch*



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**Stephanie Turner Freer Hastings** - April 27, 2015 at 08:58 AM



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Turner

*I pray for God's comfort and peace for the Schafer and Koch families during this most difficult time. Beth was a wonderful fun, loving person and I cannot imagine your pain and sense of loss. I am so very sorry and do not understand why such painful things happen to people. I remember Beth as Greg's big sister when I dated Greg in high school and beyond; I admired her gentle and calm demeanor. I even bought her Ford EXP as my first car back in 1988. She had the prettiest clothes and best perfumes; I loved her smile and laughter. She was the most caring dental hygienist. I am so sorry that you have to go through this.*

*I chose the periwinkle candle because it is said that ancient cultures used color to heal. The purple family was to heal skin problems and the blue family was to soothe illness and pain. The timing of this, close to Mother's day is especially sad and painful. May God help Alex and Clay to minimize their pain and sadness and cherish her loving memories as "mom," and for Marilyn, may God wrap His loving arms around you...Moms are not meant to bury their children. I send my most sincerest and heart-felt thoughts and prayers. Stephanie (Turner Freer) Hastings.*

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**Stephanie Turner Freer Hastings** - April 27, 2015 at 09:15 AM

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*The news of Beth's death came as a shock. There isn't much one can say to ease your sense of loss, but I want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.*

*I remember playing Barbies with Beth when we were young and just enjoying our friendship while growing up in Petersburg together.*

*May a lifetime of wonderful memories give strength to you and the family in the days ahead.*

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**Denise Hopwood - Tietz** - April 27, 2015 at 11:40 PM

WS

“ *WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *Bethany Ann Koch.*



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**WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.** - April 27, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of *Bethany Ann Koch.*



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April 26, 2015 at 09:26 PM