



Robert "Bob" E. Koch

September 7, 1935 - April 6, 2025

Robert "Bob" E. Koch, 89, of Tallula, Illinois, passed away peacefully at home April 6th, 2025.

Bob was born September 7th, 1935, in Oakford, Illinois to William H. & Elsie Marie (nee Bahl) Koch. He met and married the love of his life, Pauline Schoppe on February 9th, 1958, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg, Illinois, where together they have been lifelong members. Bob worked for many years at the Farmer's Elevator in Tallula, then he went to Bluff Springs Elevator in Virginia, eventually retiring as a manager. Afterwards, he dedicated his newly acquired time to Camp CILCA (Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association) to encourage and nurture a Lutheran upbringing in children. He adored his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and watching them thrive. Aside from his family, Bob loved nothing more than fishing – he could best be associated with having a good time near any body of water, as long as there were fish to catch.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Pauline Koch; his children, Pam (Tom) Roose, Randy (Debbie) Koch, Rod (Kathy) Koch, Rick (Egenia) Koch; grandchildren, Jennifer (Blake) Makison, Megan (Casey) Reeves, Cameron (Mandy) Koch, Zachary Koch, Alex Koch, Clay (Haley) Koch, Jacob (Hannah) Koch, Brian (Carley) Koch, and Emily Koch; and his great-children, Lewis Makison, Bryce Reeves, and Ryleigh Koch.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie (Beth) Koch; and his siblings, Herb Koch, Pete Koch, Jack Koch, Dana Eckhoff, and Vi Cox.

A Visitation will be held Thursday, April 10th, 2025, from 4:00p.m. until 6:00p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home, 122 W Douglas, Petersburg, Illinois 62675. A Funeral will be held Friday, April 11th, 2025, at 10:00a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 120 W Monroe St, Petersburg, Illinois 62675 with a burial to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's name to Camp CILCA, 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, Illinois 62625 or to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 120 W Monroe St, Petersburg, Illinois 62675.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting the family.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

IL-123
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" E. Koch



Hurley Funeral Home - April 10, 2025 at 11:45 AM

AC

“ So sorry for your loss!! It was always wonderful to see Bob and Pauline at Camp CILCA when I went for women's, scrapbooking, or quilting retreats.
Praying for Pauline and the rest of the family during this difficult time.
Andrea Couillard

Andrea Couillard - April 10, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.



April 09, 2025 at 05:48 PM

LF

“ Love, Greg Pettit Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.



Love, Greg Pettit Family - April 09, 2025 at 02:00 PM

LF

“ Love, Greg Pettit Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.

Love, Greg Pettit Family - April 09, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.



April 09, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.



April 08, 2025 at 10:56 PM

DW

“ *What a great man! I will always cherish visiting with him at Camp CILCA. He will be missed by so many. He is now with his Savior, Jesus Christ, with no more pain or suffering.*

Praying for Pauline and all of Bob's family at this difficult time.

Daryl Weseloh - April 08, 2025 at 12:05 PM

JL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with Pauline and his family.*



John & Joann Lynn - April 08, 2025 at 11:57 AM

CC

“ *Chris&Jennifer Gaines, Jim&Pam Collins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.*



Chris&Jennifer Gaines, Jim&Pam Collins - April 08, 2025 at 09:58 AM

CC

“ *Chris&Jennifer Gaines, Jim&Pam Collins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.*

Chris&Jennifer Gaines, Jim&Pam Collins - April 08, 2025 at 09:58 AM

DA

“ Dave and Susan Anderson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.



Dave and Susan Anderson - April 08, 2025 at 09:24 AM

PC

“ Patrick, Brandi, and River Clark purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.



Patrick, Brandi, and River Clark - April 08, 2025 at 07:48 AM

PC

“ Patrick, Brandi, and River Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.

Patrick, Brandi, and River Clark - April 08, 2025 at 07:48 AM

TU

“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Prayers for comfort during this most difficult time.



Traci Unruh - April 07, 2025 at 10:59 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.*



April 07, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *The Calvert and Jarrard family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.*



The Calvert and Jarrard family - April 07, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Linda, Bob, Diane, Clint, Steve, Tammy purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.*



Linda, Bob, Diane, Clint, Steve, Tammy - April 07, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Linda, Bob, Diane, Clint, Steve, Tammy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.*

Linda, Bob, Diane, Clint, Steve, Tammy - April 07, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" E. Koch.*



April 07, 2025 at 05:12 PM