



## Lester E. Koch

April 13, 1934 - September 12, 2011

Lester E. Koch, 77, of rural Wapakoneta, died 7:40 p.m., Mon. Sept. 12, 2011, at Wapakoneta Manor, following a more than four year courageous battle with cancer. He was born April 13, 1934, in Auglaize Co., the son of William & Leona (Elsass) Koch, who preceded him in death. On June 13, 1954, he married Mary E. Rausch, and she survives. Other survivors include, 4 children, Danny (Val) Koch, Sugar Grove, OH, Gene (Krista) Koch, Ft. Wayne, IN, Martha Harms & John Wolff, Milford Center, OH, Ronnie (Sandy) Koch, Fredericksburg, IA, 13 grandchildren, Jessica & Curtis, Jason, William, Jenna, Caleb, Aaron, Nathan, Cameron, Adam, Rachel, Sarah, Ethan, Hannah, 3 great grandchildren, Keagon, Andrea, Avery, 2 brothers, Hubert (Shirley) Koch, Lakeview, OH, Raymond (Brenda) Koch, Tyler, TX, Numerous nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by a brother, Dean Koch. Lester retired in 1993 after 25 years service with Procter & Gamble, Lima. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Pusheta Rd. A 1952 graduate of Blume High School, his memberships included the Lutheran Layman's League, Lutheran Hour Ministries, and the Good Sam Camping Club. He enjoyed traveling, woodworking, fishing, and most especially spending time with his family. Lester was always ready to help family and friends. Along with his wife, Mary, he traveled to Alaska 3 summers to help with church building projects. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. Sept. 16, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pusheta Rd., Pastor Ray Long officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. John's Cemetery. The family will receive

friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Thurs. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service Fri. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Good News Magazine, the Lutheran Hour Ministries, or the charity of the donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ We were so sorry to hear of Les' passing. Your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength. God Bless You. Ray and Debbie Grover

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**Ray and Debbie Grover** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

EM

“ Mrs. Koch and family. You have my deepest sympathy on your loss. I worked with Les at P&G for many years. Les, taught me alot about working in the process area and also taught me alot about being a good person. The impression he left on me will never be forgotten. Les, truly was a good person and a good family man in which he always spoke well of his family and was very proud of them. I know Les is in a better place now, one we all hope to reach someday. Rest in peace Les. Scott Miller

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**E. Scott Miller** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

TG

“ Martha, William, and Nathan We are so sorry to hear of your father and grandfather's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Be comforted in knowing he does not have to suffer anymore and is with the Lord.

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**The Van Gorden's** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

GM

“ Mary: I am sorry about your loss. Your classmate George

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**George Marker** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

VS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Spread your stories and love with all that remain.

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**Victor Herman and the Elder-Beerman Store** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

CC

“ Mrs. Harms, You are in our thoughts and prayers. Emily, at 3yrs old, once asked me what heaven was like...I turned the question around and said, "What do YOU think heaven is like?" and she was very quick to say "KINGS ISLAND. Everyone is happy and having a great time." LOL Your dad is at peace now. God bless him for having a daughter like you! Love, Carol and Charlie Marysville, OH

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**Carol and Charlie** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

EP

“ Hi Mrs. Harms: This is Emily. I just wanted to say I miss you and you & your family are in my prayers. Jesus loves you and will take good care of your dad. Love, Emily Parrish St. John's Lutheran School Marysville

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**Emily Parrish** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

WM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. We are thankful that Lester was a child of God and knew Jesus as his Savior. What peace and comfort you have knowing you will see him again and spend eternity with him in heaven. Dad is not having a good day (Wed.) and won't be able to travel to the funeral home tomorrow or church on Friday. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary

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**Walter and Mary Mayer** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

AA

“ just wanted to express my thoughts and condolences to you. Lester was a great man that i knew. Always loved to see him and all of you on fridays at pizza hut. He will be missed but you will have so many memories to cherish and to Love

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**ANGI ADKINS** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MR

“ I WORKED WITH LES FOR 23 YEARS AT P&G. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND CO-WORKER. HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY ALL, I'M SURE. SEE YOU SOME DAY LES. MIKE RAMGE

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**MIKE RAMGE** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JB

“ Mary, So sorry to hear the news, Les and I went back to the beginning of P&G. He will be missed, may he rest in peace. Jane Ballard Dewey, Arizona

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**JANE BALLARD** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

RB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out the family of Lester as they mourn his passing. He has received his Crown of Life. May God comfort you and give you His peace. Love, Regina Bullerman

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**Regina Bullerman** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

VS

“ The Koch family has my sincere sympathy. I worked with Les for many years and he was a wonderful person, almost always in a good mood and eager to help whenever he could. I will remember him fondly.

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**Vivian Swonguer** - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

LB

“ Sorry for your loss. I heard of good things about Les during the time I worked here. I feel as though I had known him.

larry beining - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

BP

“ I'm sorry for our loss of Les. He was a great mentor for me when I started my career at P&G back in the 80's. He will be missed!

Bob Prater - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

TH

“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Lester's passing, but he has passed to a better place. I'm sure he was welcomed with open arms. May your memories comfort you and your faith sustain you.

Tom & Diane Herman - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

CL

“ Pastor & Family ... You have my thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy on the loss of your Dad. Take Care!

Cindy Lantow - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

HK

“ Our acquaintance was brief but my father held his brother in high regard and how could I do less? My memories of my Uncle Lester are calm and comforting. I wish comfort and peace from our Lord to all who mourn his passing.

Harry Lee Koch - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM