

Linus Peter Koch, 88
March 29, 1928 - Nov. 20, 2016



PANAMA — Linus Peter Koch, son of Leo Otis and Pauline Josephine (Schulte) Koch, was born March 29, 1928 near Panama. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and attended St. Mary's Catholic School.

On May 4, 1949, Linus was united in marriage to Lucille Konz at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. After their marriage, Linus and Lucille raised their six children, Roger, Dennis, Glen, Mary Ann, Timothy and Margaret, on a farm near Panama. In 1970, they moved to a farm west of Portsmouth where they were members of St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and later Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Woodbine.

In addition to farming, Linus became a jack of all trades working as a store clerk, bartender, truck driver, roofer, fencer, lumberyard man, bus driver and also working at a rock quarry. Later he retired due to vision issues. Linus enjoyed time spent with his family and watching his children and grandchildren being in school and athletic activities. He also was a big supporter of his children while growing up serving as a 4-H leader. He also collected coins, attended flea markets and auctions.

In December of 2014, Linus joined Lucille at Little Flower Haven in Earling. Here they resided together until her death in March of 2016. Linus died Nov. 20, 2016 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of 88 years, seven months and 22 days.

In addition to his parents and wife, Linus was preceded in death by his son Dennis in a car accident in 1973; great grandchildren: Kye Michael Verba and Jaden Koch; sisters, Natalia Koch and Donna and her husband Bernard Feldman and brothers Louis and Richard Koch.

Linus is survived by his children: Roger Koch and his wife Marion of St. Louis, MO; Glen Koch and his wife Elaine of Sioux Falls, SD; Mary Ann and her husband John Wendt, Jr. of Panama; Timothy Koch and his wife Barbara of Albert City; Margaret and her husband Gary Schroeder of Essex; 13 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; three step grandchildren; eight step great grandchildren; siblings: Charles Koch and his wife Geraldine of Des Moines; Rev. Eugene Koch of Des Moines; Rev. Paul Koch of Council Bluffs; Walter Koch and his wife Elaine of Benton; Mary Agnes and her husband Leroy Lampe of Omaha, NE; sisters-in-law: Ruth Koch of Earling, and Mary Ann Koch of Clark, SD; special friends Judy & Erv Poore and family of Woodbine; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

A 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Eugene Koch with Homolist Rev. Paul Koch and Concelebrant Rev. David Smith S.J. Nov. 23, 2016 at the St. Mary's of the Assumption in Panama. Jason Koch, Greg Koch, Joseph Koch, Dennis Wendt, Jarrod Poore and Wren Koch served as casket bearers. Burial was held at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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