



Leonard W. (Sonny) Korte

November 28, 2014

Leonard W. (Sonny) Korte age 73 of Bowling Green passed away November 26, 2014 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday December 1, 2014 at St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Lou Dorn officiating. Burial will be in the St. Clement Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Mudd-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Sonny was born June 1, 1941 in Florissant, MO, the son of Leonard Frank and Florence Josephine Ellebracht Korte. He lived there a very short time, then moved with his parents to their farm near Bowling Green. At age 12, his father sold the farm and bought a Pepsi Cola Distributorship Company in Bowling Green. They moved to Ashley and after a few years moved back to rural Bowling Green. He attended school at St. Clement and was a member of the St.

Clement Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He worked for his father at the Pepsi Company then went to the Army Reserves where he was in active duty for 6 months. Upon returning home, Sonny went back to work for his father, then at age 35, he and his brother purchased the business from their father. In 1995 the business was sold. Sonny retired then drove for the Amish for 4 years and in 2007 began driving a school bus.

Survivors include, brothers Paul A. Korte of Cartersville, Dennis F. Korte and wife Linda of Sedalia, Clyde J. Korte and wife Vickie of Bowling Green, Charles E. Korte of Kansas City and Mark A. Korte of Choteau, Montana; sisters Carol Branstetter and husband Jim of Ironton, Mary Alice Wright and husband Sonny of Vandalia, Betty J. Trower and husband Jim of St. Charles, Laura Bowen of Bowling Green and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Serving as pallbearers will be Joe Korte, Matt Korte, Jim Wright, Michael Trower, Joe Branstetter and Ryan Korte. Honorary pallbearers are Ron Branstetter, Dean Branstetter, Jamie Branstetter, Kyle Bowen and Erik Bowen.

Memorials may be made to St. Clement Catholic Church or St. Clement School.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Carol & Jim, We at Ste Marie du LKac extend our sincere sympathy at your loss.

Beverly Blankenship-Chronister - June 25, 2015 at 08:18 AM

TW

“ Mark I am sorry for your loss.

Tim welch - June 25, 2015 at 08:17 AM

CT

“ To the Korte Family,
We are so sorry to learn of your loss of Sonny. Our hearts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Clay and Marilyn(Luebrecht) Taliaferro

Clay and Marilyn Taliaferro - June 25, 2015 at 08:17 AM

DF

“ Laura - my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you celebrate Sonny's life and bid him farewell. I remember Sonny being such a good guy when I knew him decades ago, and I can see that he continued to be so throughout his life. My heart goes out to his entire family. Diana (Burluson) Fuld

Diana Fuld - June 25, 2015 at 08:17 AM

BW

“ Sorry to hear about Sonny. He will be missed. God be with you.

betty jo wendel - June 25, 2015 at 08:17 AM

AC

“ Knew Sonny since the early 1970's and always thought he was a good person. Sounds like he remained so throughout his life and helpful to others. My sympathy to the family members. Alice Lyons Coose

Alice Coose - June 25, 2015 at 08:16 AM

RB

“ To the Korte family . We are so sorry for your loss. Sorry to say we will not be able to attend visitation . Roy and Marilyn Behlmann

Roy and Marilyn Behlmann - June 25, 2015 at 08:16 AM

AA

“ Sonny was a wonderful man. I had the privilege of working for him back in that late 70s. God Bless him and the Korte Family.

Andy Altizer - June 25, 2015 at 08:16 AM

BM

“ Very sorry for the loss if Sonny. He will always be the "Pepsi" man to me, as her delivered soda to the gas station I worked at as a kid.

Buster McDaniel - June 25, 2015 at 08:16 AM

JN

“ To the Korte family,

My sincere sympathy on the passing of Sonny. In our younger years we spent a lot of time together with the normal running around. He will be missed by everyone. I am sorry that I was unable to attend the visitation due to family commitments. Again, my sympathy and prayers.

Jim and Carmen Niemeyer

Jim Niemeyer - June 25, 2015 at 08:16 AM

BA

“ *Our deepest sympathy.*

Bill and Linda Akers - June 25, 2015 at 08:15 AM

AS

“ *very sorry to hear about sonny he was a pillow of the community and church we loved the 20 yrs we lived in BG it was home to us because of the people sorry of the loss AL STEVENSON FT. MADISON, IA.*

al stevenson - June 25, 2015 at 08:15 AM