



# William "Bill" S. Koch

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## William "Bill" Koch Obituary Columbus Grove, Ohio

William "Bill" S. Koch, 94, died at 9:45 p.m., Saturday, January 9, 2021, at the Meadows of Kalida. He was born December 26, 1926, in Glandorf, to Frederick and Veronica (Brinkman) Koch.

On September 10, 1953, he married Mary E. Schroeder, as the first couple to be married in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Columbus Grove. She preceded him in death on November 9, 1988. Bill married Rita (Langhals) Recker on November 29, 1991. Rita survives in Glandorf.

Bill is survived by four sons, Thomas (Deborah) Koch of Cincinnati, Kenneth (Kay) Koch and William S. (Cindy) Koch, Jr. both of Columbus Grove, and Frederick (Susan) Koch of Wapakoneta; two daughters, Janice (William) Grimes of Prairieville, LA and Sheila (Thomas) Hausknecht of Bluffton; three step-children, Daniel (Joyce) Recker of Dublin, Kevin (Wilma) Recker of Glandorf and Janice (Jeff) Hanneman of Columbus Grove; 21 grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and 2 step great grandchildren; a sister, Doris Horstman; and brothers and sisters in-law, Julia Koch, Alice Koch, Bob (Marilyn) Hamburg, Elaine Schroeder, Kathy Schroeder, Sam (Anne) Schroeder, Irvin Schroeder, Delmar Schroeder, Gene (Rosemary) Langhals, Don (Joan) Langhals, Tom (Janice) Langhals and Dave (Deb) Langhals.

He was preceded in death by brothers and brothers in-law, Edward Koch, Richard (Doris) Koch, Joseph Koch, Donald Horstman, David Schroeder, Omer "Bud" Schroeder, and Jerry Langhals ; sisters and sisters in-law, Helen (Richard) Nussbaum, Ruth (Lee) Schroeder, Marie (Norbert) Schroeder, Clara (Paul) Nadler, Irene Hamburg, Anita (Virgil) Verhoff, Sr. Margery Schroeder, Sharon Schroeder and Margaret Schroeder.

Bill was a graduate of Glandorf High School. He was a salesman for Imco Poultry and worked for St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Bill was also a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and he was the 1st Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus of St. Anthony's Parish. He served on St.



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Anthony's Parish Council, School Board and was a member of the choir. He had been a member of St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church, Glandorf, for 29 years. Bill had been Mayor of Columbus Grove and served on the Village Council.

He enjoyed fishing and playing solo, pinochle and euchre. Bill also enjoyed cooking, his specialties were caramel popcorn and peanut brittle. If he knew a song, he could play it on his harmonica.

He truly loved people, never knowing a stranger, he enjoyed visits with everyone he came in contact with. Bill loved family reunions, catching up on family events and reminiscing about the past. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. Bill was a bright spot in the lives of the residents and staff of the Meadows of Kalida.

The family would like to thank the Meadows of Kalida and the Putnam County Hospice for the excellent care they gave their husband, dad and grandfather.

Mass of Christian burial will begin at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 14, 2021, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Columbus Grove, and will also be on St. Anthony's Facebook live. Father John McLouglin, Father Tim Grimes, and Father David Ritchie will Concelebrate with burial to follow in St. Anthony's Church Cemetery.

Friends may call from 2:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at Hartman Sons Funeral Home, Columbus Grove, where a Rosary service will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to St Anthony's School.

With respect to social distancing and wearing a mask due to the Covid-19 virus, the family understands that if you choose to stay home at this time, please take a moment and remember Bill, go online to [hartmansonsfuneralhome.com](http://hartmansonsfuneralhome.com), share a memory and/or your condolences.



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To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of William "Bill" S. Koch, please visit our floral store.

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MC

**Much Love, Aurora, Meghan & Caitlin** posted:

Simplicity candle centerpiece was purchased for the family of William "Bill" S. Koch by Much love, Aurora, Meghan & Caitlin. Send Flowers Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Please know that you are surrounded by many that love you. May time help you heal and bring you peace. Much love, Aurora, Meghan & Caitlin

December 5 at 6:44 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of William "Bill" S. Koch. Plant a Tree

December 5 at 6:44 AM

OG

**Omar Ganoom** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of William "Bill" S. Koch by Omar Ganoom. Plant a Tree

December 5 at 6:44 AM

MA

**Matt Dulle And Jennifer Ahoni** posted:

Jade joy was purchased for the family of William "Bill" S. Koch by Matt Dulle and Jennifer Ahoni. Send Flowers

December 5 at 6:44 AM

TR

**The Staff Of The Arts Council Of Greater Baton Rouge: Baton Rouge, La** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of William "Bill" S. Koch by the staff of the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge: Baton Rouge, LA. Plant a Tree We hope Mr. Bill's entire family finds hope and peace during this time of mourning. This small gesture is in memory of Mr. Bill and in support of his loving grandson, Jonathan Grimes. the staff of the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge: Baton Rouge, LA

December 5 at 6:44 AM



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YF

**Your Pharmacy Family** posted:

Medium dish garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" S. Koch by Your Pharmacy Family. Send Flowers Dana, May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you. Your Pharmacy Family

December 5 at 6:44 AM

RB

**Ray And Stephanie, Tim And Michelle, Brad And Anna, Charles And Brandy** posted:

A tranquil light was purchased for the family of William "Bill" S. Koch by Ray and Stephanie, Tim and Michelle, Brad and Anna, Charles and Brandy. Send Flowers We love you and will miss you so much Grandpa! I hope you get to play Euchre and fish to your hearts' content. You will be missed but never forgotten. Ray and Stephanie, Tim and Michelle, Brad and Anna, Charles and Brandy

December 5 at 6:44 AM

JT

**John And Catherine Fortman And Family...And, The Fortman Insurance Team** posted:

Oh, what a joy it was when Bill and Rita would come into our insurance office...wonderful people to visit with, laugh with, etc. WOW, Bill lived 94 years on this earth!! Rita, you sure did keep Bill young. Well, now he is having a blast in Eternity / Heaven. Sincere sympathy to Bill's entire family. Rest in Peace, my friend...love you, Bill...

January 21 at 1:00 PM

BS

**Betty & Jerry "Etack" Schroeder** posted:

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill's family.

January 16 at 4:55 AM

MH

**Maryann Helmes** posted:

Tom and family, We are so sorry we cannot attend but COVID19 has found us and won't leave just yet. Your dad always reminded me of our dad...a jokester, opinionated, head strong and very loving. May God wrap His loving arms around Mr. Koch as he brings him into His eternal kingdom. Love you all, Mary Ann & Rick Helmes

January 12 at 1:59 PM



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RT

**Rick & Cindy Teders** posted:

Deepest sympathy and prayers on the loss of such a dear soul who was so loved and appreciated by not only his families but the many communities he served including his volunteer work he also did unbeknown to others. Our special thoughts to his dear wife Rita. Such a wonderful blessed life!Godspeed Bill!

January 12 at 1:12 PM

NT

**Nancy Thorburn** posted:

You have my sympathy on your husband and father's passing. I have such fond memories of him. He was such a kind and loving person.

January 12 at 12:41 PM

TS

**Ted And Judy Shalter** posted:

So sorry for your loss....he was always a person.

January 11 at 3:22 PM

MR

**Marcia Rieman** posted:

i enjoyed playing solo with your dad and with his sons

January 11 at 10:12 AM

AR

**Amy & Jerry Recker** posted:

Please accept our condolences.

January 11 at 9:21 AM

DS

**Dr. Eiden And Staff** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to Bill's family during this time.

January 11 at 8:50 AM



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**Elaine And Jeff Gerding** posted:

A candle was lit in remembrance

January 11 at 5:16 AM



**Joe & Ruth Gerdeman** posted:

We send our prayers and deepest sympathy to all of Bill's Family.

January 10 at 3:34 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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