



Robert E. Koeller

September 26, 1924 - February 11, 2012

Robert E. "Bob" Koeller, 87, died at 5:50 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 2012 at Saint Anthony's Hospital in Alton. He was born September 26 1924 in Alton, IL and was the son of Henry B. and Eva (Ruppaner) Koeller.

He married the Gracie E. Herrmann on August 28, 1948 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, she survives.

He graduated from St. Mary's Grade School, Alton, attended Marquette High School 3 years and then graduated from Jerseyville Township High School. He also attended the University of Illinois and SIUE. His brother and partner in business, Louis B. Koeller, sister Mary Jane Koeller and son Richard "Rick" L. Koeller preceded him in death.

A partner in Koeller Bros. Farms, Godfrey he was active throughout his life in promoting agricultural interests. He was a lifetime member of Madison County Farm Bureau and served as president before being elected to the Illinois Farm

Bureau Board of Director's, serving eight years. He was influential in the Illinois Legislature adopting the Farmland Assessment Law and served twenty years as a member of the Madison County Farmland Review Committee. Representing agriculture, he served on Illinois Governor Thompson's State Tax Reform Commission. Along with his Farm Bureau activities he served on the Board of Directors for Country Life Insurance, Godfrey State Bank, and Wedge Bank of Alton. He also was manager of Godfrey Township Utility Board for ten years.

Active in community affairs, Koeller served in numerous roles in the Village of Godfrey's development. He helped guide the incorporation of Godfrey into a Village served on the Transition Committee and then on several development committees including chairing the Godfrey Community Planning and Economic Development Committee.

He was a charter member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Godfrey where he and his wife Gracie were married and their five children graduated from St. Ambrose Grade School. He is survived by his wife of sixty-three years and four children Karen A. Zuckerman (Richard) of Peoria, Illinois, Robert H. Koeller of Alton, Illinois, Connie T. Koeller of Marshfield, Vermont, and Steven P. Koeller of Godfrey, Illinois. He was fortunate to have three grandchildren, Jessica Koeller, Nicholas Koeller, and Bradley Koeller all of Godfrey with whom he shared his infinite wisdom.

He enjoyed farming and hobbies which included fishing and traveling,

especially with his wife Gracie.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb.14, at Gent Funeral Home in Alton.

A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Ambrose church in Godfrey. Father Steve Pohlman will officiate.

Burial will be a St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Illinois Agriculture Association or St. Ambrose School Foundation.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E. Koeller*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Bob. I am in Florida. Godfrey will not be the same without him*

Steve Mottaz - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gracie, We are sorry to hear about Bob. My mom, Patty Willis Franz, has told me numerous stories about how much she cherished your friendship. Take care and God Bless. Tina Franz Thomas*

Tina Franz Thomas - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy Steve on the passing of your Dad. I never had the privledge of meeting your Dad, but if he was anything like you, he was a good man. I will keep your family in my thoughts & prayers.*

Jeff "Petey" Davis - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Bob you are going to missed I spent 30yrs. with theG.F.P.D. got to know Bob rather well thank you for all you did for us.

James - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Gracie, I wanted to extend my sympathy to you. And of course, to all your family.

Your old classmate at St. Peter & Paul's,

Dolores Weaver

Dolores (Dee) Weaver - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ wanting to let u know how sorry i am for your loss.

you are all in my thoughts and prayers. love, kim willis

kim willis - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Gracie, I am saddened by the news. Please convey my sympathy to your family. Unfortunately I am in Florida and cannot be with you all. Bob and I became good friends during the GTUB years and continued to chat, although not often enough since then.

Ron Mottaz - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

(S)

“ *What a freind, an era has ended, and a new one begins,now I must cultivate what I've learned from him.*

Love ya PoPs

(Son) Steve - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *Our thoughts are with your family at this time.*

Love you.

Alissa & Gene Kanellos - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to you and yours, Steve and Jessie. May God Bless and Rest your Dad/Grandpa.*

Norm Clanney - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Deepest sympathy go out to Gracie and family for the lose of a great friend, a great partner, you will be missed dearly..*

Lenny Ross

Len Ross - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ *My deepest sympathy Gracie and to the family. Bob was a wonderful Grandfather to my daughter, whom he shared much of his time with. And who she adored. He opened his arms with kindness and his caring heart to all.*

Love you Bob.

Valorie Koeller

Valorie Koeller - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Fortune enough to have known
him, will miss him.*

Cindy Mabb - February 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM