



John David Korte

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of John David Korte, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. John, known affectionately as "JD," passed away peacefully on October 9, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born with a dedication to hard work and a love for those around him, JD proudly served as the second generation in the family business, Home Lumber, Inc., from 1971 until his retirement in 2010. For nearly 40 years, Home Lumber was not just a business for him, it was a labor of love, and the people he worked alongside were among his greatest joys.

JD was a man of deep faith, devoted to the Lord, and he cherished his family above all else. He found joy in spending time outdoors, where he indulged in hunting, fishing, and escaping to his cherished cabin in Grayling, MI, creating countless memories over the years. His greatest pride and happiness came from his six grandchildren, whom he adored and watched grow, as well as the blessing of having his sons and grandkids live next door to him on the family farm, he held dear.

Sunday dinners were a tradition in JD's home, where the noise of family gathered together was music to his ears. He loved to cook and share meals, creating an atmosphere filled with love, laughter, and togetherness.

John was born in Fort Wayne to the late John A. and Verona (Klopfenstein) Korte.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ellen (Geiger) Korte; sons, Brent (Nicole) Korte, and Eric (Lisa) Korte; brother, Alan (Sue) Korte; grandchildren, Garrett (Mackenzie), Logan, Lauren, Landin, Alex, and Hayden Korte.

JD's life will be celebrated with a gathering in his honor on Sunday, October 27th, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Home Lumber, Inc., 2101 Lincoln HWY E, New Haven, IN 46774. Friends and family are invited



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to come together over food and drink to share in the many wonderful memories of JD. His legacy of faith, family, and kindness will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Preferred memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and Parkview Hospice.


Arrangements by Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. For online condolences please visit www.harperfuneralhome.com



Events

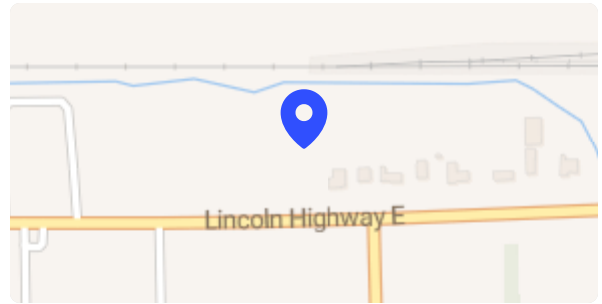
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Celebration Of Life

 **Sunday**, October 27, 2024

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Home Lumber**
2101 Lincoln HWY E, New Haven IN 46774





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TB

Terri & Dave Bremer sent a Healing Tears - Lavender and White to the Korte family.

October 23 at 10:46 AM



TB

Terri & Dave Bremer planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

October 23 at 10:46 AM



YW

Your Friends At Koetter Woodworking planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

October 16 at 9:54 AM



YW

Your Friends At Koetter Woodworking sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Korte family.

October 16 at 9:54 AM



TR

Tony And Carma Reincke. sent a Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet to the Korte family.

October 15 at 6:54 AM



TD

Todd Ricker And Lumbermen's Door Divison planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

October 15 at 3:28 AM





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Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the Korte family.



October 15 at 3:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Korte family.



October 14 at 11:53 AM



Sarah Norman posted:

Uncle John you will be so missed! Our family adventures were always better having your humor and smiling face with us. Epic adventures in the sun (and storms) at Lake Powell, pool parties, Christmas parties and more. Playing piano and getting tickled when we fell. Precious memories. Aunt Ellen, Eric and Brent and your families all our prayers are with you! Prayers for peace and comfort knowing Uncle John is resting in heaven.

October 12 at 10:22 AM



Bianca Holiness posted:

JD you will be truly missed i was honored to have taken care of you ❤️ Bianca Holiness

October 10 at 1:59 PM



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Mike & Kim Wietfeldt posted:

Deepest sympathy goes out to the Korte family and our old Home Lumber family. Brings back so many memories and recalling wonderful friendships during Mike and my employment there! I have JD to thank for hiring me back in 1988 where I would meet my husband and be blessed to work there until having our daughter in 1996. Thoughts & prayers to Ellen, Eric, Brent and Alan and families. Mike & Kim Wietfeldt Family

October 10 at 11:42 AM



Karen Wray October 11 at 9:56 AM

To Ellen, Eric and Brent; my sister and nephews : Thanks for sharing JD with us. So many wonderful memories of pool parties, Christmas parties and one super vacation at Lake Powell. He will live on in our hearts and we'll all be together again in heaven. Peace.



Linda & Jim Miller October 10 at 12:03 PM

Our deepest sympathy to the whole Korte family. John David will be deeply missed. 🙏



Memories only last if you share them

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



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