



John Lee Korenek

May 23, 1940 - April 7, 2023

John Lee Korenek, beloved husband and father, passed away Friday, April 7, 2023 as a result of complications from an 8-year battle with Wegener's kidney disease and mantle cell lymphoma. He was born on May 23, 1940, in Nada, Texas. He was the oldest of 11 children born to Richard and Adela Korenek.

After completing the 8th grade at St. Mary's School in Nada, he attended Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville, Texas. Before graduating in 1958, he met the love of his life and future wife Virginia Mae Bludau, and they married on June 11, 1963. They raised 7 children: John Jr., Martin, Linda, Sandra, Keith, Charlotte, and Erin.

After high school, John farmed rice for 18 years before employment at Thorstenberg Materials Co., Inc., in Altair, Texas, where he became a drag line operator and foreman. He retired from Hanson Aggregates on June 30, 2007, after 33 years in the gravel industry. While employed, he amassed a massive rock and fossil collection that he was eager to show off and incorporated them into his yard and flower beds for all to admire.

He was an avid gardener and enjoyed growing all types of vegetables, flowers, fruit, citrus and pecan trees. He gladly shared his vegetables and plants with family and friends. He also spent summers canning vegetables. John loved all things deer hunting and making venison sausage. In his later

years, it is quite possible that he shot a buck out of the bedroom window... which can neither be confirmed nor denied!

John's many hobbies included baking just about anything you can imagine. There was never a recipe he would not try. His biggest hobby was making homemade wine and he made wine out of anything you could squeeze juice out of! His wine, donated to the St. Mary's Picnic each year, was very popular at the auction fundraiser.

John attended Eucharistic Adoration and Nocturnal Adoration and served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister for more than 30 years. He enjoyed administering Holy Communion to the shut-ins and visiting with them. John also served on the St. Mary's Church and school boards and was a member of the Nada Knights of Columbus.

John is survived by his wife Virginia, son John Lee Korenek, Jr. (Deborah) grandsons, Jacob and Jonah (fiancé Marissa), son Martin Korenek (C.J.) granddaughters Emily, Sophie and Abigail, daughter Linda Stribling (Johnny) and grandson Garrett (Emily) and great granddaughters Addie and Cheyanne, granddaughters Lacey, Makayla, Callie and grandson Chett, daughter Sandra Hewett (Blake) grandson Blake (Casey) great granddaughter, Reese and granddaughter Christie, son Keith Korenek (Jessica) grandchildren Seth and Sierra, daughter Charlotte Schneider (Brent) grandchildren Hope and Ridge, and daughter Erin Zahradnik (Jayson) grandchildren Jemma and Judson. Also survived by siblings Richard Korenek, Jim Korenek (Jackie), Lawrence (Buddy) (Jennifer) Korenek, Dennis Korenek (Susie), Beatrice Rachunek, Honey Stavena, Janice Korenek, Dorothy Merta (Frank) along with brother-in-law Edmund J. Hubenak (Helen), brother-in-law Joe B. Bludau, III (Laura), sister-in-law Dolly Johnson (Macklin), sister-in-law Carol Bludau (Bobby), brother-in-law Mark Nevlud (Donna) and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Adela Korenek, sister Helen Hubenak, nephew Kenneth Hubenak, brother Wayne Korenek, and brother-in-law Ronald Stavena, father and mother-in-law Joseph (Jodie) B., Jr. and Alice Bludau, sister-in-law Marilyn Marikle (Peter), brother-in-law Charles Bludau, sister-in-law Donna Nevlud, and brother-in-law Bobby Bludau.

The family would like to thank the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department, Columbus EMS, PHI Air Medical, numerous nurses and doctors, namely Dr. Bushra Cheema and Dr. Charles Henry, along with the staff from Memorial Hermann, Sugar Land and the Medical Center, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital and Houston Methodist Hospital in the Medical Center. We would also like to thank the doctors and nurses at Columbus Eye Associates and Columbus Community Hospital. The many friends and family who called, visited, and prayed for John and his loved ones will not be forgotten and are greatly appreciated.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 11, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, Texas followed by the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. lead by the Nada Knights of Columbus. The funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada followed by the graveside services at St. Mary's Cemetery.

The pallbearers are the grandsons Garrett Stribling, Blake Hewett, Jacob Korenek, Seth Korenek, Chett Stribling, Jonah Korenek, Judson Zahradnik, and Ridge Schneider.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department and Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville, Texas.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Nada, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
1261 Old Nada Rd
Nada, TX 77460
(979) 758-3218

Rosary

APR 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

APR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Nada, TX 77460
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Tribute Wall

EC

“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of John Lee Korenek*



Elaine Cook - April 14, 2023 at 01:24 AM

MF

“ *Sending our prayers and deepest sympathies to all the family.
Marcella and Gary Franzetti*



Marcella and Gary Franzetti - April 11, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Lee Korenek.*



April 11, 2023 at 12:25 PM

AA

“ *May God bless John's loving family with many happy memories!
John was an amazing cousin and always a handsome man with a beautiful smile ! Him and Virginia Blessed my parents with 7 beautiful God Children*

angie allen - April 11, 2023 at 11:28 AM

BC

“ *Bernice Carey purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of John Lee Korenek.*



Bernice Carey - April 11, 2023 at 11:23 AM

SC

“ *Sandra Cranek sent a virtual gift in memory of John Lee Korenek*



Sandra Cranek - April 11, 2023 at 10:20 AM

CR

“ *Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of John Lee Korenek*



Cindy Riha - April 10, 2023 at 10:13 PM

CS

“ *Prayers for Mrs. Korenek and all their children and grandchildren! Great family man and best neighbor! Hugs to his family!*



Carmen Schneider-Dota - April 10, 2023 at 07:08 PM

HC

“ *Holly Waligura Class lit a candle in memory of John Lee Korenek*



Holly Waligura Class - April 10, 2023 at 12:18 PM

CD

“ *Chris & Susan Dettling lit a candle in memory of John Lee Korenek*



Chris & Susan Dettling - April 10, 2023 at 10:15 AM

CF

“ *My deepest sympathy... Your longtime friend, Cynthia (Chovanec) Fontana. Rest in Peace. Prayers & Love sent* ❤️🙏❤️



Cynthia (Chovanec) Fontana - April 10, 2023 at 10:06 AM

PT

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.*



Pam and Bruce Turner - April 10, 2023 at 07:44 AM

BL

“ *Betty Leopold lit a candle in memory of John Lee Korenek*



Betty Leopold - April 10, 2023 at 12:09 AM

BL

*John Lee was a real gentleman. He was a great example of a man who respected his wife and truly loved his family. He taught his family well to love the Lord and be active in their parishes. He was always willing to share his knowledge on the weather and on so many things. We missed him during his illness but will truly miss him now. May he receive his just reward.
Betty and Arthur Leopold*

Betty Leopold - April 10, 2023 at 12:24 AM

MK

*Sending our Sympathy, Love and Prayers.
Jerry and Margaret Kallus, Hallettsville.*

Margaret Kallus - April 15, 2023 at 10:45 AM