



## Lupko Koetje

June 15, 1939 - December 26, 2020

Lupko Koetje, 81 years of age, returned to his Heavenly Father on December 26th, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born June 15th, 1939 in Groningen Holland to Hendrick Koetje and Janttje Westerbaan Koetje.

He came to America with his Mother and Siblings at an early age and they made Salt Lake City their home. He married Florene Tilt in Salt Lake City on July 2nd, 1959. They were later sealed on the Mesa, AZ Temple on June 25th, 1994.

Through his life he had enjoyed writing poetry and doing genealogy. He loved his family and was a generous person, often buying items just so he could give them away to his kids and grandkids. He had a few different jobs during his career, including a manager of Kinney Shoes in Denver, Co., but he loved his job working at the Phoenix Country Day school the most. He became like family to the students and the administrators, who always spoke highly of him and his love for the students. He was able to return to Holland, to visit later in life, where he enjoyed seeing family and showing Florene his home country. After retirement they moved to Kanab, UT where he also made many friends.

He leaves behind his lovely wife Florene and his three children, Lupko Koetje Jr (Janna) Millcreek, Utah, Carlyle (Bud) Koetje (Cheryl), Mesa Arizona and Lisa Walter (Tim), Mesa Arizona. He was blessed with many Grandchildren, Great grandchildren, and Great Great Grandchildren. He also leaves behind his sister, Christine Schulz.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jenny and his brother, Jan Koetje.

In leu of a funeral, there will be a small family and friends gathering at the Millcreek Ward Church house in Millcreek Utah (3640 E Millstream Ln, Southwest door) on Saturday January 2nd from 11 Am until 1 pm for those who would like to share their condolences.

The family would like to thank all of those who have helped in this time of need and all of the friends and family that have gotten to know him throughout his life. The family would

also like to thank the Serenity Funeral home for helping with the final preparations and the Millcreek Canyon ward with the luncheon.

Though he is no longer suffering and is in a better place, he will truly be missed.

# Events

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**JAN** **Family Greeting** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Millcreek Ward Building

3640 Millstream Lane, Millcreek, UT, US

# Comments

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“ Dear Florene, I am so sorry for your loss. I believe that you will see him again, That belief and memories of happy times can sustain you and bring comfort and hope. May God bless you.

**Nancy M. Kendell** - January 02 at 12:45 PM

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“ Heel veel sterkte met het verlies van je maatje Leo. Ook voor je kinderen een dikke knuffel uit Nederland dan is het zeker zo erg de afstand die tussen onze familieleden is. We denken aan jullie.

**Wilma koetje** - January 02 at 05:27 AM

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“ I'm so sorry, Florene. So thankful you have your children and cousins and other family members to stand by you. Leo was so lucky to have you for his wife. God bless you and him.

**Carolyn Peed** - January 02 at 03:43 AM

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“ Aunt Florene and family.  
I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Leo's passing. I always got along great with him. He was one of my favorite uncles. I used to look forward to our family visits when we lived in Salt Lake. He used to always have a good story about his work or his life, which I really enjoyed. He is now spending time with his mother and my father. He will be greatly missed. My sympathies to your whole family. Love you all Jan Koetje Jr.. "Little Jan"

**jan koetje** - January 01 at 09:37 PM



“ Thank you Jan Jr.love aunt Stien,

**Christine schulz. leo Sister.** - January 01 at 11:29 PM

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“ Florene and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your dear husband's passing. (And Father). You were such a great friend to me and helped me and the students survive first grade. I know how much Leo meant to you. It is so nice to know we will see our loved one again when the time is right. Thinking of you and praying for you to feel his love for you.

Sharon Glazier

Sharon - December 31, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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Serenity Funeral Home - December 31, 2020 at 05:47 PM

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“ I live in Kanab Utah. I am married to Andy Scholte. His Aunt Margaret Luttmer is married to Grant Luttmer. Grant and Leo were friends for many years. Leo used to come into the Bank in Kanab where I worked for 17 years. He was always cheerful, friendly and a pleasure to assist. I looked forward to his monthly visits very much. When he moved to Phoenix, I was sad to see him go, however, he did call for assistance for a while longer, so I was able to still talk to him. He was a wonderful person. I send my Sympathy and Best Wishes to his Family.

Doris Scholte  
Kanab, Utah

Doris Scholte - December 30, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ I wish to thank all who sent memories of Leo. I wish I could have thanked you all in person but please accept my appreciation for all your thoughts.

Florene Koetje - January 31 at 01:27 PM