



David Koenes

September 30, 1937 - March 15, 2026

David Koenes, age 88 of Sparta, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2026 surrounded by loved ones.

He is survived by his son Mark Koenes and daughter-in-law Katie Koenes.

David was preceded in death by his sisters, Julie Schipper, Glory Bierema, and Faith Looman.

David was born on September 30, 1937, in Holland, MI to Bert and Evelyn Koenes. He graduated from Holland High School. For a short time, he lived in Brazil before heading back to Michigan where he started a career in the hotel industry which brought him to Upstate New York. David lived in Schaghticoke, NY for many years before moving back to west Michigan to be closer to his daughter-in-law and son.

David loved the outdoors and would spend hours floating in his pool. He was also a big fan of southern gospel music such as the Blackwood Brothers, Gaither Vocal Band, and The Hoppers. This love of gospel music was passed onto his son. Mark and Katie were able to get David to a few Gaither concerts after moving to west Michigan. Later in life, David enjoyed hanging out on Mark and Katie's porch with his grand-dog Echo. He referred to their place as "the ponderosa." Dave loved a good meal, and his favorite restaurant was the

Olive Garden where he would always order the fettucine shrimp alfredo.
“Extra shrimp.”

David was accepted to the Newaygo County Compassion Home in Fremont, MI for end-of-life care, but passed before he could get moved to this facility. This facility is a volunteer and donation-based facility. The family asks that those wishing to make a contribution in David’s memory consider donating to this facility to help support their mission.

Newaygo County Compassion Home

20 S. Stewart Avenue

Fremont, MI 49412

<https://givebutter.com/newaygo-county-compassion-home-for-the-terminally-ill>

A private family celebration will be held later this summer.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Condolences to the family of David Kenneth Koenes from David and Janava Koenes*



David Koenes - March 20 at 12:19 PM

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Jay Koenes - March 19 at 07:29 PM

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“ *With love, Danny & Amanda purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David Koenes.*



With love, Danny & Amanda - March 18 at 08:35 PM

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“ *With love, Danny & Amanda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Koenes.*

With love, Danny & Amanda - March 18 at 08:35 PM

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“ Praying for you and Katie. I remember when Uncle Dave lived in the back of the paint store on Butternut Drive. Praying for comfort and peace. Love you!

Cheryl Reimold - March 18 at 07:34 PM

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“ As a young nephew he would let me come to his house on Butternut dr. In Holland Mi. And swim in his pool. He would let me bring a friend so we could cool down on those hot summer days.
Thanks uncle Dave

David DeGraaf - March 18 at 03:10 PM

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Thank you, David, for all the memories ❤️ we shared. I hold them dear to my heart. May God grant peace to those who added joy to your life.

With fond memories,
Marion Krell

Marion Krell - March 20 at 01:06 PM