



## Chesley Theodore Koerner

September 5, 1955 - February 19, 2024

Chesley Theodore Koerner, age 68, of Helvetia, died Monday, February 19, 2024, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon. He was born on September 5, 1955, a son of the late Theodore Elwood and Shirley Jean Wilkins Koerner. On December 9, 1978, he was united in marriage to his first wife Brenda Kay Summerfield Koerner, who preceded him in death on July 28, 2013. On January 23, 2021, he was united in marriage to Claudette Betler Brown Koerner, who survives. Also surviving are two sons: Daniel Wayne Koerner and wife Jessica of Rock Cave, and Jordan Brown and wife Cayse of Mansfield, OH; three daughters: Lisa Koerner Perry and husband Chris of Broadway, VA, Jerianne Brown Rice and husband Henry of Helvetia, and Lauren Brown Stalnaker and husband Clinton of Mansfield, OH; nine grandchildren: Wyatt and Cooper Perry, Lucas and Dylan Koerner, Morgan Rice Isley and husband Tyler, Jacob Rice, Deonta Davis, and Dallas and Virginia Rice; one great-granddaughter Magnolia Isley; two brothers: John Koerner and wife Charla of Clarksburg and Loren Koerner and wife Brenda of Concord, NC; and three sisters: Arvela Koerner of Elkins, Ivy Summerfield and husband Randy of Blue Rock, and Rezena Roth and husband Kester of Elkins.

Chesley was a 1973 graduate of Pickens High School. He was a hard worker and throughout his life he worked as a carpenter in a sawmill, in the coal mines, and finally in state government for 22 ½ years (15 years with the

Railroad Division of the Public Service Commission as a track inspector and 7 ½ years with the State Rail Authority) retiring on January 1, 2022. He attended the Way of Holiness Church in Buckhannon and was an active member of the Helvetia community where he grew up and still resided. Often he could be found tending to his cattle on the family farm where he loved to spend time.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 23, 2024, from 4 PM to 6 PM at the Way of Holiness Church. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 11 AM at the Way of Holiness Church. Private inurnment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Blue Rock Cemetery, in care of Ivy Summerfield 11436 Adolph Rd Mill Creek, WV 26280; Rosenbaum Family House, PO Box 8228 Morgantown, WV 26506; or to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 42217, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Online condolences may be extended to the Koerner family at [www.heavnerandcutright.com](http://www.heavnerandcutright.com). The Koerner family entrusted the Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Way of Holiness Church  
2337 Old Weston Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
<https://www.thewayofholiness.org/>

## Memorial Service

FEB **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Way of Holiness Church  
2337 Old Weston Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
<https://www.thewayofholiness.org/>

# Tribute Wall

DM

“A friend, a schoolmate, a cousin, a Child of God and so much more! He always had a smile and a story and a lot of his stories came directly from the Bible and there was a meaning and reason to each story. Chesley had a way of making you feel important and special. Never a quiet or dull moment when Chesley was in the room. I'm sure Heaven got a little brighter when he showed up!!!! We are going to miss him for sure but his memories will live forever!!! Hugs, Love, & Prayers to Claudette, Lisa, Daniel, Jerianne, Lauren, Jordan & families!!!!



Debby & Stephen Morgan - February 23, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.



February 23, 2024 at 11:18 AM

CD

“Craig and Lisa Dotson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chesley Theodore Koerner.

Craig and Lisa Dotson - February 23, 2024 at 11:18 AM

RA

“Randy and Lea Ann purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.



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**Randy and Lea Ann** - February 23, 2024 at 08:38 AM

LP

“Lisa and Philip purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.



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**Lisa and Philip** - February 23, 2024 at 08:15 AM

TE

“Todd And Diane Elmore lit a candle in memory of Chesley Theodore Koerner



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**Todd and Diane Elmore** - February 23, 2024 at 01:37 AM

JM

“My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you go through this difficult time. While I knew Chesley only a short time, I so appreciated his faith in Christ and his prayers. He was a very special man and such a blessing to Claudette and family. He will be missed.

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**Judy Moffett** - February 22, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*



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February 22, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ *Kendal S. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*



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**Kendal S.** - February 22, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ *The Broslawsky family sends our deepest sympathy to the entire Koerner family. Donna and Joe Broslawsky*

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**Donna and Joe Broslawsky** - February 22, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ *I remember Chelsey at Pickens School. He was one year ahead of me. My memory is that he was most always smiling. Very polite. My Aunt was a good friend of Chelsey s mother. Raised on the same mountain. All very hard workers. I am sad to hear of his passing. Left to soon. I pray for comfort for the family.*

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**Ruth Ann Bennett** - February 21, 2024 at 09:05 PM

BP

“ *Bill, Leigh & Peyton purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*



Bill, Leigh & Peyton - February 21, 2024 at 09:05 PM

PG

“ *Phyllis Griffith lit a candle in memory of Chesley Theodore Koerner*



Phyllis Griffith - February 21, 2024 at 07:53 PM

FF

“ *From Mike and Dorothy Greenway & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*

From Mike and Dorothy Greenway & Family - February 21, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*



February 21, 2024 at 07:04 PM

JH

“ Koerner Family,

*Sending you our deepest sympathy. May God give you peace and comfort as you grieve for your loved one. I (Jon) worked with Chesley at SBVR. He was a very good Christian man.*

*Blessings and Prayers*

*Jon, Debbie & Hunter Hines*



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**Jon Hines** - February 21, 2024 at 06:54 PM

DR

“ Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chesley Theodore Koerner.

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**Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad** - February 21, 2024 at 05:25 PM

DR

“ Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.



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**Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad** - February 21, 2024 at 05:25 PM

YC

“ *Your Friends at BNI Successful by Choice purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*



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**Your Friends at BNI Successful by Choice** - February 21, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*



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February 21, 2024 at 04:28 PM

TC

“ *The Employees at Fritz-Rumer-Cooke Co. planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*

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**The Employees at Fritz-Rumer-Cooke Co.** - February 21, 2024 at 11:35 AM

TC

“ *The Employees at Fritz-Rumer-Cooke Co. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*



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**The Employees at Fritz-Rumer-Cooke Co.** - February 21, 2024 at 11:35 AM

ER

“ *Employess of the South Branch Valley RR planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*

**Employess of the South Branch Valley RR** - February 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*



February 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM

KC

“ *Karen Carlyle-bennett lit a candle in memory of Chesley Theodore Koerner*



**karen carlyle-bennett** - February 21, 2024 at 08:56 AM

RC

“ *RANDY & DONETTE CHEWNING lit a candle in memory of Chesley Theodore Koerner*



**RANDY & DONETTE CHEWNING** - February 21, 2024 at 08:24 AM

MS

“ *My sincere condolences to family, friends, and the Helvetia community. Mike Sharpolisky*

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**mike sharpolisky** - February 21, 2024 at 07:28 AM

DH

“ *(kojak) R.I.P. my friend been a long time since we met but always thinking about you and the Star Bridge country people they don't get no better prayers 🙏🙏 for you and the families*

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**Dennis Harris** - February 20, 2024 at 08:48 PM

RL

“ *Randy Long Christine Long lit a candle in memory of Chesley Theodore Koerner*



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**Randy Long Christine Long** - February 20, 2024 at 08:30 PM

BB

“ *My deepest condolences, prayers for peace as you navigate this sorrowful time, Beatrice Burnside*

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**Be Burnside** - February 20, 2024 at 08:25 PM

LM

“ *Logan and Meghyn Moore purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.*



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**Logan and Meghyn Moore** - February 20, 2024 at 08:02 PM

JH

“ Josh Howell lit a candle in memory of Chesley Theodore Koerner



Josh Howell - February 20, 2024 at 08:01 PM

GE

“ Gary & Karen Elbon lit a candle in memory of Chesley Theodore Koerner



Gary & Karen Elbon - February 20, 2024 at 06:58 PM

WL

“ WV Operation Lifesaver purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.



WV Operation Lifesaver - February 20, 2024 at 06:41 PM

DM

“ Debbie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Chesley Theodore Koerner



Debbie Mitchell - February 20, 2024 at 05:59 PM

RS

“ I’m so sorry Daniel and Jessica. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time



Robert Silvester - February 20, 2024 at 05:50 PM



“ <https://www.heavnerandcutright.com/obituaries/Chesley-Koerner/#!/Obituary>



Kathy Harris - February 20, 2024 at 04:58 PM



Chesley loved horses and enjoyed riding.

Kathy Harris - February 20, 2024 at 04:59 PM

KE

“ Chelsey was a one of a kind. He loved the Lord and wasn't ashamed to say so. We really appreciate the time he took to stop by to see how Judd was doing. God Bless the family Fly High Chelsey you deserve it 🙏🙏

Kathy Eskew - February 20, 2024 at 04:20 PM

KK

“ Kathy Harris & Rosie Kettermann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chesley Theodore Koerner.

Kathy Harris & Rosie Kettermann - February 20, 2024 at 04:18 PM

KK

“ Kathy Harris & Rosie Kettermann purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Chesley Theodore Koerner.



Kathy Harris & Rosie Kettermann - February 20, 2024 at 04:18 PM

RL

“ Chelsey's joy and love for the Word of God was contagious. He was such a kind, precious man. I am honored to have known him. We will meet again! Prayers for Claudette and family.

Rod & Pam Lloyd - February 20, 2024 at 02:43 PM