



Alan Robert Koester

April 6, 1951 - May 4, 2026

Alan Robert Koester, 75, of Toledo, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2026. Alan was born on April 6, 1951, and was the beloved son of Henry and Dorothy (Scott) Koester. Being the youngest of five children shaped his voice and spirit and his true Aries nature, Alan met the world with fire and determination all his own.

Alan attended DeVilbiss High School and graduated in 1969. Soon after high school, Alan bravely answered the call to service in the United States Army and although brief his experience left a lasting sense of pride and purpose.

Passionate about serving others, Alan pursued nursing school at Owens Community College. It was there that he not only deepened his sense of purpose, but also met the love of his life, Sandra Koester (Fell), a connection that became one of Alan's greatest blessings. Upon college completion, Alan went on to begin his career at St Vincent's Hospital in the Peri-Vascular Unit as a Registered Nurse, before later accepting a position with the State of Ohio as a Healthcare Facility Inspector, in which he held until his retirement.

Alan was member of the Masonic Brotherhood. He was initiated on December 28, 2025, passed on January 18, 2026, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 15, 2026.

Alan's love for animals, quiet generosity to those in need and his signature "

Old Man" humor were just a few of the qualities that made him so dearly loved.

Alan found joy in some of life's simple pleasures, such as..watching historical documentaries, lounging at the pool, grilling out and spending quality time with his family.

Alan is survived by his children, Brad (DeAnna) McDonald, Jason (Amy) McDonald and Erin (Anastacio) Gilbert; his Grandchild, Christopher, Tristan, Kaylee, Liam, Andrea, Patrick, Sarah and Pryce; his Great Grandchildren, Colin, Teagan, Amelia, Avery, Rory and Ronnie; his Sister, Kathy (Arlen) Miller; and his Brother, Larry (Karen) Koester. Alan was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sandra Koester (Fell); his parents, Henry and Dorothy (Scott) Koester; his brother, Karl (Sandy) Koester; and his sister, Sue (Gary) Ames.

A memorial service will be held at Ansberg-West Funeral Home on Monday, May 11, 2026. The family will receive visitors from 11am to 1 pm, the service will begin promptly at 1pm . A private burial for the family will immediately follow at Toledo Memorial Park.

--- To Live in Hearts We Leave Behind is Not to Die --

Thomas Campbell

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Service

MAY 11. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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3000 W. Sylvania Ave
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Tribute Wall

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“What can I say. Alan and I worked together at the Ohio Department of Health and I always looked forward to and enjoyed working with him. I remember working in the Cleveland area with him. It was just the two of us. We had reservations at a Red Roof Inn but he was heading home during the survey for his golf league. Said he would see me at the facility the next day. This was before cell phones so imagine my terror to hear pounding on my door about midnight. He hollered that he made it back safely and I could go to sleep now. He was always looking out for his friends and family. His kindness, caring and “old man sense of humor” will live on in our memories. He is now reunited with his love Sandy.

Kristin Kohring - May 07 at 09:16 PM

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“Condolences to all of you in this dark time. Alan and I were partners while surveying. We had a tough job but always had a good time together. Sandy and Alan were so good together, and she surely made sure he flew right! She was the love of his life and has deeply missed her after she was called to heaven. They are together forever, I will miss him dearly.

Deb Ditmyer - May 07 at 08:28 PM