



## Wilfred Konrade

November 24, 1928 - January 8, 2020

Wilfred J. Konrade, 91, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at the House at Midland Care.

Will was born November 24, 1928, in Topeka, to Jacob and Elizabeth Burghart Konrade. He attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated in 1946 from Capitol Catholic High School. Will began his career with Santa Fe Railroad when he was 16 years old. He served as supervisor in the Passenger and Freight Car Departments, was foreman in the Amtrak repair shop and retired with 42 years of service.

On November 24, 1951, Will and Alvina Marie Schreiner were married at Assumption Church. She preceded Will in death on June 25, 1970.

Will was a member of Sacred Heart – St. Joseph Parish, where he served as an usher and sang in the funeral choir, and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2608 for 55 years. Proud of his heritage, Will was a member of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

Will loved fishing, hunting, camping, dancing and polka music. He loved his faith and his family. He, in turn, was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include Will's children, Valerie Walker (Terry), Daniel Konrade (Deb),

Ron Konrade (Rene), Will Konrade (Audrey), Dave Konrade (Karen) and Jim Konrade (Leah); 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; his brother, Woody Konrade (Bonnie); and sister-in-law, Charlotte Noland.

Will was also preceded in death by brothers, Jake, Ray and John, sisters, Saraphine, Catherine, Mary, Mildred and Delores and long-time companion, Betty O'Harra.

The rosary will be prayed Sunday at 1 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church where visitation will follow until 3 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church at 10 a.m. Monday. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
312 NE Freeman Ave  
Topeka, KS 66616

## Visitation

JAN 12. 1:15 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
312 NE Freeman Ave  
Topeka, KS 66616

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
312 NE Freeman Ave  
Topeka, KS 66616



# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilfred Konrade*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *To the entire Konrade family, my condolences and thoughts are with you. Your Dad was a great man!*

**Jerry Ziegler** - January 12, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ *Great memories with Will*

*My dad transported Will to St. Joseph grade school; other great memories the fish dinners with Will and Betty and of course the trips to Russia, visiting the Volga German Villages.*

*Great times with a Great Guy*

*God Bless - comfort to the family*

*Dean Engroff Family*

**Dean Engroff** - January 11, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *To the entire Konrade family,*

*Jimmy and I are so sorry for your loss of such a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. We know you will miss him dearly. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Gina and Jimmy Herman** - January 11, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Ron and Rene,  
So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.  
Andy & Diane Schreiner*

Andy Schreiner - January 11, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Wilfred Konrade.*



January 10, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Valerie and family, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing.  
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dick &  
Barb Coon Oconnor*

Barb OConnor - January 10, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ *Cobelens: George, Kim, Mark, Michael  
purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of  
Wilfred Konrade.*



Cobelens: George, Kim, Mark, Michael - January 10, 2020 at 01:53 PM

SB

“ *Very SPECIAL MAN and a very SPECIAL FAMILY!  
Willy touched the hearts of everyone who knew him! His love of life  
was infectious!  
What fun it was to watch him polka dance.... and loving every  
minute of it!  
You are all in our prayers. Know that you will miss him.  
John & Sally Brooke*

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**Sally Brooke** - January 10, 2020 at 01:45 PM

LF

“ *To the Konrad family,  
  
We are so very sorry for your loss.  
There are so many great things to say about Konrad that this page  
will not hold. So we will talk about later.  
We are so very sorry for your loss.  
  
With so much love.  
  
Fred and Sam*

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**Lambrecht family.** - January 10, 2020 at 01:20 PM

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“ My Grandma Betty dated Will for 37 years until she passed in 2010. Will lit up every room with his terrific smile and those baby blue eyes! He was such a kind man, so good to my Grandma and to my entire family.

I will always remember being on his pontoon boat and him having his 2 beers 😊 Going polka dancing with him and my Grandma. Going to church with him and seeing him in his usual spot at my Grandmas, in the rocking chair, maybe having one beer, smiling, possibly taking a doze and then he would go home. We were blessed to have known him and his great smile.

My sympathies to all of his children, family members and to anyone that had the pleasure to know Will.

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**Joleen Loftus (O’Harra)** - January 10, 2020 at 11:39 AM

PP

“ Val, Terry, Scott and family ---- Great memories of your dad at our many sporting events always with a smile on his face. Thoughts and prayers are with you guys. PJ, Natalie, Jackson & Boden.

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**PJ Prellwitz** - January 10, 2020 at 09:17 AM

GT

“ Val, Terry and Dan,  
So very sorry for your loss. Prayers of peace and comfort to your entire family.

Gerry/Debbie Tinsley



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**Gerry/Debbie Tinsley** - January 10, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilfred Konrade.*



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January 10, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ *Dave , karen, chelsea, zackary, Mallory I am so sorry for your loss anything you need please ask love the Tremblay's*

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**pam tremblay** - January 10, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ *Val, Terry and family, so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I know he meant so much to you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Always Ellie Brooke*

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**Ellie Brooke** - January 09, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ *Dan. Debi and family. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.*

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**Denise Richards** - January 09, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Val. Sympathy and prayers for you and your family.*  
*Ray and Roberta Stuke*

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**Roberta Stuke** - January 09, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Wilfred Konrade.



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January 09, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ *Thank you all for trusting me to care for Mr K. It was truly a blessing and a gift to spend my time with such a sweet, caring, wonderful man. I will never forget dancing the polka with him in younger years or singing with him to Lawrence Welk recently on Saturday evenings. I love you Mr K. and God bless you and Mrs K as you are reunited in heaven. God bless the entire family.*

*Love you all,  
Melanie Coffman*

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**Melanie Coffman** - January 09, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Wilfred Konrade.



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January 09, 2020 at 05:39 PM

MC

“ *Uncle Will Konrade rest in peace. I loved spending time as a child riding on the pontoon boat, and your sister Dolores really enjoyed the crappie fish we would make when you sent home buckets you caught at lake Perry. Let's not forget that old bus you made into a camping adventure, and picking us up in Kansas City on our return to the US from the Philippine Islands.*  
*Michael*

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**Michael A Cobelens** - January 09, 2020 at 01:59 PM

BG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all the Konrade family.* **Bob Grace**

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**Bob Grace** - January 09, 2020 at 01:38 PM

RS

“ *To the Konrade Family,  
I am sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Rick Strecker** - January 09, 2020 at 01:24 PM