



Mr. Herman Fred Kosten Jr.

November 11, 1935 - December 5, 2022

Mr. Herman Kosten, age 87, of Alpharetta, Georgia passed away Monday, December 5, 2022. Herman was born on November 11, 1935 in Granite City, IL the son to the late Herman and Alice Kosten.

Herman was married to the love of his life, Ida Maisel of East St. Louis, Illinois. They were married at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville, Illinois and the marriage was blessed with two children, Diane and Todd. Herman and Ida loved each other and enjoyed many precious moments over the course of their 61-year marriage. Herman was loving, loyal, decisive and generous and will be greatly missed by both family and friends.

Herman worked for 33 years for the Case Corporation, rising to the position of Vice President of Sales and Marketing for North America upon his retirement. He was highly respected by his employees and equipment dealers and was fiercely loyal to them in return.

A lifelong Missouri-Synod Lutheran, Herman was a member of a number of Lutheran churches throughout his life and was a man of strong faith. Herman loved his family dearly and was beyond proud of his children and grandchildren.

Herman's passions included watching sports, especially the Dallas Cowboys and University of Tennessee Volunteers football teams and the Atlanta Braves. He loved attending and following his grandkids' sporting events as well. Having grown up in the farming industry and then having a career related to agriculture, Herman had a lifelong interest in the weather and was always

abreast of the current forecast and, because he was all about precision, maintained his own personal rain gauge at all times.

In retirement, Herman used his keen business and organization skills to do volunteer work for his church and then his neighborhood homeowners' association. Herman had a strong interest in the stock and commodities markets, following them daily.

Herman is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife Ida and his children: daughter, Diane Rippen (Bruce), of Roswell, Georgia; and son Todd (Jodi), of Woodstock, Georgia; and his 4 grandchildren: Joshua and Rachel Rippen and Jack and Ava Kosten. Herman is also survived by his two sisters, Shirley Niewald (Royce) of O'Fallon, Missouri and Marilyn Picard (Paul) of Shawano, Wisconsin.

A memorial service to celebrate Herman's life will be held at a date to be established. Memorials in honor of Herman's life may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee or Rivercliff Lutheran Church in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

Please visit www.northsidechapel.com to share memories and leave condolences to the family.

Tribute Wall

TW

“ Herman was the business manager at Christ the King church and school when I come on board as principal in 1999. He told me he supported someone else for the call, on the grounds that I might be too old. It was not long before he said he was wrong about that, and became a huge supporter and help to me over the next seven years. He was a solid Christian, a fine financial manager, and a good friend. Condolences to the family; your loss is great, but you have had the experience of sharing a life with Herman, as have I.

tom wilt - December 09, 2022 at 04:21 PM

SA

“ Stanley & Mary Jo Ayers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Herman Fred Kosten Jr..



Stanley & Mary Jo Ayers - December 09, 2022 at 03:58 PM

SA

“ Scott and I are so grateful that we got the chance to know Herman in the few years we have been neighbors with he and Ida. And such wonderful and caring neighbors they have been. We will miss you, Herman. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family during this time.

Scott and Audrey - December 09, 2022 at 12:48 PM

CA

“ Our deepest condolences to Todd, Jodie and to their children. We love to see Herman & Ida as often as we could especially on the 4th of July and Halloween sitting around the the campfire with the culdesac neighbors. May the Kosten family be at peace knowing Herman’s with God in Heaven.

Carlo & Sara Angilello - December 09, 2022 at 11:21 AM

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“ Herman was the epitpme of a Cbristian man, All who knew him shall miss hin. Our Lord is our comfort at this time. Rpm. 8:28-39 Hubert Delliger

Hubert L Dellinger Jr. MD 1 - December 08, 2022 at 12:32 PM



“ We send our deepest sympathy to Ida and Herman's family. He was a good friend and a faithful worker at Christ the King in Memphis.
Richard & Lorraine Parker

Richard Parker - December 08, 2022 at 11:09 AM

DM

“ Very much appreciated the things Herman did for me and very much enjoyed meeting Herman and Ida before the UT football home games.
Deepest sympathy to Ida and their family.

Dail Meadows - December 07, 2022 at 08:40 PM

DS

Herman was great neighbor and family man,he will be missed by all of us ,may he rest in peace.

Dan Summerlin - December 07, 2022 at 09:16 PM

LC

I met Herman and Ida when I was 15 yrs old and he and Ida moved in next door to my folks in Champaign ,Illinois. I was blessed to know them at a young age and they are responsible for showing me what a wonderful marriage looked like , how hard work was satisfying , and the Christian life was something I wanted to be part of . Their back porch was full of laughter and I will remember those early days as well as watching their family grow and sharing in both our families weddings and celebrations , I am saddened greatly at his passing on and grieve for his family . . He was an inspiration to all. Love, Linda and Jim Cobb

LINDA COBB - December 07, 2022 at 10:01 PM

CH

*We're so sorry to learn of Herman's death. We pray for peace and love for your family as you grieve. Your faith will be your guide through these troubling days as it has been throughout your lives.
Ron and Carolyn Hinkle*

Carolyn Hinkle - December 08, 2022 at 05:02 AM

LD

*Mr. Herman Kosten will always play a major part in my life. Back in 1995, Mr. Kosten changed the history of Case Company by promoting the first African American to a Case Business Manager. This change made a diverse trend in the way Case looked at their way of hiring and promoting qualified African Americans. I will always remember him as a man who took a stand and took chances on doing the right thing. I will always remember Mr. Kosten as a friend and the best boss I have ever worked for. Thanks for taking a chance on me and believing in me.
Thanks for the memories, regards,Larry Davis, Monroe, LA*

Larry C. Davis - December 08, 2022 at 10:11 AM

DH

I was a neighbor of Herman and Ida for many years and you could not ask for better people to have as neighbors. Herman was a gem of a person and a good Christian. I along with Patty my wife of 10 years, have many good memories and we are deeply saddened by his passing as he was such a god person. Take care of yourself Ida.....we will be praying for you.

Dave Hannah

Dave Hannah - December 08, 2022 at 06:49 PM

MK

I was so sorry to hear of Herman's passing. He truly had a passion for our business and always pushed you to be the best. I enjoyed working with him and will miss his insights on our business and treating us to some of the best rib dinners in Memphis. May the lord be with him and protect him.

Mitch Kaiser

Mitch Kaiser - December 09, 2022 at 09:30 AM

DP

Ida and family, sorry to hear about Herman's passing. In my 36 year career at Case, I believed that Herman had the most influence of any individual at the corporation in working with and for Mr. Kosten. Our words cannot express our gratitude. RIP

Donald Perekovich - December 11, 2022 at 09:50 AM

RG

I have the deepest respect and admiration for Herman. He was a devoted, talented and hardworking Christian servant. He did many things for Christ the King which have kept this ministry viable all these years. All of us at Christ the King are indebted to him. Herman always sought to do the right and fair thing. I learned so much from him, and I will always thank God for his service, his faith and his friendship.

Rev. Mark Goble

Rev Mark Goble - January 02, 2023 at 03:21 PM