
David Leon Koehler, 70, of Shawnee, peacefully passed away on August 9th, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones.

David was born on February 6, 1955, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was the middle of 3 children to Paul and Jessie Koehler. He obtained a degree in Criminal Justice and worked as the Director of Security at Saint Gregory's University until his retirement. David was known to many as a jack of all trades. He was an avid car enthusiast and loved helping his children and grandchildren restore cars. He was most known for his caring personality and passion for his grandchildren's activities. David was also the caretaker of Calvary Cemetery, a position he inherited from his father and has since passed on to his daughter and son-in-law.

David met his wife Trish in 1975. After one year of racing Trish back and forth from Shawnee to Tahlequah in his 1972 Trans Am, they were married on December 21, 1976. They shared 48 wonderful years together. During their time together, they raised 3 children, but David would tell you that he cared for each graduate of Saint Gregory's like one of his own. He spent much of his retirement at baseball fields, soccer fields, band competitions, and dance recitals. He was loved not only by his children and grandchildren, but by their teammates and friends as well.

He is survived by his wife, Trish Koehler as well as their children, Jennifer (Mark) Drummond, Michael (Jennifer) Koehler, and Misty (Mike) Brown. He is also survived by their grandchildren, Kylee (Dylan) King; Michael (Kilee) Brown; Kadya, Madison and Kason Drummond; Easton, Isaac and Evelyn Koehler; and great-grandchildren Hoyt, Bennett, Graham and Sybil King; and Arya Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Jessie Koehler, his sisters Carolann (Richard) Speers and Phyllis (David) Shatto, and many loving nieces and nephews.



In Loving Memory of
David Leon Koehler

A Legacy of Love

The greatest gift that you have given you cannot measure or replace. It is a love without condition- that time will not erase.

We've weathered our share of heartaches, times we thought all hope was gone. You taught your children, and their children, families make it through by holding on.

Over the years your steadfast love has been the compass by which we found our way. There's not a moment that you spent on us that was a wasted day.

You leave a legacy that is written upon the hearts of all your kids. You've left an imprint with every effort, with every selfless thing you did.

The greatest gift you've given is a legacy of love. A love without condition, woven into the lives of all of us.

David Koehler

*Mass of Christian Burial
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning
St. Benedict Catholic Church
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

***Celebrant**
Very Reverend Christopher Brashears*

***Organist**
Carolyn Taron*

***Final Resting Place**
Calvary Cemetery
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

***Pallbearers**
Paul Spears
Dylan King
Michael Brown
Clif Harden
Justin Pittman
John Hannifan*