



Alvin Ray Koering

November 6, 1940 - June 29, 2025

Age 84, of Fridley, MN passed away on June 29, 2025. Alvin is preceded in death by parents, John and Esther Koering, brother Edward, and beloved wife Mary Jo. He is survived by his children Daniel (Zahra) Koering, Colleen (David) Schuller, and Susan (Scot) Wirth; grandchildren Jane, Josephine and Evan; and siblings Marcella Kotula, Robert (Mary Jean) Koering, Marvin (Gloria) Koering, and Carol (Jack) McNearney.

Alvin Ray Koering was born in Brainerd, MN, in 1940 and lived in Fort Ripley, MN, with his family. He attended Brainerd High School and graduated in 1958. Alvin proudly served our nation in the Army from 1959-1962, where he earned the rank of Sgt. Alvin married Mary Jo (Paron) in 1970 and moved to Fridley, MN, where they lived for 55 years. Alvin was a tradesman and a proud union electrician for 30 years with Northern States Power. He enjoyed an early retirement at the age of 56.

In retirement, Mary Jo and Al enjoyed many winters on the beaches in Fort Myers, FL, and summers at Mille Lacs Lake. Alvin was an avid fisherman! Whether on Lake Mille Lacs or the Gulf of Mexico, he was happiest out on the water fishing. He made many new friends and wonderful memories, whether traveling down South or to the lake up North. Alvin was also a faithful member of the Church of St. William, in Fridley, for over 50 years, and enjoyed helping the community through acts of service. Throughout his life, Alvin enjoyed the outdoors, especially deer hunting season. He hunted in central and northern Minnesota with both family and friends.

Alvin was many things to many people - he was a devoted and loving husband; a proud and generous father; an adored papa; and a loyal, helpful neighbor who made his community better.

Alvin was always willing to help however he could.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, from 5 PM-8 PM at Washburn-McReavy, 4101 Central Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.

Funeral will be held on Thursday, July 17th at The Church of St. William, 6120 5th St. NE, Fridley, MN 55432. Visitation to start at 10:00 AM, followed by Mass at 11:00 AM, with lunch following the service. Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery with Military Honors. Donations for charitable work in Alvin's memory can be made at unbound.org or crosscatholic.org.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I want to share my condolences with Alvin's immediate family and the Koering family and share a few memories of him. We lived in the same Fort Ripley/St. Mathias area and graduated together in 1958. We rode the school bus together my last two years of high school and I considered us friends. He and his wife attended our class reunions throughout the years and it was fun to catch up with him at that time. He was a great guy and I'm sure he is being missed by many friends and relatives. Bobbie Weygand Seehafer, Fort Ripley, MN

Bobbie Seehafer - July 16, 2025 at 11:56 AM

JP

“ For sure, Al was Uncle Jake Frischmon's favorite relative; they both always had great gardens, a family-first focus, and a strong commitment to the Church—and, of course, there was that German thing. One night, when Margaret and Jake were visiting us in Italy, Jake started to tell me a story, but started laughing so hard he had to stop. Finally, he started again and described to me a night when he was playing an always family-friendly game of poker with Wally Swanson, Augie Paron, Dick Gallagher, and other gentlemen of the family. Jake said he was losing badly, so he left the game to find Al. Once he saw Al, he described his crafty plan—“I am going to back you with my money, and then I want you to get into the game and clean those know-it-all guys out!” Al told Jake that, regrettably, he could not guarantee he would clean them out, but “I can make them hurt!” “Close enough!” Yelled Jake. Jake told me that Al came through like a champ, and “those big shots playing (family-friendly) poker were not so big after that!” Al brought absolute joy to Jake and so many others, even those who were not of German heritage! I am so glad Al married my beautiful sister, Mary Jo, and the two of them made the world better by bringing forth three wonderful children.

John Paron

JOHN PARON - July 16, 2025 at 11:49 AM

LP

“ Lodge #4 Fraternal Order of Police purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Alvin Ray Koering.



Lodge #4 Fraternal Order of Police - July 12, 2025 at 12:04 PM

AO

“ Uncle Alvin and Aunt MaryJo were the best. I remember spending so much time at their house. I was so blessed to be able to go to Florida a few years ago and spend a week with them at their retirement home. We had a very nice time visiting places and reminiscing. I’m so sorry you’re gone but happy to know you and Mary Jo are back together.

Anne Olson - July 10, 2025 at 09:38 PM

AP

“ Certainly — here’s a shorter version that still captures Uncle Al’s essence:

We remember Uncle Al with deep love and gratitude. A quiet, steady presence, he brought warmth and calm to every room. He loved the simple pleasures—fishing on a quiet lake, cheering for the Twins, waterskiing with ease—and most of all, he loved his wife, Mary Jo, who preceded him in death.

We’ll miss him deeply and remember him always, especially when the lake is still, the game is on, and the people we love are close.

AJ Paron - July 04, 2025 at 12:53 PM

AP

“ Growing up my sister and I spent most of our summers with our uncle Al and aunt Mary Jo. They just fit 2 extra spots at the kitchen table for us and we always ate dinner at a sharp 6:00 pm. My dad said that was because Al grew up on a farm. We had some great camping and fishing trips with them also. Al lit up when talking about fishing. Many trips to Mille Lacs and Lake Vermillion were unforgettable. With the bears and the bonfires and all the family time. Al would always take time to pull us on the tubes and take us to the islands on Vermillion. Al also loved talking about his retirement home in Florida. I still aspire to someday retire early like my uncle Al and truly enjoy it. It was hard for us to imagine Al without Mary Jo and I don't think it was a coincidence that he passed away 1 year and one day after her. God bless you Al. Love to the Koering kids.

Anne Paron - July 03, 2025 at 09:51 AM

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“ The Bovino Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alvin Ray Koering.



The Bovino Family - July 02, 2025 at 05:11 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Family



Washburn-McReavy - July 02, 2025 at 05:07 PM