



## Dr. Stephen C. Koehler

January 2, 1949 - November 10, 2021

Dr. Stephen C. Koehler,

72, of Indianapolis, passed away November 10, 2021. He was born January 2, 1949 in Oak Park, Illinois to the late Alexander and Louise L. Lofquist Koehler. Stephen was a graduate of Lebanon High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree and DDS Degree from Indiana University School of Dentistry. Stephen did his residency in Periodontics at the Richard Roudebush Veteran's Hospital before opening his private practice on the eastside of Indianapolis.

Stephen loved doing home improvement projects and could repair anything and everything. Stephen proudly embraced his Swedish heritage and was fortunate to travel to Sweden, many other European countries, Mexico, nearly all 50 United States including Alaska and Hawaii. He loved the Rolling Stones, Les Miserables, reading Breitbart and Stampede Blue. Stephen was generous, kind, had a dry sense of humor, and was loved by many.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 14, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington Street. Burial will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, Indiana.

Stephen is survived by his loving wife, Sarah Koehler; daughters, Emily Koehler (Matt Machala) and Maggie Clifford (Adam); son, Dr. Karl Koehler (Beth); and their mother, Kathryn Koehler; Sarah's children, Jennifer Hlavsa (Matt) and Joseph Beasley (Ashley) grandchildren, George and Oscar Clifford,

Noel and Russell Koehler, Ziggy and Cici Hlavsa and Hunter Beasley; brothers, Dr. Karl A. Koehler (Dr. Lynda Koehler) and David A. Koehler (MaryAnne); and sister, Dr. Linda L. Strawbridge (Rob Burton).

Memorial contributions may be made in Stephen's honor to Miles For Myeloma online at <https://www.cancer.iu.edu/m4m/>. Stephen's family wishes to thank Dr. Attaya Suvannasankha for her guidance, support and love during his 15 year battle. They would also like to thank all the nurses and staff who cared for Stephen at Simon Cancer Center. A special thank you to Leigh at Guardian Angel Hospice for her guidance and expertise.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

935 E Washington St  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - November 15, 2021 at 08:50 AM

WS

*Beautiful video. Beyond sad & sorry for your loss. Prayers and sincere condolences. Love, Winnie & Paul Schwinghammer*

**Winnie Schwinghammer** - November 17, 2021 at 12:01 PM

SK

*Thank you Winnie ❤️*

**Sarah Koehler** - December 22, 2021 at 06:57 PM

LD

*Sarah thank you for sharing the video with me it was really beautiful thank you*

**Lucille Davis** - January 27, 2022 at 01:46 PM

MB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Dr. Koehler's passing. I was a patient of his for over twenty years... that is what a good dentist he was. He was so quiet and professional but every once in a while he would throw out a zinger and make us laugh. I got to know Betsy, Sarah and Stacy very well. Sweet Stacy would bring her little boy to the Hancock County Public Library where I work. I was able to see how happy Sarah made Dr. Koehler and I am so sorry for her loss. I remember them planning a trip to go see little Oscar. I extend my deepest sympathy to the entire Koehler family and the staff who will miss him so much. Warmest regards, Mary Lynn Burrows

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**Mary Lynn Burrows** - November 15, 2021 at 08:43 AM

LB

“ I am so very sorry to here this news today. My husband and I have been going to Dr. Koehler for many years. He was so kind and gentle. My deepest sympathy to Sarah and the entire Koehler family.

*Lori and Art Blanchette*

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**Lori Blanchette** - November 14, 2021 at 04:26 PM

SG

“ I was so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I immediately thought of you, Sarah and want to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family. We have lost one of the good guys! What a great colleague and friend! He was a gentle soul that will truly be missed!

*Steve and Laura Graham*

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**Steven C Graham** - November 13, 2021 at 07:43 PM

NL

“ We have such positive memories of Stephen, both as a friendly person to chat with at gatherings and as a great dental provider. Our sympathy goes to all the family for the loss of a great guy.

*Nancy Otten/Dwight Lamb*

Nancy Otten/Dwight Lamb - November 13, 2021 at 04:51 PM

KH

“ Karen Hischemiller lit a candle in memory of Dr. Stephen C. Koehler



Karen Hischemiller - November 13, 2021 at 03:47 PM

KA

“ I was heartbroken when I read this today. Stephen was my periodontist for at least 30 yrs, and every visit i remember his smile, and he always made me laugh. It was actually fun to go to to the periodontist. And Sarah, how many talks we had while you cleaned my teeth. Always liked to talk about our kids :)You both were/are 2 of my favorite people. I will be praying for you Sarah, and you entire family. Take care of yourself, be strong. I KNOW how strong you can be !!!!

Karen - November 13, 2021 at 03:36 PM

KA

*Karen Hischemiller*

Karen - November 13, 2021 at 03:38 PM

VL

“ Sarah my friend, so sorry for your loss. I have been coming to Steve for many years. I missed him after he retired too. He was a great, soft spoken, caring, compassionate person. He was a great Periodontist who always made my experience more bearable. And to Sarah, you are a great friend. I will be always be here for a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen, or whatever you need. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. May Steve Rest In Peace.



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**Vicki Little** - November 13, 2021 at 02:21 PM

JA

“ My sincere condolences to Sarah & the entire Koehler family. I was a patient of Dr.Koehlers for several years. He was a wonderful dentist & a memorable man. I recall telling him during a procedure, that he made a very unpleasant procedure almost Pleasant !! He & Sarah made a remarkable team. May he Rest In Peace 🙏😭 Janet Abram to

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**Janet Abram** - November 13, 2021 at 01:58 PM

SS

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Dr. Koehler was the salt of the earth....so is Sarah. The two of them took care of me for over thirty years. My prayers will be for Sarah and all of the family.

*Steve Stevens*

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**Steve Stevens** - November 13, 2021 at 11:43 AM

DN

“ *Dr. Lane, Dr. Louis, and Nabeel purchased the With Distinction for the family of Dr. Stephen C. Koehler.*



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**Dr. Lane, Dr. Louis, and Nabeel** - November 13, 2021 at 10:09 AM

WP

“ *With love, Indy East Periodontics purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Dr. Stephen C. Koehler.*



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**With love, Indy East Periodontics** - November 13, 2021 at 10:01 AM

GK

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Steve. Classmate and friend in dental school and beyond. Many memories of our time together. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Sarah and the family.*

*Greg and Pat Kamp*

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**Gregory Kamp** - November 12, 2021 at 03:06 PM

BE

“ *Our condolences to Sarah and the family. Steve was a wonderful person with such a positive attitude.*  
*Susan and Bill*

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**Bill & Susan English** - November 12, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Sarah and the family. Dr. Koehler was a wonderful periodontist, and a truly kind and gentle man. His care, his smile and his words touched so many in a very positive way. The world needs more like him. He will be missed by many.*

*John Jones*

**John Jones** - November 12, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *With Love, Roger and Cecilia Hoots purchased the Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." for the family of Dr. Stephen C. Koehler.*



**With Love, Roger and Cecilia Hoots** - November 11, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Stephen C. Koehler.*



November 11, 2021 at 06:44 PM

DL

“ *Cousin Steve, as he is known to me, was a huge influence on me during my high school and college years. We quickly formed a friendship and I always looked forward to driving our Great Aunts Agnes and Olga to Lebanon for visits. We shared an affinity for the Stones, and he introduced me to the music of Cream and Led Zeppelin and also to that neighborhood kid who used to come over for hoops, Rick Mount. This was in the days of Fopper, the Red Baron, Dave in the UK, and "Pig Poo". I recall visiting him in Bloomington when he was an undergrad and up in the frozen tundra at his first practice. In 2005, I was able to treat him to the NCAA Women's Basketball championship game, when he allowed me to park my Harley inside his clinic. He will be missed but will live on in my fond memories. Dick Lindburg, Cambridge IL*

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**Dick Lindburg** - November 11, 2021 at 11:27 AM

MG

“ *We want to send our sincere condolences to the Sarah and the family, Dr. Koehler was a great person and the best dentist I have ever seen. We will all miss Him*  
*Michael & Jeanetta Goens*



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**Michael Goens** - November 11, 2021 at 08:48 AM