



## Christina DeSalvo Koch

March 30, 1938 - February 26, 2025

Christina DeSalvo Koch of Morrilton, AR passed from this life on February 26, 2025, in her home surrounded by her children at the age of 86 in Morrilton, AR. She was born March 30, 1938, to Tony L. and Frances (Paladino) DeSalvo in Center Ridge, AR.

Christina was an organist for more than seventy (70) years at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Center Ridge, AR and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrilton, AR.

At Sacred Heart, she was actively involved in the Liturgy Committee, Parish Council, Altar Society, and she also helped cook for the spaghetti dinners. In the community, she was involved with the Church Women's United Group for many years.

She is survived by her children; Marietta (Paul) Lemons, Lawrence Koch, Johnny (Cathi) Koch, Greg Koch, Chris (Laura) Koch, Tim (Jennifer) Koch, Carol (Larry) Blackmon, Ray Koch and Kevin (Sarah) Koch, 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and her siblings; Patricia Hart, Margaret Hart, Angela Malik, Delores Hartman, Antonette Hall, Beatrice Miller, Thomas DeSalvo and Tony J. DeSalvo, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Peter (J.P.) Koch, Jr.; her brothers; Augustine, Fr. Raphael, OSB, Michael, Henry, Abraham, and Br. Tobias DeSalvo, OSB; and her sisters; Emma Petty, Sr. Marie Rose DeSalvo, OSB; Clara Granger, and Virginia Lambert.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church:

P.O. Box 1620, Morrilton, AR 72110, or Sacred Heart Catholic School: 106 N. St. Joseph St., Morrilton, AR 72110.

We would like to thank Gentiva for their compassion and care given to Mom during her last days.

The Rosary will be at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2025, at the Harris Chapel with visitation following from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 3, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. T.J. Hart, Monsignor Jack Harris and Fr. Kiran Kishore Ingilela officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Morrilton, AR

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 2. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton  
1325 Oak St  
Morrilton, AR 72110  
(501) 354-4575

## Visitation

MAR 2. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
506 E. Broadway  
Morrilton, AR 72110



# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Jeff Stobaugh lit a candle in memory of Christina Koch



Jeff Stobaugh - March 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM

MM

“ Marietta, Paul and the Koch family...we are so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful lady. Sending you all our love and prayers.

Mike and Sandy McGinnis - March 03, 2025 at 09:43 AM



Carolann and William Gilbreath

Beautiful woman, gorgeous soul. She will be missed by all.

Carol Gilbreath - March 03, 2025 at 10:11 AM

DF

“ Daemon & family purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Christina DeSalvo Koch.



Daemon & family - March 01, 2025 at 07:24 PM

HJ

“Chris”, as we affectionately called Her, was Denise & Herbie's Organist at Our Wedding, and at thousands of Mass' @ Sacred Heart Catholic Church. My Most Memorable, were THE Midnight MASS'. Leonard Scheivers and Dad, Herb Sr. , as Chris led them, through Silent Night, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Our Father, etc. I attended Over 60 of these, thru the years. Chris , Always Leading the way. Enjoyed Many visits to JP & Chris's Home, visiting all the Koch boys. Chris always had Homemade Italian Pasta and Sause, Homemade Italian SAUSAGE, salad, bread. FOOD was on the stove or table, and Chris would fix Me a plate, at her bequest. So Gracious, Kind, LOVING. Always a smile on her face. Her DeSalvo FAMILY proved Her well, w/ Sisters, just like Chris. LOVE, Rest in Peace. J.M.J.

Herbert Kordsmeier Jr - March 01, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SK

“ Sincerely, Eric Charles Kordsmeier purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Christina DeSalvo Koch.



Sincerely, Eric Charles Kordsmeier - March 01, 2025 at 10:03 AM

SP

“ We, the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith, Arkansas, send our love and condolences to Christine's family! May she know the love of God in the eternal peace of the kingdom! Sr. Kimberly Prohaska, OSB, and the Sisters of St. Scholastica

Sister Kimberly Rose Prohaska - February 28, 2025 at 04:24 PM

FF

“Christine was the most beautiful kind soul. We shared so much when Heath and Kevin were young. Precious lady you will truly be missed.

Fougerousse Family - February 27, 2025 at 11:44 PM

FF

“Fougerousse Family lit a candle in memory of Christina Koch



Fougerousse Family - February 27, 2025 at 11:36 PM

LW

“Christine was such a blessing to Sacred Heart with her music and knowledge of the liturgy. She certainly taught me many things, and I am forever grateful!! I will miss her sweet smile and kind voice. I know she is already playing beautiful music in Heaven. May her soul rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon her. May God bless all of her family and give them peace during this time of loss.

Linda Wiedower

Linda Wiedower - February 27, 2025 at 05:29 PM

EL

Christine was a sweet lady. She did a fabulous job playing the organ. She played the organ for our wedding. Edie and Eddy Lemons's.

Edith lemons - February 28, 2025 at 07:42 PM

JO

Christine was a compassionate and kind person. Her love for music was a true inspiration to all. Judy and Chuck Ortega

Judy Ortega - March 02, 2025 at 07:22 PM

LD

*Christine would light up the room when she walked in, that great big wide smile. I don't think she ever had a bad day and certainly when the rest of us were around her we were certainly having a great day. Many a Sunday afternoon at their house with J.P., Cyril and Bill Kordsmeier - just happy times. She made Mass just so much better. Heaven is a happier place today and the choirs of Angels just got a new organist. What a wonderful lady and we were blessed to have had her this long.*  
*Larry Dixon*

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**Larry Dixon** - March 03, 2025 at 08:43 AM