



Richard Edward Koehler

May 24, 1926 - January 26, 2018

Richard E. Koehler, 91 asleep in Jesus on January 26, 2018 at his home in Ferguson, Missouri surrounded by his family. Richard was born May 24, 1926 to Walter and Grace (Vititoe) Koehler in St. Louis, MO, the oldest son of five children. He graduated from Beaumont High School in 1944.

Richard served in the United States Army in World War II as an Infantryman from 1944 to 1946. While in the Army he served in Germany under General Patton's third Army. Richard received the American Theater Service Medal; EAME Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars; Good Conduct Medal; and World War II Victory Medal.

After his honorable discharge he returned home to St. Louis where he met his beautiful wife, Edith L. Maack at her father's auto parts store in 1951. They married in 1954. Together they raised five children. After Edith's father's death in 1957, Richard ran the store, Maack Auto Parts until he retired in about 1990.

Richard is survived by his wife, Edith, and daughters Cindy (Carl) Palermo, Julie (Jon) McIver, Susie (Jimmy) Rinehart, son Rick Koehler and son in law Rick Linneman. Also his grand children, Amy, Kristin, Cory, Jason, Justin, Jamie, and Carissa, along with several great - grand children. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Mary (Koehler) Linneman, his

sister, Virginia Todd and brothers, Walter(Bud) and George.

Richard will be remembered for his love of family and for his Lord. His faith in the Lord was an example to all, and everyone looked forward to his amazing prayers before meals and special occasions. His family and friends could always count on his quick wit and humorous outlook on life. His sense of humor keeps us all laughing still, he was definitely one of the most witty men many people have ever met. Richard and his wife Edith, were a true love story. Edith always said he was the love of her life. After Richard went to heaven, we took off his wedding ring...the first time it had been off his finger in 63 years! He truly was a remarkable man that was loved not only by his wife, but by everyone who knew him.

In lieu of flowers the Family has requested in memory of Richard Koehler Contributions be made to Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, 11645 Benham, St. Louis, MO 63136.

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery - Jefferson Barracks

2900 Sheridan Rd
St. Louis, MO 63125

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Chapel of The Cross Lutheran
11645 Benham
St. Louis, MO 63136

Funeral Services

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Reception/Repast

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Koehler Family, our thoughts and prayers will be with you and we will share in your grief in the days ahead. May the peace of God be with you.

The Dan Vititoe Family

Pam Landon - January 30, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Kenneth McGhee sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Edward Koehler



Kenneth McGhee - January 27, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ Kenneth McGhee lit a candle in memory of Richard Edward Koehler



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