



Donald Richard Koehler

November 7, 1937 - October 21, 2022

Donald Richard Koehler, 84, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away Friday, October 21, 2022.

He was born November 7, 1937 in Jackson, Missouri to Paul J. and Catherine Horrell Koehler.

Donald retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Army after 40 plus years of dedicated service, having served in the engineers branch. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church, St. Vincent de Paul Society, an officer in the Men's Association, an annual fish fryer, and member of the Parish Counsel. Donald was a master gardener, a member of the St. Louis evening herbalist group, Historical Society, NRA, Perryville Bass Club, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Red House, and an avid fisherman and hunter. He started the Beaver Bend Swamp Rangers.

He and Carol Golightly were married June 29, 1957.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Koehler of Cape Girardeau; son, Randy (Tracy) Koehler of Fruitland; daughters, Jamie S. Koehler of Cape Girardeau and Christine (Randy) Weber of Poca; brothers, Michael (Jane) Koehler of Paris, Arkansas and Mark (Jennifer) Koehler of Jackson; grandchildren, Josh, Eric and Seth Koehler, Nathanael Weber; 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Paul David Koehler and a sister, Cathy Pope.

Visitation will be Tuesday, October 25, 2022 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. Parish Prayer will be at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral mass will be Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Father Rick Jones officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery with full military honors.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

DF

“ I am so sorry to learn of Mr. Koehler's passing. He changed my life. We only worked together for a few brief moments, but one conversation changed the path on who I was to who I am today. He spoke to me like no other I had known. He talked to me about integrity, wholesomeness, being a good person/father/husband/leader, and always doing the right thing even when others may not see the vision. He spoke to me about the secret to a good life. I wish I had the opportunity to say 'Thank You'. He was the most profound person to impact my life and I saw what impact he had on many others during our brief time together. I have thanked the heavens almost daily for meeting Don 30 years ago. I will cherish the few moments and voice of wisdom he provided. I can only now say that heaven is better with his presence.

Donovan Foster - October 26, 2022 at 12:49 PM

JD

“ JOYCE DIFANI lit a candle in memory of Donald Richard Koehler



JOYCE DIFANI - October 25, 2022 at 02:49 PM

GL

“ I am sorry to learn of Don's passing. I served with Don in 135th Engineer Group for serval years. He was always willing to provided assistance when needed, but above all he was a good friend. My sympathies go out to his family. LTC Guy A. Lowes (Retired)

Guy A. Lowes - October 25, 2022 at 12:41 PM

SA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing, I was a member of the Missouri National Guard. Pistol Team in the 1960's with him. I will always remember him as a great friend. My deepest sympathies go out to his family..
STAFFORD AGEE



Stafford A Agee - October 25, 2022 at 11:08 AM

JJ

“ Jim Pope and Family (Jim, Tracey and Jim purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Donald Richard Koehler.



Jim Pope and Family (Jim, Tracey and Jim - October 24, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark Koehler - October 23, 2022 at 09:00 PM

FA

“ Carol, Randy, Jamie, Christy and families, we are so sorry to learn of Don's passing. You have our deepest sympathy and you all are in our thoughts and prayers. May Don rest in peace in the arms of Our Lord. Don was such a special person and Zeno just thought the world of him. I can't remember exactly how they met, but I know the Beaver Bend Swamp Rangers had something to do with it. Then there was the hunting trips to Montana and Idaho, Don, Dr. John, Kenny Cowell and Zeno on the one to Idaho. The one to Montana, Don, Dr. John, Zeno and a friend from KC.
Faye Gibbar Amschler
Bob and Michelle Clifton



Faye C Amschler - October 23, 2022 at 04:29 PM

WD

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing .A fine Gentleman, and my (Betty) second cousin as Don's Mother was my Dad's first cousin . Her name Catherine Koehler, my Dad's name Chris Horrell Catherine was also My Mother's Maid of Honor when my parents married in 1932 Bill and I send our deepest sympathy to Carol ,my dear friend , the children , Grand and Great Grand children. May God bless you all to help see you through this difficult time

William and Betty DeBrock - October 23, 2022 at 01:13 PM