



Karl P. Kohler

September 20, 2011

Karl P. Kohler, Jr., 89, of Wapakoneta, died 3:20 p.m., Tues. Sept. 20, 2011, at the Wapakoneta Manor. He was born Nov. 2, 1921, in Columbus, OH, the son of Karl P. & Mary Nelle (Chiesa) Kohler, who preceded him in death. On Sept. 1, 1950, he married Sue Carole Spees, and she survives in Wapakoneta. Other include, 2 sons, Kevin S. "Coach" (Carla) Kohler, Wapakoneta, Kim E. (Lisa) Kohler, Chelsea, AL, 5 grandchildren & 5 great grandchildren, A sister-in-law, Alice Kohler, Rogers, AR. He was preceded in death by a brother, Donnet Kohler. Karl attended St. Joseph Elementary School, and was a 1939 graduate of Blume High School, both of Wapakoneta. He joined the 136th F.A. Medical Detachment of the Ohio National Guard 37th Division in July, 1940, and spent 10 ½ months in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. He then applied for transfer to the Aviation Cadet Training with the U. S. Army Air Corps, and was accepted for air crew training. He later graduated from Carlsbad Army Airfield Bombardier School and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant with the U.S. Army Air Corps in May, 1943. He attended Ohio Northern University, Ada. Karl was employed at the Lima Locomotive Works for 14 years and later retired in Jan., 1982 from the Engineering Dept. at Minster Machine Co., after 22 years service. A member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, he was also a member of American Legion, Post #330, and the V.F.W. Post #8445, all of Wapakoneta. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Sat. Sept. 24, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Rev. Matthew Lee officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will follow in the

Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends 5-8 p.m., Fri. and 9-9:45 a.m., Sat. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church Restoration Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Sue, Sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort as I have knowing that his time was over and that he is much better off.

Mary Koch - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MK

“ Sue, Sorry to hear of the death of Karl, but we know that he is in a better place. It was good to get to know you and him a little better during the time that Lester and I were there. Days are moving on for me and I am sure they will for you, too. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Mary Koch

Mary Koch - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JH

“ Sue - my sympathy to you and your family. Most of my memories of Karl go back to the softball days at the old Harmon Field. I enjoyed watching him pitch and, of course, rooting for the St Joe team. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Jim Harrison - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MM

“ Sue, I was so sorry to read in The Lima News that Karl passed away. He was always one of my favorites at Wapak Manor. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Marianne (Speech Therapy)

Marianne Morrissey - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MR

“ Sue----- Please accept my thoughts and prayes on the loss of Karl. Take peace in knowing you did all you could do for him. You worked very hard at makng his life as comfortable as possible. If you need someone to talk to, please feel free to call me. 419-230-7963. Thinking of you, MaryAnn Reichmanis (formerly of Wapak Manor)

MaryAnn Reichmans - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM