

Karl K. Kolter

March 14, 1928 – April 3, 2015



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Karl K. Kolter, 87, of Decatur, died on April 3, 2015 at Hospice Home in Ft. Wayne. Karl was born on March 14, 1928 in Adams County to the late Adolph and Arbie (McConnehey) Kolter. On November 18, 1951 he married Elizabeth E. “Ebbie” (Hersh); she preceded him in death on January 7, 2012.

Karl was a member of St. Mark’s United Methodist Church. He was a Decatur High School graduate and earned his bachelors in business and masters in education from Indiana University. Karl owned Decatur Burial Vault and was a teacher for 25 years with

North Adams Community School. He was involved in many organizations including Rotary Club where he was a Paul Harris Fellow and just finished his 52nd year as a Rotarian, Heisey Club, Coin Club, American Legion Post 43. Also a member of the Decatur Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. #571; Scottish Rite Valley of Ft. Wayne, Mizpah Shrine as well as the Adams County Shrine Calliopers. Karl proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict in the United States Army.

Surviving are a son, Michael Kolter, daughter, Sharon Doty both of Decatur; 3

grandchildren Ben, Nikki, and Summer Kolter and 3 great grandchild Ethan, Adisyn and Haven Kolter; brother, Jerry (Lynn) Kolter of Monticello, IN; a sister, Phyllis Bieberich of Decatur. He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Roy Bieberich.

Visitation will be on Monday, April 6, 2015 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Woodcrest Porter Auditorium and 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home, followed by a 7:00 p.m. Masonic Service.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 7th at St. Mark's United Methodist Church with calling 1 hour prior. Pastor Chris Gadlage will be officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital.

Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home online obit (accessed 9/2/2016)