



Charles (Chuck) Page Koehler, age 89, passed away on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022, in Verona, Wisconsin. He was born on June 7, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Edwin and Arlene Page Koehler.

Chuck married the love of his life, Gail Barrand Koehler, on April 11, 1959.

His family later moved to Appleton, WI and he graduated from Appleton West High. From there he went to Wentworth Military Academy and then on to the University of Wisconsin. He pursued his interest in agricultural architecture and was very gifted musically playing both the piano and the violin. His other interests included fishing, hunting, and rescuing injured birds and animals.

It was at UW Madison that he met his future wife, Gail. After they were married, they moved to Milwaukee. Chuck continued to serve in the Army (in the Reserves) for 10 years and worked for US Steel for a time before landing his lifelong career at the W.H. Brady Company.

They raised three daughters in Whitefish Bay. After their daughters were grown, Chuck retired from working for 30 years at the W.H. Brady Company. He and Gail moved to Madison where they owned and operated the Kardell Laundromat and an apartment building. In 2000 they moved to McFarland, Wisconsin.

They were blessed with a wonderful church family at Blackhawk, Fireside Friends, Sauk Trails Optimist Club friends, and travel: including the US as well as Europe and the Holy Land. He would say his favorites were the Canadian fishing excursions and deer camp in Boscobel, WI with his dearest friends.

Chuck lived a wonderful life as husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend.

He spent his life caring for, providing for & loving his family.

Chuck is survived by his 3 daughters and their spouses:

Chery(Russ) Dokken; Laurie(Erwin) Felton; and

Kathy(Brian) Shuler

18 grandchildren;

Dean(Megan Thompson) Dokken; Kayli and James Felton; Michelle(Alex) Gerber; Rachel(Luke) Castonguay;

Sarah Shuler(Charles Boyte); Lindsey(Oscar) Gonzalez; John(Kaitlyn) Shuler; Eileen Shuler; Bruce(Avi) Shuler; Andrew Shuler(Emma Berghoefer), Kirsten, Steven, Joshua, Daniel, Timothy, Jeremy & Charles Shuler.

And 8 great grandchildren:

Douglas, Marcus, Yarona, & River Castonguay; Charlotte Shuler; Ariel & Astrid Boyte; & Atlas Shuler.

Chuck was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years: Gail (November 22, 2020), parents: Edwin & Arlene Page Koehler, in-laws: Chester & Nellie Barrand; brother, Bob; & grandson, Grant Church.

A Celebration of Life celebrating the lives of Chuck and Gail Koehler will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at Blackhawk Church, 9620 Brader Way, Middleton, WI 53562. Visitation will be from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm. Service will begin at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room.

Chuck will be missed by his family, friends and many caregivers as well as his cat, Smokey. Our family wishes to thank all his caregivers for their loving care while our dad was still living at home. Thank you to Sam, Jen, Angie and Heather. Bob, Gloria, Sandy, Fritzie, Peggy, Steve, Jaime and others from Just Checking In. Also, to his grandson, Joshua, who came to live with him this past year.

Thank you to dad's neighbors on Chestnut Drive, and a special thank you to Samantha Johnson - for everything!

We wish to thank the staff at The Legacy and the wonderful team from Heartland Hospice for caring for our dad during his last days.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be donated to Heartland Hospice (ProMedica) of Madison or to McFarland Senior Outreach.