



## John Koester

July 10, 1922 - February 7, 2012

JOHN HAROLD KOESTER, age 89 of Gainesville, Virginia passed away Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Leesburg, Virginia.

Mr. Koester was born July 10, 1922 in Washington, D.C. son of the late John and Katharine (Brindle) Koester. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a recipient of the Purple Heart and an active member of the CWA Union.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Blanche Masaros Koester.

Survivors include two children, Judy Hamilton and husband Jim of Gainesville, Virginia and Wayne Edington and wife Mary of Woodland Hills, California; one sister, Katharine Kirks of Maryland; seven grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Mary Koester; six nephews; one niece and several great nephews and nieces.

The family will receive friends from 12:00-1:00 P.M. Friday, February 17, 2012 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas where funeral services will be held 1:00 P.M. Friday. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions

to Capital Caring, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, Virginia 22042 in loving memory of John H. Koester.

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