

### Alvin "Oscar" Koester, 79'

Nov. 7, 1931 - Aug. 12, 2011

**PANAMA** — Alvin "Oscar" Rudolph Koester, son of Anthony and Johanna (Zimmerman) Koesters, was born on November 7, 1931 on a farm near Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling. After his schooling, Oscar worked on neighborhood farms. October 24, 1950, Oscar enlisted into the United States Army in Omaha, NE. While he was in the army, Oscar was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany for over two years until his honorable discharge on September 30, 1953.



October 20, 1956, Oscar was united in marriage to Jacqueline Hastert at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Panama. Three children were born to this union: Larry, Mona and Frank. After their marriage, Oscar and Jacqueline made their home in Omaha, NE for twelve years where Oscar worked for Omaha Steel and Cocks Paint. In 1968 they made their home in Earling until 1970 when they made their home back in Panama. In 1970, Oscar worked for Transcon driving truck until his retirement in 1990. Oscar was a longtime member of St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama and after his retirement he enjoyed playing cards and going to the casino with his sisters. After the death of his wife, Oscar continued to make his home in Panama. In May of 2011, Oscar became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan and this is where he died on Friday, August 12, 2011 having attained the age of seventy-nine years, nine months and five days.

Oscar was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. He is survived by his children: Larry Koester and his wife Janet of Westphalia; Mona and her husband Randy Schwarte of Westphalia; and Frank Koester of Panama; five grandchildren and one great grandchild; his brothers and sisters: Francis Koesters and his wife Mary Ann of Earling; Madonna Kramer of Earling; Alice and her husband Harold Schwery of Westphalia; Janice and her husband Pete Mahlberg of Earling and Robert Koesters and his wife Jackie of Dunlap; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Rev. John Dorton celebrated the 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, August 15, 2011 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Jodie Wingert was the accompanist and Ellen Schmidt the

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vocalist. Serving as casket bearers were Scott Pauley, Joe Schwarte, Jerry Pauley, Allan Koesters, Rick Kramer, and James Koesters. Military Rites were conducted by Panama American Legion Post No. 601 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama.

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