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Ken Koch

Kenneth "Ken" R. Koch, 83, of Hixson, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008, after courageously battling a long illness.

Ken was formerly a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and a 1943 graduate of West Tech High School. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army. Ken was a lifelong printer and loved photography. He was an active member of Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church where he took seriously his role of stewardship: He was a Lay Minister, delivered meals in the community, school volunteer, active participant and scheduler of Fish Organization, and was the author for the "Ascension Mention" at the church. He was a member of auxiliary police in Cleveland and active in Boy Scouting. Ken was currently a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob Koch and Irene Schultz.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Helen Koch; two children, Barbara Obloy and her husband, Craig Theberge and James P. Koch, of Anaheim, Calif.; grandchildren, Angela Byrne and her husband, Lewis, Luke Obloy, Amy and Sarah Koch; brother, Allan Koch and his wife, Kay; several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Celebration will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Joe Brando officiating.

Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home with a Rosary at 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Catholic Church, 930 Ashland Terrace, Chattanooga, TN 37415, or American Kidney Foundation, 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, GA 20814, (800) 638-8299.

Share your thoughts and memories at www.mem.com.

Arrangements are by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory & Florist.