

In Loving Memory



John Henry Koster
December 28, 1948 - September 27, 2025



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John H. Koster, a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, passed away September 27, 2025, at the Kansas Soldiers' Home in Fort Dodge at the age of 76. The son of Jack and Ruth Koster, John was a lifelong resident of Cawker City, KS, until moving to the Kansas Soldiers' Home at Fort Dodge, KS, in October 2024. He was born December 28, 1948, in Beloit, KS, attended St. Theresa's Academy through 8th grade, and graduated from Cawker City High School in 1967. He then attended North Central Kansas Vo-Tech School, Beloit, KS, earning his certificate in Farm Mechanics in 1968. In November of the same year, at the age of 19, John was inducted in the U.S. Army. After completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, John served at Fort Hood, TX, before serving a tour in Vietnam from December 2, 1969 to November 1, 1970. He valued this service highly and attained the rank of Private First Class. John was a member of the VFW and the American Legion and served in the honor guard for many years. After being discharged from the army, John spent over 40 years maintaining roads and doing equipment repairs & maintenance for the Cawker City, Walnut Creek, Carr Creek, and Glen Elder Townships in Mitchell County. John also enjoyed being involved in small farming interests over the years.

John is survived by his partner Val Redinger, Cawker City, KS; two sisters: Marla (Allan) Fisher, Garden City, KS; Debbie (John) Thomas, Fowler, KS; 4 nieces, Allison (Aaron) Douglass, Garden City; Emily Burns, Owatana, MN; Lacey Fisher, Olathe, KS; Jacqueline Thomas, St. Petersburg, FL; 8 great nieces and nephews, and 1 great-great nephew and 1 great-great niece. His family remembers him enjoying riding horses, going fishing, gardening, supplying food and safe haven for stray animals, and working with machinery of all types. He especially enjoyed welding. John's love of animals remained his passion to the end.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Ruth Koster of Cawker City, KS, his youngest sister Brenda Jo (Jerry) Dean, Beloit; and nephew CJ Thomas, Fowler, KS.

His family would like to recognize the entire team at Kansas Soldiers' Home for the compassionate and professional care John received while a resident there.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Cawker City. Inurnment will follow at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Cawker City, KS. Memorial donations in his honor may be made to the Kansas Humane Society and the resident fund at the Kansas Soldiers' Home at Fort Dodge, in care of Schoen Funeral Home & Monuments, 302 N. Hersey Ave., Beloit, KS 67420. Online condolences

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FUNERAL SERVICE

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Cawker City, KS
Saturday, November 8, 2025 ~ 1:30 p.m.

CELEBRANT

Fr. Luke Thielen

LECTORS

Allison Douglass ~ Emily Burns
Lacey Fisher

GIFT BEARERS

Great Nieces & Nephews

MUSIC

Here I Am, Lord ~ Be Not Afraid
Prayer of St. Francis ~ Song of Farewell
Holy God We Praise Thy Name

ORGANIST

Jolene Albert

SONG LEADER

Carol Johnson

PALLBEARERS

John Thomas	Allan Fisher
Jerry Dean	Aaron Douglass
Ron Koster	Randy Koster
Kent Koster	

MILITARY HONORS

Fort Riley Honor Guard ~ American Legion Post 379

LAID TO REST

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery
Cawker City, Kansas

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