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Eugene “Coke” Potthoff, the son of the late Leonard Henry Potthoff and Etta Justine Moeller Potthoff, was born Nov. 12, 1934, in Ladue, MO and died at his Dexter, MO home on Jan. 31, 2025, at the age of 90.

He was a proud military veteran, having served as a paratrooper in the US Army in the early 1950s. On Aug. 10, 1956, Gene married Carol Reiker in Cape Girardeau, MO. After 68 years of marriage, Carol survives at their home in Dexter. One son, Paul Potthoff (Mary Ann) of Springfield, MO, also survives.

Coke Potthoff spent nearly 40 years in the field of education, nearly all of which were at Dexter High School. He taught Industrial Arts and for many years headed up the Cooperative Education (COE) program, instilling both lifetime skills and a strong work ethic in his students. Coke will be remembered as a kindhearted gentleman who counted his faith, his family and his friends among his greatest gifts.

He was a longtime member of Dexter’s Faith Lutheran Church, where he devoted much of his time to the building and upkeep of woodworking throughout the church facility. When not tending to the church or his family, Coke could be found quail hunting or fishing the rivers and streams of southeast Missouri and beyond. He counted a day spent with Carol or with friends in a boat or in a canoe among the best of his days.

Along with his wife and son, he is survived by two brothers: Fred Potthoff (Rita) of Charlotte, NC; and Jerry Potthoff (Judy) of Kirkwood, MO. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Leonard Potthoff.

Visitation for Gene “Coke” Potthoff will take place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, at Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter with services following at 1 p.m. Rev. Justin Sponaugle will officiate. Burial will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

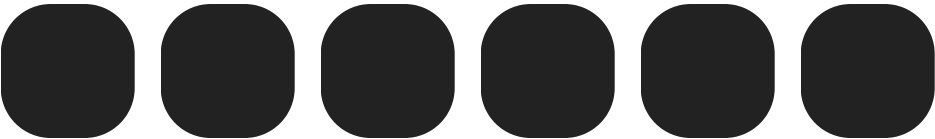
Memorials may be sent to Faith Lutheran Church, 1002 Saddle Spur Road, Dexter, MO 63841

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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