



DONALD A. KOHLER

September 3, 2011

Donald A. Kohler, 82, of York, PA, formerly of Lancaster, died on Friday, September 2, 2011 at his home. Born in Lancaster he was the son of the late Edward B. and Helen McGowan Kohler. His wife Sarah Shank Kohler preceded him in death in 1993.

He spent 30 years, 1947-1978, in the US Marine Corps and retired as 1st Sergeant, E-8, in the Infantry. He earned two Purple Hearts from 1950-1951 in the Korean War. He was a Marine Corps Drill Instructor from 1959-1960. He began working for UPS and for the US Postal Service. Finally, he worked at The Lancaster County Prison as a Correction Officer in the work release program until his retirement in 1994.

Donald was a Life Member of AM Vets, VFW and G-3-1. He was past Commandant of the Marine Corps League Lancaster County. He loved traveling with his sister to the G-3-1 Reunions. He volunteered for Bingo at the Lebanon VA Hospital and Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation.

Donald is survived by his daughter Tina wife of Jerry Bradley of York, his son Donald A. Kohler, II of Lancaster, sister Mary Ellen Gerhart of Elizabethtown and brother Edward B. (Diane) Kohler of Rothsville. Additional survivors are his three grandchildren: Staff Sergeant Christopher Brown of Colorado Springs, Heather (Traves) Gift of Wrightsville and Kelsey (Matthew) Krout of

Windsor, PA and four Great Grandchildren Julius Brown, Owen Gift, Colby and Tessa Krout. He was preceded in death by his daughter Deborah Kohler and sister Betty Jane Fissel.

The family would like to thank all the staff of Renal Dialysis at the LGH Health Campus and Hospice of Lancaster County.

Family and friends are invited to Donald's Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (on the corner of Orange & Pine Sts), Lancaster on Friday September 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The family will greet friends at The Groffs both Thursday evening from 6-8:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Service. Interment will be in Riverview Burial Park. In lieu of flowers Memorials may be made in Donald's name to Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation, c/o Art Hall, 30 W. Main Street, Salunga, PA 17538.

Tribute Wall



“ *DONALD A. KOHLER*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *SEMPER FIDELIS, First Sergeant. Thanks for your service. I met Don over 30 years ago, at a Shenk Family reunion (my mother Nancy and Nell were good friends). I only saw him occasionally over the years, but he always struck me as a man of honor and integrity. Our deepest sympathies on the loss of Big Don. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you peace and understanding.*

Rich and Dianne White

Rich (Rick) White - September 09, 2011 at 08:23 PM



“ *Your going to be missed Uncle Donnie. So many good memories. When we would misbehave Mom would say she was calling Uncle Donnie. We would behave because we were scared of what might happen. I didn't know for years that you were a pussycat. I know your with Aunt Sally and Debbie, but we will miss you. Love ya, Bobbie.*

bobbie and francis stein - September 08, 2011 at 09:00 AM

SJ

“ *Semper Fi, Donald! Please know that although time and distance does not permit us to be with the family, know that we are there in our hearts and spirit, I will never forget the Saturday nights at your dad and moms place on East Orange Street. Rest easy, Marine. Your cousin...sherm*

Sherm & Ann Kohler Jr - September 07, 2011 at 07:38 PM

SJ

“ *Semper Fi, Donald! We are sorry that we cannot be there for the family but time and distance just does not permit it. Know that we are there in our hearts and spirit. I will always remember the Saturday nights at your dad and moms home on Orange Street. Rest easy, Marine. Your cousin, sherm and our family...*

Sherm & Ann Kohler Jr - September 07, 2011 at 07:36 PM

EF

“ *Semper Fidelis PDC Kohler.*

Eric E. Fussenegger - September 07, 2011 at 03:22 AM

AC

“ *Tina,*

I'm thinking about you and want you to know that you are in my thoughts and in my prayers. I hope you find peace in knowing that your Dad is in a better place. I know how much you loved your Dad and I also know you are the best daughter ever.

Peace and love be with you and your family.

Annie at Cardiac Consultants - September 06, 2011 at 09:23 AM

HC

“ Thank you for your 30 years of service to the United States Marine Corps and your continued service thru the Lancaster County Detachment Marine Corps League. It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to meet you. Semper Fi, First Sergeant!

HM2 "Doc" Canard - September 05, 2011 at 09:13 PM

TI

“ Oh daddy, I miss you sooo much. This house is not the same without you here. You will always be in my heart and thoughts. Please give mom and Debbie a kiss for me and tell them I love them. I know you are finally happy and suffering no more. I love you daddy!

Tina - September 04, 2011 at 11:50 PM

SP

“ Ooh Rah Top. See ya on the other side. Give em HELL. It was GREAT knowing you and working with you.

Sgt. Robert Wolfe(USMC and Lancaster Co Prison) - September 04, 2011 at 11:48 PM