



Erich Koch

March 13, 1918 - March 31, 2008

Erich Carl Koch, age 90, of Marietta, and longtime resident of Lawrenceville, died Monday, March 31, 2008. He was born on March 13, 1918 in Clarkston, GA. He worked in sales at Pure Oil Co. for 32 years. In 1969, he and his wife, Hazel, bought an Otasco home and auto supply store in Lawrenceville which they operated until 1982 when they retired. Erich was highly regarded by his customers and all who knew him for his generosity, ethics and sharp wit. After retiring, they enjoyed extensive travel and spending time with their grandchildren. Erich was especially known for his vegetable garden and the love of his riding lawn mower! He was an active member of Lawrenceville First United Methodist Church, Forest Hills Neighborhood Association, Lawrenceville Planning & Zoning Board, and Kiwanis Club of Lawrenceville. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Hazel Robinson Koch; son, Dr. Philip E. Koch and his wife, Marti of Gainesville, GA; daughters, Karen K. Carlisle and her husband, Kee of Marietta, and Shirley K. Miller and her husband, Rich of Candler, NC; 13 grandchildren, Kristin K. Gammons (Jason) of Birmingham, AL, Matt Koch (Jaime), Michael Koch, Jenny Potts (John) and Erich Koch, all of Gainesville, Eric Carlisle and Katherine Carlisle of Marietta, Andrew Carlisle of Greensboro, NC and Paula Carlisle of Decatur, GA, Michelle Miller, Brian Miller, Emily Miller and Luke Miller, all of Candler, NC; 2 great grandchildren. Also, surviving is one brother, Paul Koch of Hendersonville, NC; Several Nieces and Nephews. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 2:00 pm at Lawrenceville United Methodist Church with Dr. Davis Chappell,

and Rev. Sher Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Melwood Cemetery in Stone Mountain. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Reinhardt College or Lawrenceville First United Methodist Church. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045, 770-962-3100. Please sign online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com .

Previous Events

Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Lawrenceville
395 West Crogan Street
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Erich Koch*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *papa,
i'll never forget you and you'll always be in my heart. the world has
lost a great man - and it will never be the same. i love you and i cant
wait til i can see you again :)###imported-begin###jenny###imported-
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April 04, 2008 at 12:41 PM



“ *Mrs. Koch,
I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Koch. He was such a nice man. I
know you will miss him terribly. I remember both of you being so
nice to me as I rambled around Otasco about 30 years ago! I can't
believe it's been that long. I just wanted you to know that whenever I
think of my childhood, you and Mr. Koch are there, standing behind
the counter or helping me get a Coke out of the machine in the
back. I will have fond memories of both of you forever. Thank you
so much. I hope you will find peace in knowing that he'll be waiting
for you on the other side.
Love always,
Beth Smith Galloway (the kid with the dimples.)###imported-
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“ Hazel, Karen, Kee and my (baby) Katherine:

Please know that Joel and I are with you guys in mind if not body right now. Erich was such a dear man, and I have known very few men of his caliber in my life. He has and always will be at the top of my list. His warmth was apparent to me upon our first meeting back in the late 80s. And I soon realized that he was more in tune to me than I ever imagined. I fully realized this when I received the most personal and gratifying graduation card and note from him upon my belated graduation from Georgia State. Erich knew what an important event that was in my life. And I will never forget his thoughtfulness.##imported-begin##Ron Horn & Joel Reininger##imported-end##

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“ Hazel: We are so sorry to hear about Erich. Mama will be calling you soon; she is so distressed to hear your news. You have truly been her friend for all these years and she thinks of you often. The funny stories of your young years continue to make her and us smile. Here's hoping the wonderful memories of your life with Erich will comfort you. Love to all. Donna##imported-begin##Donna Walker Lee##imported-end##

April 01, 2008 at 09:28 AM