



John "Jack" Haefele

November 11, 1923 - July 10, 2008

John Leo (Jack) Haefele, 84, died on July 8, 2008 in McPherson, Kansas. He was born November 11, 1923 in Frankfort, Kansas, son of Joseph B. Haefele and Leona Becker Haefele. He married Lavina Helen Writt on September 12, 1946. She survives. In 1942, he graduated from Capitol Catholic High School where he was an outstanding athlete and state champion pole vaulter. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Merchant Marines from 1943 to 1945. He was employed in vending services in Topeka for 40 years. He was owner of the Embers Lounge from 1965 to 1971. Upon retirement, Jack and Lavina moved to rural Lindsborg in McPherson County. Both were enthusiastic supporters and participants in Senior Olympics, winning numerous awards. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Christine Kaufman, McPherson; Joe Haefele, Topeka; Tom Haefele, Argyle, Texas; Martha Domme, Albuquerque, New Mexico; John Haefele, Tecumseh; Max Haefele, Mission, Kansas; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Other survivors include brothers, Max Haefele, Barstow, California; Richard Haefele, Ulysses, Kansas; Jay Haefele, Merriam, Kansas; sisters, Betty Merryman, Topeka; Mary Dunham, Kansas City, Missouri; and Ethel Jacobs, Schaumburg, Illinois. He was preceded in death by brother, Edwin Haefele and sisters, Cecilia Robinson and Carol Lee Haefele. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM, Thursday, July 10 at St. Matthew Catholic Church, Topeka, with Vigil Service at 7 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 AM, July 11 at the church. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery, Topeka. Memorials are suggested to Kansas

Senior Olympics sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801
SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Haefele*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Martha and the Haefele family. We remember your Dad as a lively spirited gentleman that was kind and respectful to all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jack & Karen & Girls.*

Jack & Karen Domme - July 10, 2008 at 10:43 AM



“ *Dear Joe and family--Your dad was a great man, a great father and grandfather, and a good soul. I know the loss you feel is tremendous, but the love and gifts he gave everyone who knew him are timeless.*
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Gina

Gina Cote - July 09, 2008 at 04:03 PM



“ *Dear Tom and family, Harry and I are so sorry to hear of your Fathers death. Harry and I felt so close to you when you and Butch were growing up. Please tell all of your family our Thoughts & Prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Jean & Harry Washington*

Washington, Harry - July 09, 2008 at 01:12 PM