

**EARL F. GRAF**

July 25, 1936 -- Aug. 1, 2004

Kokomo resident Earl F. Graf, 68, died in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Sunday morning, Aug. 1, 2004.

He was born on July 25, 1936 in Converse, the oldest son of Elmer and Mary Margaret (Blessing) Graf.

He married Hong Graf in Korea on Sept. 19, 1973 and she survives.

Earl attended Kokomo High School, Ivy Tech and Indiana University. He retired as a staff sergeant from the Army in 1975 with a Silver Star, four Bronze Service Stars, a Purple Heart and several other service awards.

After his military career, he went to work at Chrysler as an assemblyman for 20 years, retiring in 1999.

He was a member of the United Auto Workers Local 685. He loved fishing, reading, crossword puzzles, walking around Highland Park, channel surfing, cooking, canning and he loved everybody.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years; a son; Robert McLeod and his wife Rhonda of Kokomo; grandsons; Richard, Kevin and Andrew McLeod, all of Kokomo; stepmother; Dorothy Graf of Greentown; sisters; Rebecca Rich of Selina, Tenn., Joanna Colon of Fla., Roberta Richardson of Temple, Texas, Sarah Steiner of Cattle Falls, Wash.; brothers; Loren Graf of Kokomo and Joe Graf of Avon Park, Fla, stepbrothers; Darrell Howell of Greentown, Ronnie Howell of Kokomo, Virlin Howell of Pasco, Wash. and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1995 and his mother in 1963.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, with Revs. Steve Lee and Lynford Sanders officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery, where Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team will provide military services.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Condolences can be offered online at [www. MeM.com](http://www.MeM.com)

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