



## Ervin Martin Koerth

July 16, 1922 - October 8, 2013

Ervin Martin Koerth, 91, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas passed away October 8, 2013. He was born July 16, 1922 in Dora, Texas to Gus and Cora Koerth.

Ervin was a highly decorated Army veteran who served his country bravely in WWII. He was involved in combat in France, Sicily, Italy and Belgium. During the Battle of the Bulge, he was awarded the Purple Heart while assigned as a paratrooper to the 551st Battalion, known as "The Lost Battalion". The 551st Battalion has been acknowledged with many books and documentaries, including a Presidential Unit Citation and an award winning book, "The Left Corner of My Heart". Ervin was one of the last 2 surviving living light machine platoon gunners. He was later assigned to the 82nd Airborne.

After his return home from the war, Ervin went into the tool and dye profession and later started his own company, LESKO Inc. providing airplane parts to the defense department and a variety of airplane manufacturers.

Ervin was passionate about his love for his family and was a devoted father to his only daughter, Sandra. He made sure his love for fishing was shared with his grandsons. Friends and family knew him as "Mr. Fix It" with a positive influence and a true fighter.

He was predeceased by his parents and siblings.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost 70 years, Lois M. Koerth of Hot Springs Village; daughter, Sandra Hoelting (Larry) of Hot Springs Village; grandsons, Brian Kickhoefer (Laura) of San Antonio, Texas, Bart Kickhoefer (Betty) Cleburne, Texas and Harlan Kickhoefer (Vanessa) of Parkland, Florida; and nine great grandchildren.

Visitation: 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, October 14, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church, 401 W. Church Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75050, where funeral services will be conducted at 11. Burial will follow at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

# Cemetery Details

## **Moore Memorial Gardens**

1219 N. Davis Dr.  
Arlington, TX 76012