



Judge George P. Kiester

January 17, 2008

Retired Judge George P. Kiester passed away January 17th at home.

Born May 20, 1911 in the Village of Branchton, Butler County, he was the son of J. Lawrence Kiester and Stella Jane Thompson Kiester.

He graduated from Butler High School, Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. He was admitted to practice of law in Philadelphia County and the Supreme Court of PA. Seventy years ago, February 26, 1938, the future Judge Kiester married Mae Challem Bonsall in New York City. In 1940, he returned to Butler County making his home in Slippery Rock, where he and Mae raised their five children. Marilyn Ross and Cynthia Kiester are deceased. Surviving are Carol Loza of New Jersey, Diane Dildine of Maryland, G. Philip Kiester of Texas and Franz Muench of Germany. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, a son-in-law and daughter-in-law. Mae Kiester resides at the family home in Butler.

Judge Kiester was a US Army veteran, having served during World War II. Judge Kiester practiced law in Butler County until January 1, 1964 when he took office as the second judge in Butler County by appointment of Gov. William Scranton. He had been active in the PA Bar Association and the Conference of State Trial Judges. He was a member of several fraternal and community organizations and had served as chairman of the YMCA, Boy Scouts and United Way. He was actively involved in the creation of Moraine State Park and the Butler County Juvenile Court System.

Visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 20th, 2008 from 2-4 at the Young Funeral Home, Ltd., 127 W. Jefferson St., Butler, PA.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.

Family requests no flowers. Contributions may be made to Macular Degeneration, the Butler County library or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ It was a pleasure for all of us to have the chance to meet "The Judge" on his daily walks through the mall. He brought a smile to all our faces and will be sadly missed. As he always said "Strike Up The Band".##imported-begin##The crew at the Easter Bunny & Santa set at Clearv##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Keister and family,
Our deepest symphies in your loss of Judge Keister.It was a privilege to know him . Butler can be proud to have had such a fine gentleman in our time.We met him through the SAR organization and at picnics at Donna Gibson.
May God comfort you in your sorrow.
God be with you all.
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