



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

### **KOOGLER, COL GLENN WILLIAM '72**

Colonel Glenn W. Koogler, English teacher, athletic director and coach at AMA for 29 years, passed away 12 July 2002 at his home in Mount Sidney. Koogler, who had retired to his Augusta County farm in 1972, was 94.

Koogler's family was from Bridgewater but his father went to Pennsylvania as a young man. Glenn Koogler was born in Rankin, PA and the family returned to Bridgewater when he was in the 5th grade.

He enrolled in Bridgewater College as a business major, but had the good fortune to be put into an English class taught by one John S. Flory. Koogler remembered that on first day of class, Flory told the students that they were welcome to use their textbooks if they liked, then went on to teach the class all year without referring to the textbook once. Then and there, Koogler switched his major to English and pledged that he would someday teach the same way and with the same depth of preparation.

He graduated from Bridgewater in 1934 and did graduate work at the University of Virginia and at Duke University in 1943. He had World War II service in the Army Air Corps, but was discharged for medical reasons when a routine examination showed that he had a cracked vertebra, an injury he attributed to a cleating incident when he played football for Bridgewater.

He played all sports in high school and college, and coached baseball, football and basketball in Augusta County high schools before coming to AMA. He taught high school English for 40 years in all.

Colonel Koogler was named an *Honorary Ad Astra per Aspera* in 1968. He left AMA in 1972 after he had been diagnosed with cancer. He had successful surgery and lived another 30 years.

He was a member of the Masonic Order where he was a Past Master.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Alma Trumbo Koogler, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

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