

Katherine "Shirley" Koehler

Katherine "Shirley" Koehler, 92, died Dec. 25, 2008 at Heath Village in Washington Township, Morris County.

Born July 13, 1916 in Brooklyn, she was a daughter of the late Henry Johnson and Margaret Geraldine McMillan Lowenhaupt.

Mrs. Koehler lived in Schooley's Mountain from 1951 until she retired to Virginia in 1984, moving back to New Jersey in 1992. She raised wire fox terriers, showed them in shows and was a judge for other dog breeds. She served as president of the Wire Fox Terrier Club of America.

A graduate of Mannes College of Music, Manhattan, Mrs. Koehler began the choir at Our Lady of the Mountain Roman Catholic Church in Schooley's Mountain and was its choir leader for over 30 years. She also began

and ran the music department of Visitation Church in Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin J.; a son, Edward Arthur; and a daughter, Mary Ann Schroeder.

Surviving are two sons, William and wife Carol of Albuquerque, N.M., and Joseph James and wife Jean of Long Valley; two daughters, Barbara Jean and husband Charles Hoff of Hackettstown and Virginia and husband Dan Holly of Branchburg; 20 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Dec. 29 at Our Lady of the Mountain Church. Interment was in Our Lady of the Mountain Cemetery.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.cochranfuneral.com.

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