



## Joseph Konopacke

May 12, 1928 - May 12, 2003

"Joseph Konopacke"

KINGSFORD - Joseph W. Konopacke, 75, of 825 Brookfield St., Kingsford, died Monday, May 12, 2003, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Joe was born March 24, 1928, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Edmund and Stella (Beauparlant) Konopacke. He was a 1946 graduate of Iron Mountain High School. Joe married the former Barbara Myefski on May 7, 1960, at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. He was employed for Western Electric (currently ATT) as an installer for more than 30 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Pine Grove Country Club and the Kiwanis Ski Club. He loved sports and traveling. In addition to being an avid golfer, he was a great skier and enjoyed fishing. He spent all of his free time with his family. For the past six years, he and Barbara spent the winter in Mesa, Ariz.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Mary (James) Michner of Okemos, lower Michigan, Michael (Lori) Konopacke of Owosso, lower Mich., and Mark (Victoria) Konopacke of Del Mar, Calif.; his brother, William (Joann) Konopacke of Mesa, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Hannah and Gabriel Michner, Kaycee, Megan and Erin Konopacke and Jake Konopacke; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Fr. Paul Nomellini will offer parish prayers at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home and at 10 a.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Pallbearers will be Donald "Butch" Christianson, Robert Esveldt, Jamie Michner, Dan Pucci, John Pucci and Louis Pucci. Honorary pallbearer is Jerry Tuomela.

Condolences may be expressed to the Konopacke family online at [www.ernasfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernasfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Kingsford Funeral Home of Kingsford with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Barb, I am so sorry about the passing of your beloved husband. I always looked forward to seeing you on your golf "days". I left the area 9 years ago, and I just found out, just wanted you to know I'll keep you in my prayers.*

---

**Maureen(Julian)Pasten** - May 29, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Barb, Mary, Mike, and Mark, I just found out about Joe's passing. I am deeply saddened by the loss of such a great person. Of all of my high school friends parents he was one of my favorites. Even though I haven't seen him in many years I still have fond memories of him, especially his sense of humour. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

---

**Mark R. Froom** - May 22, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Barb,*  
*I'm sorry for your loss. Joe was such a great guy and I know he will be missed. It was a blessing to see you both recently. Love,*  
*John (son of Doris and Vince)*

---

**John H Johnson** - May 21, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ My name is Linda Williams and my parents are Doris & Vince Eutizzi. I just want to express to the family just how much I feel blessed to have known someone like Joe . As a kid I always remember him as funny and kind and just the coolest friend of my dad's. He was such a gentle man and I know he will be missed by everyone who has ever met him. I feel especially glad to have seen him recently while in Iron Mountain for my Grandma Elda's funeral. Even with his problems he was so wonderful and positive and happy. What a blessing to this world!!! And Barb, just know that my love and prayers are with you and the kids and their families. How grateful I am to have known someone as wonderful as Joe and how blessed we all were to have him in our lives. Now he is touching more lives in the hereafter - I just know it! God bless you all.  
Sincerely,  
Linda

---

**Linda Sue Williams** - May 20, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Mrs. Konapack and Family

*I am so sorry to hear about your dad/husband, and I am so happy that we were able to spend time with you at my grandma's funeral last year...such wonderful pasties that my husband will never forget Mrs. K.*

*I am so grateful my dad had such a wonderful friend for so long in his life, and I know how hard this week has been for my dad to not be there with you all. Just know how much my mom and dad love you all, and your friendship and memories together are wonderful thoughts they will always have in their hearts.*

*I loved coming to your house whenever we were there, and just having a super time with all of you.*

*I just want you all to know that we have you all in our prayers and we know that your dad is in a wonderful place and looking out for all of you. May God give you strength and peace in these coming months.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Julie and Peter Durand*

---

**Julie Durand(Eutizzi)** - May 20, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Our sincere sympathy to Barb and the family with the passing of Joe. Although we didn't get to spend much time together we will always remember Joe as a quiet person with a good sense of humor and a true gentleman.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

---

**John and Maggie Lindholm** - May 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *I was saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. I have many fond memories of him from when the whole gang got together. He was a gentle soul who was always good to me.*

*My thoughts are with you all.*

---

**Tom Walsh** - May 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Dear Barb and Family,*

*Please accept our condolences on your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Gerry & Al Silfven*

---

**Gerry & Al Silfven** - May 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM