



Dr. Robert Gust Koski D.O.

July 26, 1946 - April 20, 2024

Robert “Bob” Gust Koski of Iron River, Michigan passed away on April 20, 2024 at the age of 77.

Bob was known to many as “Dr. Koski”, to his family he was simply Dad and to his wife of 55 years, “Koski.” Bob and Carolyn met at Northern Michigan University and married soon after graduation. Bob wasn’t long into his career in the insurance industry when he decided to pursue a career in medicine. Anesthesiology was Koski’s calling, and he served his community well. Throughout the years, words of appreciation from his many patients made their way back to the family. It was clear he loved caring for patients and did it with a sense of humor and great compassion.

Koski loved the outdoors, “camp,” hunting, lake life and most of all, skiing. He was proud of his Finnish heritage and loved a good sauna followed by a plunge in Chicagon Lake or a roll in the snow. You could find him hitting the slopes at his favorite ski resort, Ski Brule or enjoying the great outdoors at his camp, the Elmwood Hunt Club. Afterall, he was the unofficial Mayor of Elmwood. He was lucky enough to take a bucket list hunting trip to Namibia in 2019 and was proud to bring home an Oryx and a Steenbok.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn and children, Karitsa (Joel) Kassabian, Meri (Keelan) McNulty, and John (LeeAnn Kirkpatrick) Koski, and

grandchildren, Mina and Julian Kassabian, Caleb, Brendan and namesake, Robert McNulty. He is further survived by many, many, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to Pine Mountain Ski Team in Bob's honor. Checks can be mailed to Pine Mountain Ski Team C/O John Bittenger at 1120 Iron Mountain Street, Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801. And, if you find yourself on the slopes of Ski Brule, take a moment to carve a turn for Bob.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 3-6 pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home located at 901 Carpenter Avenue, Iron Mountain.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SD

“ Dear Carolyn...
We are so sorry to hear of the recent passing of your husband,
"Koski". May God's love and all your cherished memories help to
comfort you.
We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts & prayers.
With Sincere Sympathy -
Sid & Janet Dye

Sid & Janet Dye - May 05, 2024 at 09:05 PM

SB

“ We just heard of Bob's passing this evening. We are so very sorry
for your loss. We always enjoyed his company and being included
in your parties at the lake. His sense of humor was go great...and
entertaining. Dave was happy to work with him in Iron River. God's
Blessings to you all. May all of your fond memories sustain you at
this difficult time. Dave and Sue Borsch

Susan & David Borsch - May 05, 2024 at 07:49 PM

SH

“ I will remember Dr Koski as a very capable physician but mostly
as an extremely happy man who loved to make others laugh/smile.

Dr Sharon Hayward

sharon hayward - May 04, 2024 at 03:44 PM

JB

“ I first knew Bob from our work in the healthcare community, including Dickinson County Hospital. He was a great physician. His professional abilities were only surpassed by the kindness and caring he showed to the patients, staff, and his colleagues. We later were fortunate to be neighbors with Carolyn and Bob at the lake. Our thoughts are with you, his family and friends. He will be missed. Judi & John Bjork



Judi Bjork - May 04, 2024 at 02:20 PM

NH

“ Nathan H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert Gust Koski D.O..

Nathan H. - May 02, 2024 at 04:38 PM

CZ

“ Bob was a wonderful Man. Always had a smile 😊 and as made others smile. He had a joke to tell every time. He'll be sadly missed. You're in our thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️

Charlie and Darla Zeimet - May 02, 2024 at 12:45 PM

DR

“ Dr. Koski was a wonderful person. When I was having surgery, he eased my fears and treated me with compassion.

Denise Roberts - May 01, 2024 at 06:20 AM

NL

“ Caroyn, Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your husband, Bob. Thinking of you and your family at this time.



Nancy L. LaFreniere - April 30, 2024 at 12:32 PM

KL

“ Keegan, Emily, Elle, and Luka Leckrone purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Robert Gust Koski D.O..



Keegan, Emily, Elle, and Luka Leckrone - April 29, 2024 at 10:38 PM

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Keegan, Emily, Elle, and Luka Leckrone - April 29, 2024 at 10:38 PM

KG

“ I always looked forward to seeing Bob at the surgery center. Never knew anyone else who could take a 5 minute Power Nap in a chair between cases...he kept the patients relaxed with comments like "Imagine you're at the Amasa Hilton"..I will miss his smile..Karen G

Karen Garrett - April 29, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert Gust Koski D.O..



April 27, 2024 at 06:19 PM



“ Always enjoyed doing some laps at Ski Brule with Koski! He and I would do the quickest 10 runs known to man lol. No lift lines! RIP in skiing heaven!

Dan Hinch - April 27, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear the loss of Dr Koski. He was the best. Always made you laugh. He was always kind to my parents. I will never forget him. RIP DOC

Lisa Harju - April 26, 2024 at 08:31 PM



We are So Very Sorry for your Loss... Sweet Caroline and Family. He was a Special Friend and Person that touched everyone's lives that knew him. Love to the Family 🥰🥺🙏🙏🙏

Darla Zeimet - April 28, 2024 at 08:14 PM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Thompson's share in your grief. Sending hugs and love.

Rita Thompson - April 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM

DE

“ *DEBRA lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Gust Koski D.O.*



DEBRA - April 26, 2024 at 08:05 AM

AR

I extend my deepest sympathy to all of you. I had the pleasure of knowing Bob first as an anesthesiologist who calmed my nerves and had me laughing before surgery with his humor. Later I knew him as a fellow skier and racer as well a father who was proud of his children. Lastly, I knew him as the fun host of many parties at your home. The last time I saw him was at a doctor's office. Carolyn and Bob walked out of the patient area and into the waiting room. Bob had a big grin on his face and a lollipop in his mouth that he had apparently gotten for good behavior. He was grinning from ear to ear and acting like the grown up kid he often was. It was the last time I would ever see him but I think I will forever remember him with that big smile on his face. He will be missed but will live on in your memories and I know there will be many "Bob stories"

Alice Reed - April 27, 2024 at 02:05 AM

DL

*Dear Carolyn,
Please except my deepest sympathy to you and your children, and their families. I can still hear his voice and his laugh as he saw patients at the old DCH. To say he was a dandy is putting it mildly LOL! That is a perfect picture of him! Sending hugs.*

Diane Marie Luczak - April 27, 2024 at 06:43 PM

NP

Carolyn, so sorry to hear this news. Dr. Koski was one of a kind and we all loved working with him at the hospital. He was a great guy and will always be remembered.

Nancy Ponzoso - April 27, 2024 at 10:30 PM



A good classmate (SHS, Class of 64), a good man and friend, forever remembered.

Tom Shoquist - April 28, 2024 at 04:31 PM

MO

Worked with Koski for several years at DCH and later Aspiris in Iron River. He was like a big brother to me. We had several parties at his cottage and always treated everyone with respect he wanted always to show us a good time. I was heartbroken to hear of his passing Koski was a gentle giant and his patients always came first. You will be missed here on earth Koski rest in peace!

mary O - April 29, 2024 at 08:58 AM

RB

We send our deepest condolences to Carolyn and family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Randy and Ruby Bobula

Ruby Bobula - May 05, 2024 at 08:55 AM

RR

So sorry Carolyn and family. Bob was a great friend and will be missed. Wayne & Diane Remondini

Robert Remondini - May 17, 2024 at 10:33 PM