



## Michael Koenecke

June 23, 1946 - May 14, 2026

Michael Koenecke, 79, of Spirit Lake passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, IA.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM Thursday, May 21, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake, IA. A rosary will be recited at 9:30 AM on Thursday at the church followed by a visitation up until the time of the service at the church. Burial will take place in the St. Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com)

Michael Joseph Koenecke was born on June 23, 1946, in Estherville, IA, to Francis and Pauline (Basset) Koenecke. He graduated from High School in Estherville, IA, and attended Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville and later earned his bachelor's degree from Mankato University. He owned and operated K&S Lumber Yard in Estherville and later managed CEA Lumber yard in Ocheyedan, IA. He was united in marriage to Janice Nelson on April 8, 1972, in Estherville, IA.

He was member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake, IA, where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He managed the Lakes Area Farmers Market for 25 years and was a chairman on the Dickinson County

Republican Party for 20 plus years. In his free time, he enjoyed target shooting, fishing, golf and fixing old radios.

He is survived by his wife Janice Koenecke of Spirit Lake, IA; son John Koenecke of Spirit Lake, IA; daughter Jennifer (Clifford) McMurray of Kansas City, MO; granddaughter Mallory McMurray and his sister Mary (Merlin) Nelson of Shoreview, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAY 21. 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
1005 Hill Ave.  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

## Visitation

MAY 21. 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *Cathy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael Koenecke*



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**Cathy Johnson** - May 19 at 09:35 PM

FK

“ *Fred Kaminska lit a candle in memory of Michael Koenecke*



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**Fred Kaminska** - May 19 at 11:53 AM

JM

“ *My condolences to Mike's family. Jerome Millsap*



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**Jerome Millsap** - May 19 at 11:45 AM

CM

“ *Jan and family,  
So sorry to say good-bye to Mike. I have fond memories of my friend. I met Mike doing business at K&S Lumber. The fun Wednesday morning coffees at Farmers Market, our visits to see our buddy, Richard and the visits at your home. I remember the times Mike tilled my garden. Until we meet again my friend, see you on the other side. Carroll Monsen*

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**Carroll Monsen** - May 19 at 08:03 AM

GB

“ *Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of Michael Koenecke*



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**Greg & Dee Baloun** - May 18 at 03:31 PM

PP

“ *Pat & Judy Peddycoart lit a candle in memory of Michael Koenecke*



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**Pat & Judy Peddycoart** - May 18 at 12:51 PM

BW

“ *So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Prayers go out to you Jan, John and Jenny*

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**Betty Wernimont** - May 17 at 08:12 PM

CH

“ *Jan, John and Jenny; our sympathy to all of you on the loss of your husband and father.*



Clarence & Cheryl Harms - May 17 at 07:37 PM

CW

“ *Cathy And Denny Worden lit a candle in memory of Michael Koenecke*



Cathy and Denny Worden - May 17 at 02:26 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of Michael Koenecke*



Beverly Sill - May 17 at 01:25 PM

RV

“ *Roger And Carmen Vigdal lit a candle in memory of Michael Koenecke*



Roger and Carmen Vigdal - May 16 at 08:17 PM

MC

“ *Jan and family, we are so sorry to hear of Mike’s passing! He was such a great person and will be missed by all who knew him! We send our deepest condolences!* 🙏🙏❤️  
*Jim & Mary Christianson*



Mary Christianson - May 16 at 02:03 PM

MD

*My Deepest sympathy to Mike's family*

Mary K Donovan - May 21 at 01:55 PM

JH

“ *Jan and family, thinking of you all. Sending hugs. So sorry for your loss. Judy Hagedorn*



JUDY HAGEDORN - May 16 at 01:18 PM

AM

“ *Jan and family, so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to each of you.*

*Alan and Reba*



Alan and Reba Munson - May 16 at 10:24 AM

LJ

“ *I will FOREVER remember you, Mike and Farmer's Market, Jan. The world could use SEVERAL MORE Mike Koenickes*

Linda Jackson - May 15 at 08:26 PM

DR

“ *Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Michael Koenecke*



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**Doug and Barb Ricke** - May 15 at 08:26 PM