



John Franklin Kopecky

January 29, 1937 - May 10, 2016

John F. Kopecky

Age 79, of Wilmington, IL, passed away Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL. John was born January 29, 1937 in Chicago, IL to the late John and Emilie (nee Shiller) Kopecky. He retired from Murnane Packaging Corp. in Northlake, IL in 2002, following many years of employment. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Wilmington, IL, the Sportsman's Fishing Club at Shadow Lakes and the NRA. John had a passion for fishing.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 55 years, Joanne I. (nee Vesely), whom he married May 30, 1961 in Chicago; one daughter and son-in-law, Janelle and John Houillon of Naperville, IL; son and daughter-in-law, John and Darcie Kopecky of White Lake, WI; seven grandchildren, Jacob, Jonah and John-John Kopecky and Joshua, Abigail, Aaron, and Hannah (fiancé, Anthony Rocco) Houillon; a brother, Leonard and Beverly Kopecky of Glendale, AZ; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were two sisters, Emily Cox and Marie Kluk.

Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory Monday, May 16, at 1:00 PM with Pastor Dallas Henry officiating.

Visitation will also be Monday, three hours preceding services.

Cremation rites will follow.

Inurnment with military honors will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the John Kopecky Memorial, Silver Birch Ranch, N6120 Sawyer Lake Road, White Lake, WI 54491.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
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R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd.
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408
815-458-2336

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Personally Yours - He Only Takes the Best* was purchased for the family of John Franklin Kopecky.



May 13, 2016 at 09:45 PM



“ *Roberta Rosa lit a candle in memory of John Franklin Kopecky*



Roberta Rosa - May 13, 2016 at 03:00 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Franklin Kopecky.



May 13, 2016 at 11:26 AM