



Neil Kenneth Koshak

February 16, 1935 - April 28, 2023

Neil Kenneth Koshak

age 88, entered eternal life on April 28, 2023 at home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born February 16, 1935 in Park Falls, Wisconsin, the son of Charlotte (Van Camp) and Albert Koshak. Neil grew up on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage, living in the very first cabin built at "Al's Place", his Dad's resort where the family lived from 1933 to 1947. An only child, he was a favorite of the guests that would come every year from the big cities to fish, and grew up engaging with people of all ages, fostering his love of socialization. His early schooling was at the Smart School, a one-room schoolhouse on Hwy F northeast of Butternut. At age twelve, the family moved to Park Falls and built a home on north Highway 13. He attended Saint Anthony's Catholic School and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1953.

He served in the United States Army for three years and led a radar squad in a NIKE missile defense unit near Baltimore, MD. He attended the Platteville School of Engineering and earned a degree in Civil Engineering, and graduated from Northland College in Ashland in 1961 with a degree in Business Administration.

Neil worked with his Dad at Koshak Construction Company during his high school and college summers. He always felt so fortunate to have worked

alongside his Dad for many years in the road-building career he was very proud of. He earned two WI Dept of Transportation awards for "Outstanding Highway Construction for Excellence in Grading" on State Hwy 70 in Washburn County and State Hwy 182 (Springstead) in Iron County. He succeeded his Dad as president of the company in 1986. Neil married Marilyn Weber on June 18, 1960 and they built a loving home in Eisenstein where they raised their seven children. His interest in gunsmithing led to him starting Timber Gun Sales. He was an expert in sighting in rifles. Hunting season was always busy, and the business provided a good balance in the winter months against the long days on the road in the summer.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Matthew. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, daughters Jean (Jerry) Schieffer, Karol (Tom) Hoerth, Nola (Bill) Luhtala, and Sara (Paul) Brendalen; sons Mark (Jean) and Michael. He is further survived by eleven grandchildren and three step-grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and five step-great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Saint Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls on Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 AM. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara will officiate, assisted by Deacon Chet Ball.

Visitation will be at the Birch Street Funeral Service Chapel in Park Falls on Friday evening, May 5, from 5:00-7:30 PM and on Saturday at the church from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Burial will follow at Nola Cemetery with military honors under the auspices of the Park Falls American Legion Post 182.

The family would like to thank Marshfield Medical Center Home Health and Hospice for all their care and support for Neil in his last month.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

The American Cancer Society

<https://www.cancer.org>

and

The Glioblastoma Foundation

<https://glioblastomafoundation.org/>

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Nola Cemetery

Park Falls, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service
350 Birch Street
Park Falls, WI 54552
(715) 762-3287
birchstreetfuneralservice@outlook.com
<https://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com>

Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church
276 S 5th Ave
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143
(715) 762-4494

Funeral Mass

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
276 5th Ave South
Park Falls, WI 54552

Tribute Wall



“ *Neil Kenneth Koshak*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I always enjoyed stopping by the gun shop to look around and visit with Neil. I bought my first firearm from Neil and a few after that, but most of all I enjoyed his stories about Loretta,wi and other things that we would seem to talk about revolving around our military service or firearms. I'm sure his laughter and stories will be missed by many*

Paul Zmuda - May 07, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Marilyn and all - Our sincere sympathies for your loss. Neil was a friend that never missed the opportunity to share stories with and he did so with his infectious smile and laughter.*

Rob Kitten - May 03, 2023 at 11:36 AM

DB

“ *To the Family of Neil Koshak*
Our deepest heart sent sympathy to family
To all those who called Neil – Soulmate, Dad, Grandpa, Brother,
Uncle, Father-in-law and Friend.
You could not but notice his friendly and warm manner and love for
Family, his community, and Friends.
I remember his passion for his work, while having worked on a
project at where I worked at Marquip.
And how he like to have seen the Wisconsin Highway department
prep the roadbeds like they did the
Railroad lines. Him receiving the “Outstanding Highway
Construction for Excellence in Grading” proves he always wanted to
do what was best. He always looking for the bright side of life, with
that friendly smile and wisdom which we all will miss.

May your family savor the fond memories of what your family
shared with one another.
And cherish those moments in time. Life is always too short, but we
can make those memories,
And bring a bright and cheerful life with all our love ones.
May God bless you with many fond memories.
Below is a poem that summarize life's journey, I believe.

A reading by a man who stood up to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on their tombstone from the beginning to
the end.
He noted that first came the date of birth and he spoke the following
date, with tears.
But said what mattered most of all
was the dash between the years.
For that dash represents all the time
that they spent alive on the Earth.
And now only those who loved them know
what that little line is worth.....
We don't choose our birth date or death date,

but we do decide how we live the in-between and make the most of your life....

Greeks did NOT have Obituaries

They only asked.. "Did they live with PASSION??"

May God comfort your family in his arms.

God Bless you all...

*Dan & Lynn Beck One Big bear hug to you. 154 N. Eyder Ave
Phillips, WI 54555*

"What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly." —Richard Bach

"There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart."

—Mahatma Gandhi

"Tears are God's gift to us. Our holy water. They heal us as they flow." —Rita Schiano

In Greek AGAPE means "Love as an Action" -

*Act as what you Do, makes a Difference. -he lived that
Grief is the price we pay for Love. – Queen Elizabeth*

Daniel Beck - May 03, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Neil Kenneth Koshak.



May 02, 2023 at 03:56 PM

LG

“ Neil and I were fellow classmates of Class of 1953. We shared many escapades and memories of those years, too many to remember them all. In our more recent latter years we exchanged letters, with Marilyn assisting Neil. Always enjoyed those. Sincere condolences to Marilyn and their extended family.

Larry "Gib" Gibson
lazeegee@gmail.com

Larry "Gib" Gibson - May 01, 2023 at 04:45 AM

RC

“ Neil was my favorite cousin, loved his wit and humor which I believe came from his mom, Charlotte, my favorite aunt. So sad I didn't get to visit Neil and Marilyn last summer when covid kept us away. He will be missed by Sharon and I.

Ron Van Camp

Ron Van Camp - April 30, 2023 at 05:22 PM

AT

“ Remembering Neil with fondness, heck of a nice guy. Sincere sympathy to his family,

Alice C. Tucker - April 30, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul... " was purchased for the family of Neil Kenneth Koshak.



April 30, 2023 at 01:31 AM

NB

“ *Nola and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts
and prayers are with you in this time of
sorrow. I will be thinking of you!!*



Nicole Szymik Boman - April 29, 2023 at 08:56 PM

KW

*I always enjoyed my conversations with Neil,he was a knowledgeable
fellow with a great sense of humor,my sincerest condolences to his
family.*

Kevin W.Powell - May 01, 2023 at 07:13 AM

NB

*Marilyn, I was so sorry to hear about Neil's death. My memories of him
are from high school, a lifetime ago. He was always such a good guy.
Nancy Blaski*

Nancy Blaski - May 03, 2023 at 12:30 AM