



Joseph E. Koziol

March 8, 1951 - January 14, 2025

Joseph E. Koziol, 73, of Kensington, husband of Martha Jean (Fletcher) Koziol, passed away peacefully Tuesday (January 14, 2025). Born in New Britain, son of the late Joseph and Katherine (Gadowski) Koziol, he lived in New Britain most of his life and moved to Kensington in 1994. He was a graduate of New Britain High School, class of 1970. He worked as a metrologist for 25 years at Stanadyne in Windsor, and concluded his career as a LPN at Adelbrook in Cromwell. He enjoyed retirement at his beach house in Westerly Rhode Island, making many new friends and adopting the name “Ocean Joe” in his community. Joe was a former member of the Polish Boy Scouts and the Boys & Girls Club of New Britain, often sharing many wonderful memories. He was thankful to the City of New Britain for allowing him to participate in many athletic programs where he learned great sportsmanship.

Besides his wife Jean, he leaves a son, Benjamin Koziol of Middletown; two daughters, Emily Morelli and her husband Jared of Kensington and Hannah Koziol of New Britain; two grandchildren, Bryce and Natalie Morelli; a sister, Theresa Furmanek and her husband Joseph of New Britain; and two nephews, John and Christopher Furmanek.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday (January 18, 2025) 11 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Calling hours are immediately before on Saturday, 10AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Boys & Girls Club of New Britain, 150 Washington Street,

New Britain, CT 06051. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ER

“ Joe rip. Spent a lot of time just talking about anything in the gage lab with Joe. My thoughts and prayers for Joe’s family and friends

Ernie Racine - January 19, 2025 at 04:19 PM

MP

“ My deepest condolences to Joe's family. Joe and I met and became friends playing for the Chiefs baseball team in the P. A. L. League around 1965. My fondest memories of him back then was him singing Bob Dylan songs getting ready for the game to start. You never forget long time friends and Joe was one of them. Rest in Peace Joe.

Michael Pavano - January 17, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MH

“ My sincere condolences Jean. What a wonderful life and family that you and Joe nurtured together. May you and your kids find comfort in the love of so many.

Meg Hooper

Meg Hooper - January 17, 2025 at 08:29 AM

RJ

“ I met Joe on the lighted basketball courts of Washington Park 60 years ago. A group of us played there every night. He was a fierce competitor and we played on rival teams for years, with his Sacred Heart team getting the best of my St Ann’s teams most years. We were friends and teammates at NBHS where he became a great football player. We always stayed friends with our New Britain connections and memories of a great childhood. In recent years we reconnected over our mutual love of basketball at UConn games in Hartford, Storrs and at Madison Square Garden. This picture is from the last Big East Tournament we shared in NYC with Big Stan in 2023. We had a great time and it will always be a cherished memory. Peace, my friend.

Ron Jakubowski



Ron Jakubowski - January 16, 2025 at 07:30 PM

JN

“ Knew Joe from NB Junior High School sports. Condolences

John Nowobilski - January 16, 2025 at 03:47 PM

CC

“ Joe was a very caring and kind person who unlike so many met challenges head on with courage and compassion. He will be missed by many but remembered by many as well. All our love and condolences to his family.

Best,
Charles and Carol Cocores



Charles Cocores - January 16, 2025 at 02:12 PM

SK

“ Joe was a wonderful friend to me and my husband. I wish we had more time. We can only hope this will still happen one day. So sad for you Emily, Jean, Hannah and Ben. We love you all very much.

Sharon Kemp - January 16, 2025 at 12:08 PM

Miriam
Swan

“ So incredibly sorry to lose a larger than life friend. We met via a common path and instantly bonded. My parents, Russ and Marian called you a forever friend and we loved naming the lit tree on the property "Joe's Tree". A visit to your home, was a highlight for Doug and I. The day that Doug passed away, he was shopping for his own "Joe's chair" and we had time to go down memory lane about our trip in the hour preceding his sudden passing. My heart goes out to the family. You will always feel his presence and the multitudes of memories will strengthen you and give you comfort. Rest easy my friend. We wish we could have had one more visit



Miriam Swan - January 16, 2025 at 11:21 AM

MD

“ Reconnected with Joe about 5 years ago..such a blessing for me as we would get together 3-4 mornings a week walking...we relived great memories of our high school days and laughed and joked about those times we experienced..he had a deep love for Sacred Heart School, the basketball team, and the Broad Street friends he grew up with.. And of course, he cherished the New Britain High football team in which he was a standout athlete and well respected...Rest in Peace Joe and thank you, for I am a better person because of your friendship...

Mark DiLoreto - January 16, 2025 at 10:28 AM

GW

Got to know Joe in High School as we played for the school football team. He was a kind spirit but on the field he was a beast!! We reconnected on social media as I moved away from NB years ago. We that same maroon and gold became brothers forever, rest well Joe you will be missed by all that respect and love you 🙏

Gil Wrice - January 16, 2025 at 08:46 PM

MA

*My sincere condolences to the family.
I met Joe many years ago working as a vendor for Stanadyne. He was always enjoyable to chat with while I was calibrating the gages. He was certainly a kind man and loved his family. May you find Peace with wonderful memories together...*
Marylou Amenta

Marylou Amenta - January 17, 2025 at 05:09 PM

JU

“ Growing up, I had the pleasure of going on Uncle Joe & Aunt Jean’s epic Memorial Day camping trip at Hammonasset beach. Every year, we would set up a giant kitchen tent where Aunt Jean would make the best clam chowder. This tent felt impossible to set up, and every year we seemed to forget how we’d done it the last. Uncle Joe was ever persistent, however, and the kitchen tent would eventually find its way up.

One year, Uncle Joe came to my friend and I and said “girls; you have to see this. I’ve found the most amazing thing, it’s the most wonderful thing you’ll ever see in your life. Come with me.” Of course, we followed, walking at least a mile down to the beach while Uncle Joe raved about the miracle we were about to see. Finally, he informed us, we’d reached our destination: the “amazing site to see” was a pile of driftwood. Uncle Joe always had this sense of humor.

Julia - January 16, 2025 at 10:18 AM

KF

Ah, yes, putting up that gosh darn tent would always have me close to tears!! But Joe was very persistent. Good times.

Kristine Fletcher - January 16, 2025 at 02:52 PM

DC

*Dear Jean, Ben, Emily and Hannah,
I am an old friend from years ago of your Mom and Dad.
I just heard of Joes passing, and I wanted to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Joe was always the most pleasant, smiling person. My heart is with you Jean, and your 3 children. Will be thinking of you and keeping you and your family in my prayers. Walt and I have fond memories of the times we shared together many years ago. You will remain in my thoughts always.*

Denise Costenbader

Denise Costenbader - January 16, 2025 at 04:14 PM

KH

*Dear Jean and family,
Our condolences and sweet memories of days gone by..
Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kathy Hooper

Kathy Hooper - January 17, 2025 at 09:52 AM

VL

Dear Jean and Family,

I met Joe in the summer of 2016 if my memory is correct. My wife June and I had been renting the cottage next door for a number of years and had become friendly with the people who lived in what was to become Jean and Joes dream cottage by the sea. Whatever life's circumstances unfolded the previous owners needed to sell and Joe and Jean became the new owners. That summer in August we loaded up the car and headed north to Westerly for yet another 2 weeks of absolute joy on the beach on Breach Drive. After settling in on that Saturday I spotted Joe sitting on the front lawn of his new cottage. I was intent on meeting the new owners as my life has always been filled with the desire to meet new folks and share all of lifes blessings. We were cordial and somewhat reserved exchanging all the pleasantries that one does on a first encounter. What was to unfold was a whirlwind of sharing, caring and love that will forever be a part of my life and our spouses. We are all complicated in one way or another and may disagree on many topics but the essential values of family, life, and love were to capture all of our hearts in this exceptional blend of caring and friendship. It was a kind of fantasy by the sea that Westerly imbues in those fortunate enough to partake.

From Joe's redoing his driveway with stones from the beach to fishing one morning at the break of day to catch Porgies by the bucket load to watching Joe and Jean dance on the beach deck to the music of Tunes on the Dunes the magic of Westerly in summer captured our hearts and strengthened a bond of friendship that was truly a gift. We all love you Joe. I love you and will miss our casual conversations and heated debates on life. We are the sum total of all those we have met and lived with. You will always be a part of me.

*Your good friend forever,
Victor*

Victor LaGamma - January 17, 2025 at 07:32 PM