



Gary J. Koch

June 13, 1947 - January 8, 2026

Gary J. Koch, 78, of North Tonawanda, NY, passed away on January 8, 2026.

Born in Buffalo, Gary was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was married to, Susan Koch (Remenicky), for almost 57 years, sharing a lifetime of love and laughter.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife Susan; his children Tracy Polisoto (Jeff), Eric Koch (Katie), and Amy Koch; and his cherished grandchildren Julia, Alex, and Andrew Polisoto, and Avery and Leah Koch. He is also survived by his sisters Ann McCoy (Bill), Cindy Zawieruszynski, Kathy Koch and Sue Elling (Rick), along with many loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard.

Gary was the first in his family to have ever graduated college, and he later went on to earn his MBA at Canisius University. He spent most of his career at Rich Products.

A voracious reader, he also loved to travel abroad. He had a passion for classic cars, poker games, manhattans, and good (by his definition) music. Many weekends would find the house filled with the music of Sinatra and the Rat Pack, Bobby Darin, and jazz. He was also one of the longest tenured Bills season ticket holders.

He adored his family and friends, to whom he was fiercely loyal, and throughout his life he managed to surround himself with those who possessed the same wicked sense of humor. His hyper-rational advice, often delivered on meticulously composed yellow legal pads, will be sorely missed.

Friends may call on Tuesday, January 13 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

A Catholic Mass will be held on Wednesday January 14 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Christopher's Church, 2660 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda, NY 14150.

Cemetery Details

St. Francis of Assisi Chapel

73 Adam Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 14. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Christopher R. C. Church
2660 Niagara Falls Blvd
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Sandy Gagola lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Koch*



Sandy Gagola - January 22 at 01:38 PM

MS

“ *I have special memories of the Koch family, having Traci and Amy in my class back in the day at St. Frances School. My sincere condolences to the Koch family.*
Marion Sionko

Marion Sionko - January 16 at 03:49 PM

AM

“ *Ann M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary J. Koch.*

Ann M. - January 16 at 09:57 AM



“ 110 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wattengel Funeral Home - January 13 at 11:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gary J. Koch.



January 13 at 09:52 AM



“ *The Alvarez and Marsal Team* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary J. Koch.

The Alvarez and Marsal Team - January 13 at 09:52 AM

TG

“ *The Esposito gang purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary J. Koch.*



The Esposito gang - January 12 at 10:38 AM

TG

“ *The Esposito gang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary J. Koch.*

The Esposito gang - January 12 at 10:38 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gary J. Koch.*



January 12 at 10:35 AM

YF

“ *Your KMH family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary J. Koch.*

Your KMH family - January 12 at 10:35 AM

CC

“ *Catholic Health Mid Rev (CDI, UR, CDAD) purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gary J. Koch.*



Catholic Health Mid Rev (CDI, UR, CDAD) - January 12 at 08:50 AM

CA

“ *sue i loved gary u were a great wife he will be missed so sorry we go back 50 years casey*

casey - January 11 at 04:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary J. Koch.*



January 11 at 12:22 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary J. Koch.*



January 11 at 10:15 AM

MD

“ Mike Dewey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary J. Koch.

Mike Dewey - January 11 at 10:15 AM

CG

“ I remember him fondly from all we did together gambling and laughing together. When I was in business, he was my significant other when I went to a convention in Las Vegas. I will always remember him as a good friend. Charlie Gellman

charles gellman - January 11 at 08:43 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gary J. Koch.



January 10 at 07:23 PM

TC

“ Thomas C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary J. Koch.

Thomas C. - January 10 at 12:07 PM