



## James P. Konopacki

September 30, 1947 - January 27, 2017

James P Konopacki 'Kono'

BOULDER JCT- James Patrick Konopacki, age 69, of Boulder Jct., passed away on Friday January 27, 2017 at Season's of Life Hospice, surrounded by his loving family. Jim was born on September 30, 1947 in Stevens Point, WI, the son of Benjamin and Evelyn (nee' Zakrzewski ) Konopacki.

Jim attended St Michaels School and Messmer High School in Milwaukee, WI. He was called to service by the US Army during the Vietnam War serving as a Medic in Germany. Upon completion of his service, he attended MATC in Milwaukee where he earned his Associate's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. During this time, he married Barbara J Selke and they spent the next 49+ years raising their three children. Jim's professional career started at Square-D, and continued on to Allis-Chalmers, A-C Equipment Services, Siemens, ReGenCo and Toshiba Power Systems, where he was a Purchasing and Logistics Manager when he retired in January of 2013.

Jim was a kind, gentle giant who loved his family. He was always willing to help out a friend or a stranger. Jim wore many hats. He never left a job unfinished. He believed strongly in being involved in his community. Jim was a proud and active member of St Anne's Catholic Church, the Boulder Jct. Lions, the Boulder Jct. Community Foundation, Friends of the Boulder Jct.

Library and Friends of the Boulder Jct. Chamber.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara (nee' Selke) Konopacki of Boulder Jct; and his three wonderful children- Kristine (Konopacki) Karrels (Jon Buerger) of Waukesha, John Konopacki (Carrie) of Waukesha, Katie (Konopacki) Crandall (Joe Pijan) of Arbor Vitae and his beloved dog, Gracie; his loving six grandchildren – Josh (Becky) Karrels of Lansing, MI, Matthew Karrels of Waukesha/Platteville, Jake & Jodie Konopacki of Waukesha, and Abby & Brooke Crandall of Arbor Vitae; his siblings, Don (Carol) Simonis, Patricia Heyden, Bob (Iris) Simonis, Ron Konopacki, along with many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking for donations to be made in honor of Jim to either the Boulder Jct. Lions or the Boulder Jct. Community Foundation.

The family would like to thank all of the amazing support, compassion and care given throughout his journey from Waukesha, Avanti Health and Rehabilitation, Marshfield Clinic, Howard Young Medical Center, Season's of Life, the Boulder Jct. community and all of their amazing family and friends.

Visitation will be held at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Boulder Jct., on Saturday February 11. Family only visitation will be held from 10 - 10:30, open visitation from 10:30 - 11:50 with mass to begin at 12:00. Following mass we will continue to celebrate Jim's life at the Boulder Jct. Community Center with a luncheon.

As Jim always said.....

“It is what it is”

Boulder Junction Lodging

### Boulder Bear Motor Lodge

20 room motel, in room refrigerators with large whirlpool located on Hwy M near the Community Center

715-385-2662

### Acorn Lodge

16 room motel with swimming pool on Main Street

715-385-2150

### Boulder Junction Motor Lodge

20 room motel, in room refrigerators with large whirlpool located on Hwy K

715-385-2825

### Big Bear Hideaway

6 handcrafted cabins with fireplaces just west of Main Street with onsite sauna for guests

715-385-2001

For additional assistance please call the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce for additional assistance and ask for Theresa or Maggie. They are looking forward to helping you in any way possible.

- Monday thru Friday
- 9:00 – 4:00
- 715-385-2400

### St Anne's Catholic Church

10314 Main Street

Boulder Jct., WI 54512

Boulder Junction Community Center  
5392 Park Street  
Boulder Jct., WI 54512

Floral Consultants  
715-543-8212

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 10:30 AM - 11:50 AM (CT)

St. Anne's Catholic Church  
Boulder Junction, WI 54512

## Funeral Mass

FEB 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne's Catholic Church  
Boulder Junction, WI 54512

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Barb and family:  
I am so saddened by the news of Jim's passing. He was a such a wonderful boss at Regenco and TOSHIBA. He certainly knew how to make a bad day better, with his stories, jokes and anecdotes. He loved life and his work in Milwaukee, but I know he loved his life "up north" even more so. I remember him proudly sharing with us photos of the Boulder Junction 4th of July parade, the lake, and his fire pit. And, of course, I will remember his great big smile whenever he spoke of his family. Jim was a treasure, and will truly be missed. May God give you strength throughout this difficult time, and may you find peace and comfort in all the wonderful memories. Godspeed.*

*Mary Beth Heup  
co-worker at Regenco and Toshiba*

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**Mary Beth Heup** - February 28, 2017 at 09:11 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James P. Konopacki.*



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February 09, 2017 at 09:00 PM

DK

“ *Barb, I have no words to express how deeply sorry I am to hear about Jim. Please know how much I enjoyed working for him. I will cherish all the happy memories, he was a wonderful person. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.*

*Donna Kupinski*

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**Donna Kupinski** - February 09, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James P. Konopacki.*



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February 09, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James P. Konopacki.*



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February 07, 2017 at 04:31 PM

PG

“ *Pinnacle Engineering Group purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James P. Konopacki.*



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**Pinnacle Engineering Group** - February 06, 2017 at 04:06 PM

MN

“ As neighbors over the past 35 years I have many fond memories of Jim. One in particular touched my heart when he became a knight in shining armor. On June 19th 2016 during a severe thunderstorm I became stranded on Street Lake as a tree came crashing down in front of my car. Barb and Jim took my girlfriend and I in to weather the storm and Jim decided to venture out in the storm to assess the situation. He was gone for quite awhile and we were starting to get concerned as it was thundering and lightening. Jim had taken his chainsaw with him and cleared the tree from the road. Jim has always had a heart of gold and has always been willing to help even when he was battling his own physical struggles. He will truly be missed.

*Monica Nornberg*

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**Monica Nornberg** - February 02, 2017 at 09:08 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of James P. Konopacki.



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January 30, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *I think my most recent memory of Jim was the Colorama Dinner. He needed the help of a cane or maybe walker, but he was determined not to miss it. He loved volunteering for anything and everything. He loved the town and the people in it. Never once did I hear him say an unkind word about anyone. He was just happy and wanted to enjoy life and the community he loved.*

*Remembering when he came to volunteer even when it was becoming difficult to walk was who Jim K. was.*

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**Olivia Soltow** - January 29, 2017 at 10:57 AM

PD

*I'm not sure if I know Mr Konopacki but I was born and raised in Boulder Jct and still feel it to be my home that would mean he was part of my friends/ family... I am sending my condolences to all.*

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**Peggi Dry** - January 30, 2017 at 06:52 PM

SR

*Barb and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss.  
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family.  
He will be missed by everyone.  
Huggs!*

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**Sharon Ratajczyk** - February 07, 2017 at 11:26 PM