



## Joseph John Kopka Jr.

May 12, 1932 - May 14, 2017

Joseph J. Kopka, Died on May 14th 2017, age 85, of Hudson, N. H. [L L L L] [SEP SEP] He was born in Nashua on May 12, 1932, son of the late Joseph J. Kopka and Alice (Williams) Kopka Smith. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Barbara Susalka and Carol Martin.

[L L L L] [SEP SEP] He was a communicant of St. John The Evangelist Church in Hudson where he served as an usher and Eucharistic Minister. He was a graduate of Nashua High School where he lettered in football and baseball. He also studied at Wentworth Institute, Salem State, Lowell Tech, and Fitchburg State colleges.

Prior to his retirement from Kon-Sult, Inc., the business he founded in 1973, he was employed by Raytheon Mfg. of South Lowell, Mass. for 15 years and Bronze Craft Corp. for 7 years. [L L L L] [SEP SEP] He belonged to the American Legion, and was a member of SPEBSQSA since 1955. [L L] [SEP] He served as musical director of the Granite Statesmen Chorus of Nashua and had been the last surviving Charter Member. Joe was also the musical director of the Queen City Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus in Manchester, NH. He sang baritone with the Adventurers quartet since 1963. He served 4 years as Chief of the NEWCANEWENG Tribe, the Northeastern District's honor society. He was named Northeastern District's Barbershopper of Distinction in 2008. [L L L L] [SEP SEP]

He served in Korea in the U.S. Army, 2nd Infantry Division as a platoon leader and Battalion Communications Officer, and after his return to civilian life was commanding officer of Battery B, 398th AAA Bn. Army Reserve unit in Nashua. Captain Kopka was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, The Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, as well as numerous commemorative and marksmanship medals.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley (Poulin) Kopka of Hudson, 2 sons, Kenneth Kopka and his wife June of Hudson, Dana Kopka and his wife Roberta of Nashua, his daughter Diane Fortin and her husband Michael of Hudson. In addition, he is survived by his 6 granddaughters, Cynthia and her husband Dan Voit, Kimberly and her husband Tom Febonio, Jennifer and her husband Michael Williams, Stacey and her husband Mathew Raymond, Kendra Kopka, Nicolette Fortin, one grandson, Jarred Isaac, and 7 great grandchildren, Logan, Myles, Alexandra, Ariana, Owen, Keegan and Ava, several nieces and nephews, and 4 Godchildren.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, May 18th from 4pm - 8pm in the DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST. IN HUDSON. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 19th at 10am at St. John XXIII Parish, in St. John the Evangelist Church, 27 Library St., in Hudson. All may meet at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to please consider a donation to: Harmony Foundation, International, 110 Seventh Avenue North, Suite 200, Nashville, TN 37203.

# Previous Events

## MASS AT CHURCH

MAY **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church  
27 Library St.  
Hudson, NH 03051

# Tribute Wall



“ Thinking of Joe today... In the late '70's Joe came to the GTE Sylvania plant in Winchester, KY to calibrate all the plant measuring devices. I was the new guy in the Quality department and I was the coordinator and runner, chasing down tools through the plant. He would spend 3 days at the plant and he taught me a lot about metrology over the course of his visits. I remember you well, Joe, and miss our talks. I still have a pair of calipers with his KonSult calibration sticker on it.....

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**Eric Andersen** - March 22 at 08:24 PM



“ Joseph John Kopka Jr.

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October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ Joseph John Kopka Jr.

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September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ Dana and Diane, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.  
Kathleen (Brown) Peterson

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**Kathleen Peterson** - May 23, 2017 at 01:06 PM

LP

“ Ken and June,

*In loving memory of Joe Kopa a donation of \$80.00 has been made to the Harmony Foundation International. With thoughts and prayers for your family, from your Alabama friends.*

*Lynn & Bob Bull, Chris & Sue Cardamone, Dave & Linda Pruett, and Peggy Riley,*

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**Linda Pruett** - May 18, 2017 at 03:01 PM

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“ AMVO (American, Military, Veterans, Organization) purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Joseph John Kopka Jr..



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**AMVO (American, Military, Veterans, Organization)** - May 18, 2017 at 09:06 AM

KF

“ My Godfather Uncle Joe was one of the kindest and most loving men I've ever known. He was an amazing Godfather. He loved me unconditionally. He was one of the most amazing husbands I've ever been blessed to know. He loved my Aunt Shirley so very much. He was an amazing human being, talented, smart, and a wonderful personality. He always made sure to make me laugh and smile. I will miss him terribly. To the family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. He was loved by so many. Such a good good man. Again, sorry for your loss. Katherine (Erickson) Fancett



Katherine Fancett - May 17, 2017 at 06:00 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joseph John Kopka Jr..



May 17, 2017 at 10:20 AM

DJ

“ Debi and Nizar Jhaver purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joseph John Kopka Jr..



Debi and Nizar Jhaver - May 16, 2017 at 10:13 AM

EF

“ Dear Shirley & family,  
Although my contact with Joe and yourself was always through  
barbershop we felt  
he and you are very special people. Whenever Joe saw Johanna  
we would often speak  
to her in German, Johanna's born into language. Always brought  
smiles to both of us.  
Much appreciated!  
Love you Shirley and share your loss.  
Ed & Johanna

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**Edward Farmer** - May 16, 2017 at 09:08 AM

BK

“ Joe is now singing with the angels on high. We shall always  
remember his great smile.  
Shirley, may God give you strength.

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**Bill & Tess Kopka** - May 16, 2017 at 07:49 AM

WD

“ With love, Maurine and Dave purchased the Cou  
ntry Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph John  
Kopka Jr..



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**With love, Maurine and Dave** - May 15, 2017 at 09:11 PM

TL

“ *Tracy Lavalliere lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Kopka Jr.*



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**Tracy Lavalliere** - May 15, 2017 at 07:08 PM

DL

“ *Donna St. Louis lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Kopka Jr.*



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**Donna St. Louis** - May 15, 2017 at 05:56 PM

CG

“ *Chuck & Donna Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Kopka Jr.*



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**Chuck & Donna Gilbert** - May 15, 2017 at 05:16 PM

LY

“ Aunt Shirley, Kenny, Dana, Diane, spouses and the rest of the family...  
I am deeply saddened with the passing of "Uncle Joe". He was always upbeat, always joking and regaled all of us with his stories. He lived a full life; a happy life.  
I pray that all your sadness and hurt you feel now, gives way to great memories and smiles later on.  
Heaven has a devoted choir director now....  
With love, prayers and thoughts,

~Lynn

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**Lynn** - May 15, 2017 at 01:17 PM

SM

“ Stacey, Matt & Myles lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Kopka Jr.



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**Stacey, Matt & Myles** - May 15, 2017 at 12:21 PM

GN

Shirl: My DEEPEST condolences on your loss. Was looking forward to our get-together over Memorial Day weekend.  
Joe was "one of a kind" and did an awful lot of "good things".  
He will be missed to be sure.... Gene Nute

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**Gene Nute** - May 15, 2017 at 07:33 PM

MP

Ken, Dana, and Diane, my deepest condolences on the passing of you're Dad. God Bless you and your families. Marc Plamondon

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**Marc Plamondon** - May 16, 2017 at 06:56 AM

HO

*So glad I knew Joe. What a great guy. Miss him.*

**Houston** - May 16, 2017 at 10:21 AM

AV

*I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was a man of integrity and will be missed by many.*

**Alison Vonlderstine** - May 16, 2017 at 11:03 AM

MC

*Shirley, and Family: I am deeply saddened to learn of your loss. May God wrap his everloving arms around you all and give you the strength to endure the loss of your loved one. With deepest sympathy,  
Marge Smith Clark*

**Marjorie Smith Clark** - May 16, 2017 at 11:26 AM

ML

*So sad to here this news. Joe was always a Gentleman, professional, and a good guy. What a legacy he's left.  
Martin Lantagne*

**Martin Lantagne** - May 16, 2017 at 01:52 PM

EJ

*Dear Shirley and family,  
Wish we could be with you today. So many happy memories of Joe at Newcaneweng and with the Adventurers.  
Connie and Ernie Johansen*

**Ernie Johansen** - May 17, 2017 at 02:57 PM



*I will never forget the weeks during the summer that I spent with your family. Your whole family, led by Uncle Joe, is one of the most loving, caring, compassionate, and encouraging families I've ever seen. The love that you have for each other surpasses them all! The way you and Uncle Joe loved each other was so special and so real - a shining example for your children and their children too.*

*My heart goes out to you Aunt Shirley, who will feel the tremendous loss of Uncle Joe the most; and to the rest of the family who will surely feel the void that he will leave in their hearts and lives.*

*I love you!  
-Lori*

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**Lori Ragas** - May 18, 2017 at 02:44 PM

KR

*Joe - I am saddened by your passing. Thank you for teaching us so much about the Standing Ovation Program. To Shirley, I am so sorry that you have lost the love of your life of 62 years. He's singing with the great barbershoppers who have left this earth and in that great barbershop chorus in the sky. God bless you Shirley, my prayers and love I send.*

*Kathy Robitaille, Director  
Nor'easters Barbershop Chorus  
Kennebec Valley Chordsmen Chorus*

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**Kathy Robitaille** - May 18, 2017 at 03:06 PM