



Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz

February 18, 1961 - December 28, 2018

Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz, 57, of Louisville passed away on December 28, 2018. He was the husband of Barbara McKeehan Koontz.

Services for Joe will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Joe was born to Joseph and Martha Hoover Koontz on February 18, 1961, in Peru, Indiana. He was employed by Wal-Mart. He was a former correctional officer at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex in LaGrange, Kentucky.

In addition to his parents and his beloved wife of 22 years, Barbara; he is survived by five sisters, Terri (Mark) Kistler of Logansport, IN, Fran (Randy) Hileman of Denver, IN, Liz (Don) Ousley of Peru, IN, Jenny (Mark) Cardwell of Peru, IN and Lori (Greg) Hartleroad of Peru, IN. Joe is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be John Shuttleworth, Sr., John Shuttleworth, Jr., Bob Demaree, Paul Hughes, Mike Vealie and James Goodrich. Honorary bearers will be Doug Wilson and Joe Roe.

Flowers are welcome. However, donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the Neurofibromatosis Network at www.nfnetwork.org

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road
Versailles, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

Service

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Lisa Ezell lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz*



Lisa Ezell - January 05, 2019 at 03:03 AM



“ *Linda Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz*



Linda Hollingsworth - January 04, 2019 at 10:52 AM



Had the pleasure of working with Koontz at Luther Lucket Correctional Complex.

Linda Hollingsworth - January 04, 2019 at 11:02 AM

CF

“ My heart and love is with all of you as you mourn cousin Joe. My prayer is that God would comfort you during this time and that you would know His grace and mercy. I never got to meet Joe, but I know he was much loved.
Love, Christy

Christy (Koontz) Foss - January 03, 2019 at 12:17 PM

JN

“ Barbara, our hearts go out to you, surely a tragedy. However it is a tragedy only because we don't understand all God plans, but we must trust His planning is always best.
Our love and care. Martha Cuellar and Janet Nicol

Janet Nicol - January 03, 2019 at 11:21 AM

JW

“ Barbara, I am so very sorry about your husband Joseph. I send my condolences to you and your family. You have been, and will be in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do for you, just ask me. May God's Love and Comfort be with you and your family through this very difficult time. God bless you Barbara, Jeffrey Wilson.

Jeffrey Wilson - January 03, 2019 at 11:09 AM

NT

“ Nancy Thompson-Higbee lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz



Nancy Thompson-Higbee - January 03, 2019 at 10:39 AM

GH

“ Barbara,

I did not know about Joe until about 10:30 last night Jan. 2, I am sorry that you have to go through this believe me I know that it is not easy. I remember on Christmas he sent the sweetest message in my Christmas card. Love you Your Cousin Gail

Gail Herron - January 03, 2019 at 07:50 AM

BM

“ Barbara, I was shocked to see this obituary and I send condolences to all of you. I didn't know any of Joe's family but I know he will be missed. So Sorry. Betty Morris

Betty Morris - January 03, 2019 at 12:52 AM

KL

“ So sorry for the loss of your dear son and brother, Joe. Stopped into your business in Peru today and learned of your tragic loss. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Jay and Kathy Lewis, Peru, IN



Kathy and Jay Lewis - January 02, 2019 at 08:23 PM

FO

“ So sorry for your loss ,He was always so friendly remember him at Convention know you are thankful for good memories and truly will be missed

Faye OBryan - January 02, 2019 at 10:56 AM

DS

“ I remember Joe as a kid. My sister Tina and I had so much fun growing up with the Koontz family. We used to play in their family home it was a mansion and hide and seek couldn't have been any funner. It was sad when the family moved away from Walton because with them went all the fun we had and I don't think fun was ever the same again. Rest in Heaven now Joe and someday we will meet again to play hide and seek in an even larger mansion. Much love and prayer for the family I will be thinking of you all.

Doris Dancy (Sutton)

Doris Sutton - January 01, 2019 at 07:36 PM

JO

“ Uncle Joey you will be missed by so many. you had a great sense of humor and always knew how to put a smile on other people's faces. I know you are in a better place and will see you again someday.

Jonathan ousley - January 01, 2019 at 01:05 PM

CL

“ I'm so sorry that I let the years separate us, but I will always remember your sweet face and mischievous smile. I know you are in the presence of Our Lord and that you have much joy sitting at the feet of Jesus. I wish you all the happiness, joy and peace that are yours right now. And I pray that The Holy Spirit will bring that same peace, hope, and joy to your mom and dad, to your sisters, and to your precious wife. May they find strength knowing that you are in a perfect body, there is no pain, and they will see you again. May the peace of God encompass all who attend your memorial service as well. You are greatly loved, Joey and will be greatly missed. Until we see you again, be blessed. Claudia Lamb

Claudia Koontz Lamb - January 01, 2019 at 01:06 AM

DM

“ *Rip Joe. Glad we got to be classmates.
Prayers for your family*



Doothy (Dishon) McCann - December 31, 2018 at 11:47 PM

WH

“ *Joey and I got into all kinds of mischief when we were kids miss you
and love you Joe.*

William B. Hoover - December 31, 2018 at 11:35 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Cardwe lit a candle in memory of
Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz*



Jennifer Cardwe - December 31, 2018 at 09:59 PM

MP

“ *I know you're in a better place and that is what will help not only me
but our family through this great loss. I will miss your silly laugh and
witty sense of humor, you could always make people laugh! I will
forever cherish my memories of staying with you and having to
endure your crazy driving but you always made up for it with your
delicious tacos that you would make me. The world has truly lost a
one of a kind guy! Until we meet again please know you will never
be forgotten. Love your niece Megan*

Megan Perez - December 31, 2018 at 09:46 PM

MP

“ *Megan Perez lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz*



Megan Perez - December 31, 2018 at 09:42 PM

FR

“ *Fran lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz*



Fran - December 31, 2018 at 08:38 PM

FR

“ *"I will miss my brother's caring heart for others as well as his smile. He was always there for us girls growing up. I will remember the good times we all had growing up. I know that you are in Heaven and smiling down on us, this is what is going to get all of us through this difficult time. I will never forget you and will keep your memory in my heart forever. Lots of Love your younger sister, Fran"*

Fran - December 31, 2018 at 08:30 PM

JC

“ I will miss not only my brother's smile but his caring heart for his family & others. He was one who would always be there for you even if you just needed an ear. He would always try to make light of things and knew how to make me laugh. We had great childhood memories I will never forget! Knowing you are at peace and in heaven gives me the comfort I need during this heartbreaking time. I love you my dear brother and will never forget you! Your younger sister, Jenny.

Jennifer Cardwe - December 31, 2018 at 07:45 PM

WH

“ William B. Hoover lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz



William B. Hoover - December 31, 2018 at 07:40 PM

CY

“ I went to school with Joey. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. I remember him as always having a smile and a big heart.



Cyndi - December 31, 2018 at 07:39 PM

KM

“ Worked with Joe at Lockett for several years. My condolences to the family. Kim Mason

Kim Mason - December 31, 2018 at 06:52 PM

JA

“ I worked with Joe at Lockett for several years. My deepest sympathy to all of you at this difficult time. Jerry Alter

Jerry Alter - December 31, 2018 at 06:49 PM

RM

“ Randy Mix lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz



Randy Mix - December 31, 2018 at 04:45 PM

RM

“ Randy Mix sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" Jay Koontz



Randy Mix - December 31, 2018 at 04:18 PM

RM

Went through Lewis Cass High School with "JOEY",he was a quiet person and very pleasant to joke with,I don't remember ever seeing him with any anger,such a kind and gentle classmate,GOD BE WITH "JOEY".. PRAYERS FOR ALL "JOEY'S FAMILY ! 🙏🌸💙

Randy Mix - December 31, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ I will miss Joe's strange sense of humor. He had such a caring heart for others and always made us laugh. He was the best big brother a sister could have and I will miss him dearly. I know he is with the Lord Jesus and singing with the angels His Holy praise. Till I see him again, Love your little sister Liz

Donald Ousley Jr. - December 31, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Officer Koontz. I worked several years at Luther Luckett with him. Assigned to same form often. Even after I was promoted a couple times, I still kept a close eye on "Koontz" and he knew he could radio me any time and I would be there. At the end of the day he knew he could trust me to have his back and I did. We as a family in Corrections hate to see or hear of things like this. Sorry doesn't begin to express the sadness in my heart for each of you. I can laugh at some of the many conversations we had, and share in his sadness with some as well. He was certainly one of a kind. When I would see him getting mad, I would let him vent, then most times have him laughing before I left. Rest in peace my friend! God bless.

Lieutenant Escobedo - December 31, 2018 at 03:21 PM