



John M. Kopec

July 20, 1953 - September 25, 2020

Wantage - John M. Kopec, age 67, passed away on Friday, September 25, 2020 at his residence. Born in New York, New York to the late Frank A. and Catherine M. (Wagner) Kopec, John has lived in Sussex County since he was ten years old. He had been employed as an Advertising Sales Associate for the New Jersey Herald before his retirement. John was a former Democratic Wantage Township Committeeman in Wantage and a former member of the Sussex County Library Commission. He enjoyed gardening and especially loved to landscape around his home. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Frank M. Kopec. John is survived by his wife and sweetheart since the fifth grade, Patricia (Jones); his son, John C. Kopec and his wife Ashleigh of Connecticut; his brother, Daniel Kopec of Chester; his four grandchildren, Zander, Wyatt, Corbin, and Carmella. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment will follow at Clove Cemetery. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in John's memory to Market Street Mission, P.O. Box 1937, Morristown, NJ 07962 or Project Self-Sufficiency, 127 Mill Street, Newton, New Jersey 07860. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Clove Cemetery

Route 23
Sussex, NJ 07461

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CO

“ Pat Kopec and family,

I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a very kind gentleman. I enjoyed seeing him when he came into the office to see Pat. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Cora

Cora - September 30, 2020 at 11:52 AM



SB

“ *An infectious laugh that could lighten the room, a personable and engaging man that will be sorely missed. John was lighthearted and amiable, and a wonderful addition to the conversation whenever he visited Vermont. I will miss him, my thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Sean Bunting - September 29, 2020 at 05:06 PM

MK

“ *Although distance kept our visits far too infrequent, I could always call him and pick up right where we left off, usually with a hearty laugh. He was more to me than he ever knew. I will miss him and that sense of humor that I loved. RIP Uncle John.*

Mathew Kopec - September 29, 2020 at 03:23 PM

CF

“ John was a true blue friend to me. Many a Friday night either after the pool, or in the Fall, He, Pat and I would be in his beautiful back yard with a nice fire in the chimenea. He and Pat bought me my first one. You could not have asked for better neighbors/ life long friends, I knew him forever. I could call him after getting an alarm that I had no heat!! He would go up with a flash light in the freezing cold, to not only check on it, he made sure it got fixed. After hurricane Sandy, my house was destroyed, We weren't there. I get a call from another neighbor telling me, "John Kopec is up on your roof" The next day he filed the insurance claim for us. I have countless other tales of his friendship. I loved him, I loved his laugh, I love watching Pat and John with their adorable grandchildren. I am so sad he was a dear friend, my heartfelt condolences to Pat, his lifelong sweetheart. A beautiful love story, those two. RIP Johnny.

Carolanne Fitzgerald - September 29, 2020 at 10:45 AM

NO

How do you say goodbye to a partner in crime? You were more than a coworker, we were a family. We always laughed at the end of the day. John's love for Pat was so obvious every time he talked about her... The favorite Kopec! His stories about his grandchildren were so entertaining, his love of history always entertained us. I miss our New York talks.. Rest in peace my friend. You will never be forgotten. Norita
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Norah - September 29, 2020 at 10:14 PM

GF

“ I am so very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a very sweet, gentle, warm person, with a wonderful sense of humor. I met John while working at Earl Advertising and he was working at the Daily Record, then he moved over to the NJ Herald. He always brightened the day whenever he came in the office. My condolences to Pat and the rest of the family that I felt I knew through all the stories he shared with me. Stories about his family and lots of pictures of the Grandkids. I will miss him so much.

Rest well my friend I truly was blessed to know you.

Gail Faherty

Gail Faherty - September 29, 2020 at 09:00 AM

JM

“ I met John in 1982 when we were both riding the bus into Manhattan after arriving at the station we would walked uptown together. We got to become fast friend who would enjoy a few beers on the ride home Friday night while planning some together time on the weekend with our wives. We always had fun together and I can't think of a couple,, John and Pat, who we enjoyed being with more;. Whether it be at the Sussex air show , tubing at John's secret spot on the Delaware river, exploring the local restaurants ,playing tennis in downtown Ogdensburg on Sunday Morning then going for a swim in Heaters Pond, trips to the Sterling inn or just partying at John and Pats house. A good time was always had by all. I was saddened when I got Pat's call that John had suddenly died., Even though I had not seen him in decades the pleasant memories that we all shared his kind and generous demeanor and hearty laugh will always be with me. Rest in peace Old Buddy I will say a prayer for you.

Jim melvin Boca Raton FL .

jim melvin - September 28, 2020 at 08:33 PM

CW

“ I worked with John at the Daily Record and he was instrumental in my being offered a job with The Magna Group. It turned out to be one of the best jobs I had since moving to NJ.

He was one of those people you feel blessed to have known. We shared a love of reading & gardening. But his love of family was what made him shine... he knew what was truly important on this earth.

Your presence on the planet will be missed.

Via con Dios my friend.

Carol W. - September 28, 2020 at 04:03 PM

DE

“ In the marketing business we meet many different kinds of people. John was a great guy. I always had time to talk with John. A mix of good business along with sharing life's more precious moments with family stories and pictures of his family. We will miss him.

David R Earl - September 28, 2020 at 12:59 PM

JC

“ Dan & family, sorry for the loss of your brother.

J. Cerra

j. cerra - September 28, 2020 at 12:35 PM

DK

Thank you Janice. I hope you are doing well. Dan

Dan Kopec - September 29, 2020 at 12:38 AM

JC

doing ok, had a lot of heartache this year too. may you and your family find peace. Jan

jcerra - October 02, 2020 at 03:57 PM

BN

“ My heart breaks for John and his family. He was a great guy! I worked with him at the Daily Record and he made me laugh constantly. He loved his family and would constantly pull out pictures of his adorable grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Rest in peace John!

Brenda Newkirk - September 28, 2020 at 09:20 AM

DS

“ I met John when I started at the paper 3 years ago. He is one of the nicest men I ever had the privilege to meet. I was proud to call him friend and I will miss him and his sense of humor . My thoughts and prayers go out to Pat and his family. R.I.P. my friend.

Daria Sorgine - September 27, 2020 at 07:18 PM

KA

“ I loved listening to John talk about his wife. It wasn't often, but he shared a couple of stories now and then. His face would just light up when talking about her. I also enjoyed his smart sense of humor. So sad and sorry for your loss. Sending many hugs.
Kathy

Kathy - September 27, 2020 at 06:33 PM

EL

“ Nice guy. Worked with him at the Herald. He will be missed. Rip John.

Eileen Lakatos - September 27, 2020 at 02:31 PM

DC

“ *John & I were childhood friends... we shared so many wonderful times growing up. Until we meet again, RIP Johnny*



donna capinigro - September 27, 2020 at 01:46 PM

JR

“ *going to miss you dearly on election board at Colesville firehouse. you were a great person and loved the books you read. Joy Ricker*

Joy Ricker - September 27, 2020 at 12:55 PM