



## Gary Lee Koch

May 25, 1943 - June 19, 2016

Gary Lee Koch (73 years) of Sarasota Florida (previously Yankton, South Dakota) passed away peacefully on Sunday June 19, 2016 after battling cancer.

He was born on May 25, 1943 in Arlington SD to Clair and Verna Koch. He grew up on a farm near Hetland, South Dakota with his siblings Larry, Bruce, and Kay. He graduated from Lake Preston High School in 1961 and continued his education at Yankton College in which he graduated in 1969 with an Accounting Degree. After graduation he went on to work at Northwestern Public Service where he retired after 30 years of service. He married Patricia Myers on September 7, 2002. He was blessed with four children, Lori, Jeff, and Todd and stepson Michael.

During his Senior year of college, he was awarded the National Observer Award for outstanding academics. He resided in Yankton, South Dakota where he was very active in fast pitch softball as a pitcher, coaching little league baseball, in which he was honored with Coach of the Year, and he was a member of the Elks Lodge for over 50 years. He retired to Sarasota Florida in 2001. He enjoyed golfing and his 12 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Patricia (Sarasota, Florida); his children Lori (Jeff

Huitema), Jeff (Stacy Koch), Todd (Deb Koch) and Michael; his grandchildren and great grandchildren and his brother Bruce (Pat Koch).

He is preceded in death by his parents Clair and Verna Koch; siblings Larry Koch and Kay Anderson.

His Celebration of Life will be June 21, 2016 at 11 am at Toale Brothers Gulf Gate Chapel in Sarasota Florida with Stephen Winemiller officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made in Gary Koch's name to the Make a Wish Foundation or the Sarasota Sheriff Department K9 Unit.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to hear of Gary's passing, we had many, many softball battles over the years. The thing I remember most of all about him was that he was such a nice and fun guy. Whenever someone would hit a home run off him he would go over to the third baseline and wait for you to run by and would shake your hand. NO other pitcher ever did that. Thanks for the memories friend. Cam Lind

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**Cam Lind** - June 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jeff, Lori and Todd, We were very sad to here about your dad's passing. He fought a good fight. I hope and pray for him and all of you during this very difficult time. May God bless all of your families. Take care, The Schrempp's

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**Scott and Jan Schrempp** - June 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts, love, prayers and sympathy to Pat and family. We will miss Gary very much and consider it to have been a privilege to have known him.

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**Max and Nancy saidian** - June 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM