



## Paul Francis Koenig

December 17, 1930 - March 10, 2026

Paul F. Koenig, 95, of Wapakoneta, passed away at 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Cridersville Healthcare Center. He was born December 17, 1930, in Wapakoneta, the son of the late William C. and Catherine (Frankenburg) Koenig. On August 3, 1955, he married Kathleen M. Steinke, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

6 children, Michael (Cindy) Koenig, Conover, OH,

Marcia (Denny) Maas, Wapakoneta, OH,

Mark ( Mary) Koenig, Copley, OH,

Marlene (Steve) Steinke, Anna, OH,

Marge (John ) Greve, Delphos, OH,

Matthew (Carol-dec) Koenig, Middle Point, OH;

18 grandchildren & 38 great grandchildren;

a sister, Sister Dorothy Koenig, C.PP.S., Dayton, OH;

brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Don-dec (Anna Marie) Steinke,

Judy (Tony-dec) Yahl, Tommy (Jan) Steinke, Rudy Steinke, Jr.;

numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings and spouses,

Bill (Lucille) Koenig, Julian Koenig, Adrian (Marie) Koenig, Omar (Dee)

Koenig, Sister Gemma Koenig, C.PP.S., infant Cyril Koenig, Bernard (Pat)

Koenig, Virgil (Sharon) Koenig, Viola Koenig and infant Angela Koenig.

Paul was a welder and farmer who later retired as a pipefitter from BP Oil in

Lima. He earned an associate degree in steam engineering from NBC in Lima and also worked as a welder at Unisteel in Wapakoneta. Paul proudly served his country as a veteran of the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.

He was a devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wapakoneta, where he served at Mass for more than 60 years. Paul was also a member of the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus Council #1272, and the Gasper del Bufalo 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

An avid fisherman, Paul belonged to the Brands Lake Fishing Club. He enjoyed woodworking and camping, and as a gifted welder, he had the ability to fix almost anything. Above all, Paul cherished spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 16, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Fr. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post. #8445. The family will receive friends 2-7 p.m., Sunday, March 15, and 9- 9:45 a.m., Monday at the Eley Funeral Home, & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

The family would like to thank Paul's caregivers who took such loving care of him: Jeni, Sherry, Angie, Sandy, Brenda, and Beth.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

## Visitation

MAR 16. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
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## Service

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MAR **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Francis Koenig.

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March 28 at 12:32 PM



“ Kathleen and Matt  
So sorry to hear about Paul's passing.  
What a spirited love life kind of man.  
He welded my lawn roller once for me. A fantastic job. I hope that Paul and daddy (Ray Zink) are enjoying a laugh together tonight.  
Deepest sympathy,  
Brad and Sharon (Zink) Smith

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**Sharon Smith** - March 17 at 08:12 PM

JP

“ Mark, I was saddened to hear of your father's passing. Even 95 years seems too soon. For me, grief eventually brings gratitude. For such a man comes along rarely and wasn't I lucky to have shared a few moments in his presence. I was beguiled into his orbit. And all because of the hooley stick. I innocently asked, "What's a hooley stick?" and he was off and running. Here was a man with a great talent for spinning a yarn complete with a twinkle in his eye and a ready laugh. Mind's eye still sees him with his pocket knife working on the perfect hooley stick foraged around the campsite. I imagine he rummaged through his tackle box to find a pin maybe even sacrificing a fish hook to fashion the spinner of the hooley stick all the while telling the tale, stretching the story to keep my attention and thoroughly enjoying the spotlight. No wonder he enjoyed fishing. He reeled me in hook, line and sinker. I was entranced. I was beguiled. I was snookered. His laugh at my amazement watching the hooley stick spin still sounds in memory. I have the hooley stick still. And I have the story though I can't do it justice. The sense of the palpable joy emanating from that man still holds for me. How he would light up in that joy! And aren't I grateful too that I can see that light, that joy living on in you.

*Please know that my prayers are surrounding you, your Mom and Paul's whole family. They are grateful prayers.*

*love, Joanie and Eric St. Peter*

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**Joanie St. Peter** - March 13 at 10:24 AM

TC

“ Tony, Tammy, Alex and Bryce Campbell purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Paul Francis Koenig.



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**Tony, Tammy, Alex and Bryce Campbell** - March 13 at 09:19 AM

JK

“ I went fishing at brands lake and ran into Paul he said Joe you can go home I got them all

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**joe koenig** - March 12 at 03:51 PM

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*Kathleen, I am very sorry for your family's loss of Paul. Sending you love and prayers for comfort and peace.*

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**Anne Yahl** - March 16 at 02:08 PM

JM

“ Janet Miller lit a candle in memory of Paul Francis Koenig



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**Janet Miller** - March 11 at 05:02 PM

JM

*so sorry for your loss he was a wonderful neighbor for many years*

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**Janet Miller** - March 11 at 05:05 PM

JZ

*To the Koenig Family (especially Mark and Marcia),*

*I was deeply saddened to learn the news of your father's death. I recall how kind and hospitable your parents were and their devotion to faith and family. The measure of a father's success is reflected in the beautiful family that he leaves behind. May you all be blest with joyful memories and take comfort knowing that the Koenig family is remembered in the prayers of dear old friends.*

*Love from PA,  
John & Pat Zimmerman*

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**john Zimmerman** - March 15 at 09:34 PM