



## Joseph M. Konkol

July 18, 1969 - December 21, 2025

Joseph M. Konkol, 56, of West Newton, formerly of Erie, passed away peacefully at home, Sunday, December 21, 2025, surrounded by family. He was born July 18, 1969 in Erie, a son of the late Joseph and Florence (Izbicki) Konkol. Born and raised in Erie, Joe graduated from Penn State Behrend where he met his wife Julie. He spent the majority of his career at AT&T. He devoted his life to his family, homeschooling his four children and passing on love for his hobbies: woodworking, gardening, and bike riding. When asked how a bike ride went he'd always respond "there's no such thing as a bad bike ride". He is survived by his wife of 32 years Julie (Gustafson) Konkol; his children Megan, Michala, David, and Pete Konkol; his siblings Jacquelyn Toombs, Rosemarie (Tom) Foessett, John (Mary) Konkol, and Paul Konkol; also many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his brother-in-law Larry Toombs. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, December 29, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main St., Irwin where a memorial service will follow at 8 p.m. For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Sending my condolences to the Konkol family. Joe was my friend and work partner for many years. He was smart, kind and great with our clients. I always looked forward to when he was in town and we could spend time together. We talked about family and life over lunch's and during time at client sites. Joe was an integral part of any AT&T team and made us all better. Joe loved his family deeply and was always proud to share his children's accomplishments. I will miss him greatly. God bless his family and friends. Adrian Smith

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**Adrian Smith** - January 23 at 08:25 AM

DF

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Konkok family. I knew Joe through our work at AT&T. We first worked together in the early 2000's and continued to cross paths throughout the next 20 years at AT&T. He was always a great person to discuss solutions with and try to sort out fact from fiction. He was one of thr good guys. I am very sad to hear of his passing. Peace and comfort to his family.

*Diane Freibaum*

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**Diane Freibaum** - January 22 at 10:25 PM

DK

“ Julie,Megan,Michala,David and Peter, My sincere condolences to all of you. Rest in Peace my cousin Joe. David P. Konkol, Erie, Pa.

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**David P. Konkol** - December 29, 2025 at 07:36 PM

PZ

“ I had the honor of working with Joe for the last 7 years. He was my mentor (and friend). I leaned heavily on Joe, tapping his vast knowledge many times. He was always patient with me and was a tremendous asset to both me and the company. We also loved sharing stories of our children. His daughter and mine were both serving in the Air Force in Colorado Springs and he was so proud of both of them. He was also a fantastic wood worker and once made me a beautiful wooden bowl as a gift. My sincere condolences to the entire Konkol family. A wonderful man has been taken from us too soon. Rest in peace my friend and I'm sure we will reunite on the other side. God bless. Peter Z.

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**Peter Zamory** - December 29, 2025 at 10:28 AM

LF

“ Legacy F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Konkol.

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**Legacy F.** - December 29, 2025 at 09:53 AM

PH

“ I worked with Joe for many years at AT&T. Joe was one of the most respected and admired engineers to ever work here. We are all somewhat stunned at the news and now that we've had a chance to absorb the reality of Joe's passing, we're incredibly sad. I wish I could tell him how much he meant to all of us. I want to write another email to [jk6317@att.com](mailto:jk6317@att.com) just to rant about some meaningless AT&T ridiculousness. He was such a great listener, such a calming voice. I never once heard Joe get upset; or angry. To his family---Joe was a treasure. He was loved. Rest in Peace dear Joe....and I'll see on the other side someday.

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**Pam Hunter** - December 29, 2025 at 09:11 AM

LB

“ Lisa Bradley purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.



Lisa Bradley - December 29, 2025 at 06:38 AM

TT

“ TCT Services Bowling Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.



TCT Services Bowling Team - December 29, 2025 at 06:30 AM

JM

“ Jenn Kundick and Purity Moenga purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.



Jenn Kundick and Purity Moenga - December 29, 2025 at 02:55 AM

BS

“ Brent S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Konkol.

Brent S. - December 28, 2025 at 05:50 PM

EA

“ I had the pleasure of being Joe’s friend and enjoying a bike ride with him. We exchanged humorous movie quotes often, we spent many hours solving business problems, and we often talked about caring about our families. He was a kind human being and the world will miss his presence. I am at a loss.

Ed Ahn - December 28, 2025 at 10:14 AM

CP

“ Christina P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Konkol.

Christina P. - December 27, 2025 at 01:41 PM

TF

“ The Tran Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.



The Tran Family - December 26, 2025 at 08:04 AM

TF

“ The Tran Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Konkol.

The Tran Family - December 26, 2025 at 08:04 AM

LR

“ Joe was one of the most impactful humans I have had the pleasure to work with during my time at AT&T. He was one of the nicest, smartest, relatable individuals I have ever met. Anyone who knew Joe will miss him terribly, as will I. My sincerest condolences to the entire Konkol family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult of times. RIP great man!

Lenny Rozman - December 24, 2025 at 02:30 PM

LR

“ Lenny R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Konkol.

Lenny R. - December 24, 2025 at 02:22 PM

EC

“ Esther, Jon, & Clairra purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.



Esther, Jon, & Clairra - December 24, 2025 at 12:44 PM

SM

“ My sincere condolences  
Losing a loved one is difficult. I think Joe went to spend Christmas with Jesus.  
With love. Cousin Sue  
Majchrzak

Sue Majchrzak - December 24, 2025 at 07:50 AM

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Amy - December 23, 2025 at 04:05 PM

AM

*Joe was a great person to work with. Always kind and helpful! He was one of a kind!*

Amy - December 23, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JJ

*I enjoyed working with Joe, I hold nothing but great memories of his can do attitude. Condolences to his family.*

*Jay Jacobsen.*

jay Jacobsen - December 23, 2025 at 06:47 PM

HM

*Julie our deepest sympathy during this time. I knew Joe my whole life and was so happy for him when we met you at Behrend. Joe always had a smile and a whitty remark. I have so many great memories of him and then all of us and our time at Behrend. We will be holding all of you in our prayers. Helen & Todd*

Helen Martin - December 23, 2025 at 10:10 PM

FF

“ We want to extend heartfelt condolences to the Konkol family during this challenging time. Having had the honor of working alongside Joe at AT&T, we can attest to his exceptional character and professionalism. Joe infused every task with remarkable dedication, warmth, and integrity, making him an invaluable colleague and a wonderful person. His absence will be deeply felt by all of us.

**Foerstner Family** - December 23, 2025 at 11:36 AM

US

“ UPMC Presbyterian Trauma Services purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.



**UPMC Presbyterian Trauma Services** - December 23, 2025 at 11:21 AM

DV

“ My deepest sympathy to the Konkol family. I worked with Joe for years at AT&T and he was the BEST! He will truly be missed.

**Dennis Vaughan** - December 23, 2025 at 09:59 AM

DM

“ Dennis and Judy Milliken purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.



**Dennis and Judy Milliken** - December 23, 2025 at 09:09 AM

RR

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Rob Rioux - December 23, 2025 at 08:21 AM

RR

*This is a photo of Joe and I in between meetings in the cafeteria of our customer in Erie PA in Oct 2024. I share my deepest condolences with the Konkol family for Joe's passing. Joe was there for me professionally and personally for many years. I will miss Joe's witty humor, his willingness to jump in and figure things out, and his calm and intellegent presence.*

Rob Rioux - December 23, 2025 at 08:26 AM

MK

*I love seeing this behind the scenes look of my Dad at work 😊 thank you for sharing.*

Michala konkol - December 23, 2025 at 10:46 AM

MF

“ Merante Family & Friends purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.



Merante Family & Friends - December 23, 2025 at 06:40 AM

MF

“ Merante Family & Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Konkol.

Merante Family & Friends - December 23, 2025 at 06:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.*



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December 23, 2025 at 03:03 AM



“ *Joe was always there to lend a helping hand. No questions asked. Whether it was helping me move cross country by driving my u-haul, flying cross country to help his sister build a laundry room, or countless helpful acts in so many ways to his family and friends. He made you feel like it was a blessing to help, never an inconvenience. He had such a calm presence. You could also count on him for a good laugh! He was brave from the beginning to the end. His character and legacy lives on and shines so brightly in his amazing children. ❤️*

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**Marci Toombs** - December 22, 2025 at 11:21 PM



“ *My Dear Julie and Family,  
My heart is broken for each of you and all of us who loved Joe. My brother meant so much to me. He was always there for me and I know he was your everything too. Please know you are not alone and I will always be here for you. Joe loved his family more than anything and I hope you can feel that love forever and always.  
With All My Love and Sympathy, Jac*

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**Jackie Toombs** - December 22, 2025 at 11:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Konkol.*



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December 22, 2025 at 11:06 PM