



Gregory "Greg" J. Koepke

September 18, 1965 - March 25, 2014

Gregory "Greg" J. Koepke, 48, passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at home with his loved ones by his side. He was born on September 18, 1965 in Long Beach, CA. to Kenneth & Marcia (Pickett) Koepke. He grew up in Holdrege, Nebraska where he graduated from Holdrege High School in 1984. In 1988, he graduated from Kearney State College in Kearney, Nebraska with a Biology Degree. Then he graduate from Hays medical Technology program in Hays Kansas.

He went into ROTC Program with the U.S. Army during his college years and continued in Reserves for 20 years, retiring as a Major in 2009. He was deployed overseas in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Qatar during military career. Greg moved to Wenatchee in 2003, where he was employed at Central Washington Hospital as a Medical Technogist.

On June 23, 2006 he married Jolanta Hrynacz in Wenatchee. Greg lived his life to the fullest and was blessed with meeting his soul mate, Jolanta and four amazing children. He loved the outdoors, sking, biking, boating and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jolanta Koepke of Wenatchee; his children, Madison Koepke of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mallory Koepke Of McCook, Nebraska, James Koepke of Wenatchee and Adam Zukowski of Wenatchee; his mother, Marcia and step-father, Art Remington of Lincoln, Nebraska; his sister, Libby (Mark) Hoffmeyer of Lincoln, NE; his step-brother, Nels (Ann)Oberg of Rochester, Michigan; his step-sister, Anne (Kevin) Landhuis of

Ankeny, Iowa; uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was Preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Koepke, step-father, Roland Oberg, grandparents and aunt.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Holy Apostles Catholic Church in East Wenatchee. Burial will be held in Stanford, Nebraska at a later date. . Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Dear Libby and Ann,
My heartfelt condolences to you and your families. I was shocked and so saddened to hear about Greg. I remember that sweet "little boy" years ago in Holdrege and always had a soft spot for him. He was special. I am so very very sorry for your loss. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love,
Kathryn Bannister
San Diego CA

KATHRYN BANNISTER - April 15, 2014 at 10:50 AM

HK

“ Holly Kennedy lit a candle in memory of
Gregory "Greg" J. Koepke



holly kennedy - April 03, 2014 at 07:01 PM

HK

“ My husband Fred and I worked with Greg (Greg and I tended bar together) in McCook ,Ne. At the Speakeasy Bar. I just loved working with him,he had a good energy,he was working nights at the bar and days at McCook Hospital. He requested his favorite song at the time 'Icecream Man' by Van Halen,heck it's been over 20 yrs since We worked with him and I still think of 'Woody'(that was his nickname with all the co-workers). Greg was a great guy and am saddened by his death.RIP Woody. Fred and Holly Kennedy,Indianola,Nebraska

holly kennedy - April 03, 2014 at 06:57 PM

GR

“ I knew Greg when we both worked in the Central Washington Hospital laboratory. He was always friendly and animated. He made me laugh many times. Despite his appearance as an easy going fellow, he was smart and was a very good, dedicated lab tech. I consider it a privilege to have known Greg and worked with him. Jolanta, I am so sorry for you and your children. You have lost a good man and a great husband and father.

Gerald Rappe MD

Gerald Rappe - March 28, 2014 at 07:29 PM

AS

“ Greg was a fine Soldier and friend of many. We worked together for a few years in the Army and I always appreciated his cheerful attitude, helpful disposition, and his humble spirit - so easy to work with. I will pray for the family and I count my life blessed by having known Greg. Allen Schmidt (Colonel, MSC, retired)

Allen Schmidt - March 28, 2014 at 08:23 AM

DF

“ Madison, Mallory & Libby,
We just want you all to know we are thinking of you during this time. We know Greg is no longer in any pain. Let all of your good memories help get you through these difficult times. Love you all.
Dawn, Todd, Kendell, and Cameron

Dawn Foster - March 28, 2014 at 08:19 AM

MT

“ Greg was a great kid. I say kid because I coached him in Holdrege Nebraska Optimist Football. He was pulling guard who could block and run pretty well. He was a good tackler on defense. Greg was a thoughtful, friendly boy, and he treated younger kids, like my son, with friendliness and respect. I know, by his upbringing, he trusted Jesus and is with Him now. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We love you. TOM AND MARGO CARLSON.

Margo and Tom - March 27, 2014 at 09:22 PM

AM

“ I served with Greg in the US Army Reserve for many years. He most always made me laugh whenever we were together... God Bless you and your family... AMY E. MASSAGLIA, LTC US ARMY

AMY MASSAGLIA - March 27, 2014 at 07:53 PM

DO

“ Our sympathy Marcia, Libby and your families. Deanna and Jim Ostgren of Holdrege

Deanna Ostgren - March 27, 2014 at 01:35 PM

SB

“ Libby and Families,
My deepest heartfelt sympathies to each of you. May our Lord give you strength to endure the aches in your hearts with Greg's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sheila Oman Benson

Sheila Benson - March 27, 2014 at 02:13 AM