



## John Kochubinski, Jr.

May 26, 1930 - January 30, 2020

John Kochubinski, Jr., 89 of East Syracuse, passed away peacefully on Thursday. He was born on May 26, 1930 in Carthage, NY. In 1947 he joined the U.S. Navy and served as a Quartermaster Signalman on the LSM297. John served for four years and was a veteran of the Korean War. In 2015 he was a part of Honor Flight Syracuse Mission 6 to Washington, D.C.

After 34 years of service as a heavy equipment operator, he retired from Allied Chemical in 1986. He also ran Kochoy's Pizza for a few years in the 70's. He loved gardening and cooking and would give away his bounty to friends and neighbors. He enjoyed watching sports on tv, listening to polka music and playing the lottery. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, The American Legion – Post 359, National Committee to Preserve Social Security, AARP and Fritz's Polka Band Fan Club. He donated on a regular basis to the DAV, organizations for the blind, children's hospitals and many other charities. He loved to tell stories about his time in the Navy; deep sea fishing adventures and reminisce about his younger days growing up in Carthage, NY.

He was predeceased by his wife, Carmella; daughter, Dale; and brothers, Carl, Vincent, and Donald.

John is survived by two daughters, Gail (Larry) Cook and Maria Douglas; grandchildren, Lindsey, Hilary, Nicole, and Paul; great-grandchildren, Sacona, Naiche, Caleb, Cole, Sophia, and Carmelina; siblings, Dorothy Napoli, Carol Lozo, and Dan (Jean) Grinter.

Calling hours will be on Monday, February 3rd, 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church, with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at the church, 229 W Yates St, East Syracuse. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery with full military honors.

The family would like to thank the wonderful and caring staff at the Syracuse VA Hospital.

Contributions may be made to the DAV.



# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Woodlawn Cemetery

800 Grant Blvd

Syracuse, NY, 13203

**FEB** **Calling Hours** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Matthew's Church

229 West Yates St., East Syracuse, NY, US, 13057

**FEB** **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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St. Matthew's Church

229 West Yates St., East Syracuse, NY, US, 13057

# Comments

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“ Hello my name is Laura Schmidt, I was John’s neighbor from down the street. I am so sorry for your loss. I spent the past summer and fall getting to know John a little better. I had received some of his mail and when I walked the mail over we had quite the conversation. We would chat from time to time and he would tell me about building the house and being in the war. He was a joy to talk to. Again I am very sorry for your loss. He will be missed. I’ll miss seeing him on his scooter and our little chats.

**Laura Schmidt** - February 04 at 06:15 PM

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“ Very sad to have heard this of Johns passing. I am so blessed to have had known him. These men of history who went to war for all of us are goinh one by one and taking history bits with them. My condolences to everyone in the family. May you find comfort and peace knowing he is rejoined with everyone before. John Rest in eternal peace & thank you

**brianarolli** - February 02 at 01:55 AM

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“ Gail, Maria and Aunt Dorothy,  
So sad to hear of Uncle John’s passing. We will always have fond memories of him. Just a few things that come to mind as I write this make me smile. Our thoughts are with you.  
Becky & Debby

**Becky Bonacci** - February 01 at 09:30 PM



“ LOVE, Becky & Debbie

**Becky Bonacci** - February 01 at 09:31 PM



“ Maria & Gail

I'm very sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I have such great memories of him taking us berry picking and of him and my father driving their tractors through the back yards over to each others house. He was a sweetheart.

Patty Conway (Barnwell)

**Patricia** - February 03 at 03:39 PM

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“ 16 files added to the album Memories Album



**Maria** - January 31 at 10:00 PM



“ Oh Maria my heart is heavy for all of you. What beautiful pics xoxoxo Brian tarolli

**briantarolli** - February 02 at 01:54 AM



“ Family of "Kochy,"

How well I fondly remember John from our days together at Allied Chemical's Transportation Dept. I was the foreman of the gang with John being one of my most dependable people. He primarily was an excavator operator, and a good one. When there was a tough job to be done ..... John would get it done. He was a tough talker but with a heart of gold. A hell bent tipper of the glass but always ready to get at it the next day. I am saddened that I will not be able to get to his funeral Mass at St Matthew's today but know that he is in my prayers. By the way, great picture of him. Just looking at it and anyone can tell his personality(ies): soft, fun-loving and good; gruff and tough sailor.

What a guy!

Dick Flaherty

**Richard J. Flaherty** - February 03 at 09:57 AM