



George E. Koch

July 30, 1931 - April 8, 2023

George E. Koch, 91, of Wall Township, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2023 while vacationing in Hawaii.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 30, 1931 to Frederick Koch and Margaret Marie (Henshaw) Koch, George came to New Jersey in the late 1940's to work for Bell Labs in Holmdel, New Jersey. During his 40+ years at Bells Labs George was instrumental in many innovations and inventions earning him a Bellcore Distinguished Member of Staff Award in 1990 for his work on generic requirement and technical analyses of Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) systems. George also developed an AMA timing tool that Bellcore subsequently licensed.

George proudly served in the US Army from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean War.

George loved to create, build and fix things. When he and his wife would travel in the summer, he created a watering pipe for the potted plants that would be lined up in the driveway and watered regularly by a timing system. George had a home built in Colorado in which he did a majority of the work. He was always thinking of ways that jobs could be accomplished in a more efficient and practical manner.

George loved to sing. His bass voice was a part of the Monmouth Civic Chorus for over 25 years. Additionally, George sang with the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir for 24 years. He was most particular about being note perfect with his music and could be seen practicing on

airplanes going to and from work assignments.

George was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Marie M. Boos, his brothers F. Robert Koch and William Richard Koch, and his former spouse Evelyn (Krimmel) Koch.

George is survived by his beloved wife, Despina (Isaakidou) Koch, his sister, Elizabeth Sporer, his children, Nancy Ellen Weaver and Kenneth Edward Koch, his step-children, John Jasman (June), Chris Jasman (Kelly) and Nike Maria (Jasman) Valente (Anthony). Additionally, George, affectionately known as Papou, is survived by his loving step-grandchildren Zachary Marc Post (Elizabeth), Maria Cassandra (Post) Miller (Matthew), Yanni Jasman, Dominic Anthony Valente, Melanie Despina Valente, and step great-grandchildren Michael Robert Miller and Max Major Miller.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 10:00-11:00 followed by a funeral service at 11:00 in St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1033 West Park Avenue, Ocean, New Jersey.

To livestream the service at 11:00 please go to: <https://www.stgeorgeap.org/live-liturgy/>

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Church www.stgeorgeap.org

Cemetery Details

St. George Greek Orthodox Cemetery

2380- 2386 West Bangs Avenue
Neptune, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
West Park Avenue
Ocean Twp., NJ

Funeral Service

APR **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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West Park Avenue
Ocean Twp., NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of George E. Koch.*



April 18, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Your co-workers purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of George E. Koch.*



Your co-workers - April 17, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Sending love to Des. George was such an inspiration to MCC! - Sue and Jerry Metz*

Susan Metz - April 15, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of George E. Koch*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - April 15, 2023 at 01:21 PM

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“ *Linda and Pat McCall purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of George E. Koch.*

Linda and Pat McCall - April 13, 2023 at 04:30 PM