



Anthony "Tony" Koshar

August 11, 1944 - April 16, 2008

Anthony "Tony" Koshar, Age 63, of Gobles passed away Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at Bronson Methodist Hospital following a hard fought battle with cancer. Tony was born August 11, 1944 in Watervliet, served in the Air Force during Vietnam and was a self-employed businessman in the Gobles area all of his life. Surviving are his wife, Teri, whom he married April 16, 1966; three children, Tony (Cathie) Koshar; Tiffany (Jimmy) Joyner and Triena (Dan) Atkinson; six grandchildren, Paige, Cayla, Marley, Allie, Drew and Ty; his mother, Leona Koshar; two brothers, Ed (Sharon) Koshar and Bob Koshar; two sisters, Barbara (Don) Schimp and Eileen Koshar. He was preceded in death by his father, Anthony, two brothers, Mike and Tim. The family will meet friends Friday 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home where a Vigil Service will be held at 7:30 PM. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Paw Paw. Fr. Bob Creagan celebrant. Cremation will follow services.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Visitation

APR 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
209 S. Brown
Paw Paw, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Teri and family,

Sandy and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and your whole family for your GREAT loss. Tony was sure a fighter, and gave life his best shot. I remember seeing him at the golf outing for Clyde last year. He looked so healthy and was having a great time.

We are never prepared for the loss of a loved one, but God is always prepared to help us through that loss.

Unfortunately, I was out of town all weekend and just couldn't make it to the funeral service. But you certainly were in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerest Sympathy,
Bette J.##imported-begin##Bette Jeschke ##imported-end##*

April 21, 2008 at 08:23 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. There are some people in life you are just glad you meet and we are thankful we have been able to be friends with your family. It is refreshing to see the closeness of your family something that you and Tony are we are sure more than proud of:) It is not often these days that you see a family that has grown as yours has, to make effort to get together, amid all lifes busy schedules. It is something to be admired. I hope you find peace in your loved ones in the days to come.

-Berchiatti's##imported-begin##Bridget Berchiatti##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 11:18 AM



“ Teri, Tony, Cathie, Tiffany, Jimmy, Triena and Dan,
Watching and hearing of you holding such a devoted vigil over Tony
during his illness, has cemented the belief that what "goes around
comes around". Your little ones will reap the rewards of such a
legacy.

With Love,
Cal and Lori Smith##imported-begin##Cal and Lori
Smith##imported-end##

April 20, 2008 at 03:27 PM



“ To the Koshar Family,
We are deeply saddened by the passing of Tony. We will keep you
in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mike and Tonya
Thumm##imported-end##

April 19, 2008 at 05:48 PM



“ The sympathy of the entire Schafer family. The entire Gobles
community has lost a great friend.##imported-begin##Lon
Schafer##imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 07:22 PM



“ I will miss you brother, Tony! I have to think that death is like a new born baby who is comfortable in his womb and doesn't want to leave, but once he does come into this beautiful world that God has given us, fighting and struggling all the way, he would never go back to the womb. Heaven must be that way. Leaving the earthly, where we are comfortable is the same when. But once you enter into our heavenly kingdom and smell heaven's air, and hear the beautiful music playing all day, you would never come back but only be in peace, painfree, worry free, waiting happily for your loved ones to come and enjoy heaven with you. Tony's is there and will have a big b-b-q for all of us, smiling! And waiting. God bless each and everyone of you. All the love there is. Eileen##imported-begin##Eileen Koshar##imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 03:07 PM



“ Teri and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. There is nothing to say at a time like this that can help. Know that we are thinking of you and praying for Tony and your family. I'll never forget the good times we had on the golf trips and the one hunting trip I went on. I actually chased Tony out of the bedroom he shared with me and onto the couch due to my snoring!! He was a great person and we will miss him.##imported-begin##Don & Peg Cozzolino##imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 12:07 PM



“ Teri, Tony and Cathie, Tif and Jimmy, and Triena and Dan:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you all take comfort in knowing that Tony is in a better place and home with God.##imported-begin##Kim and John Hemingway##imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 09:24 AM



“ No words can express how sorry we are for the loss of "Big Ton", an amazing friend, husband, father and PaPa. He will be missed greatly but will live on in wonderful memories everyone has of him. We love you all like family.

*Much love and friendship,
The Brady Family##imported-begin##Tiffany & Craig
Brady##imported-end##*

April 18, 2008 at 09:21 AM



“ Dear Teri & family,
It's so difficult to find the words to express our feelings about the loss of our friend Tony. Please know that we are thinking of all of you each and every day.

We've had so many wonderful times together over the years celebrating all of life's great joys--weddings, birthdays, graduations, births, anniversaries.

We will never forget those happy times with the Koshar family.

We also loved our times on your boat at Lake Michigan. The memory of Tony piloting the boat with his white hair blowing in the wind, great tan and sparkling blue eyes will be one we will hold on to forever.

He was a wonderful man who loved his life and family and shared what he had with all his friends. He will be greatly missed, but he left his legacy in his wonderful children and grandchildren and they will make him proud.

All our love,

Bill & Paula##imported-begin##Bill & Paula Boodt##imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 08:43 AM



“ Dear Tony and Tiffany,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

David Helland, Co-Worker w/ Tony at RGR

Lois Helland, Former Co-Worker w/Tiffany at MLES##imported-begin##David and Lois Helland##imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 08:31 AM



“ We have 35 years of wonderful memories with Tone and his family. He has been a special friend. Our love and hugs to his family.##imported-begin##Nancy and Jim Cox##imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 08:08 AM



“ Big T. here is a little poem that I found. A father is a source of strength, a teacher and a guide. The one his family looks up to with loving trust and pride... A father is helper with a willing hand to lend, a partner, an advisor, and the finest of kind of friend. Tony thank you so much for filling that void in my life. You have taught me how to be a wonderful husband, father and a friend. I will miss you. Love Jimmer##imported-begin##Jimmer##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 10:46 PM



“ Big T - I will miss you in the worst way. You were a wonderful friend and role model. I will never forget all the special times with you and your amazing family. I love you. Chad##imported-begin##Chad Crawford##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 09:44 PM



“ Paula and I want to offer our condolences to the entire Koshar family. We have always been thankful for the freindship of Tony. Tony and Teri always made us feel special. I will never forget the time we were going to Florida and Tony said Ed take my brand new conversion van so your family can have a more enjoyable trip it was so thoughtful of him and Teri. That action made us feel so special, Tony was special to us. Tony was a good snowmobiler he was always ready to ride, or give us a ride on his yacht. I was inspired by Tony and am a better man for knowing him. We will never forget him! Love EdandPaula###imported-begin##Ed and Paula Jeschke###imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 08:00 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Koshar family for the loss of your loved one.###imported-begin##Mark Kampen###imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 07:59 PM



“ Clyde and I were honored to call Tony FRIEND.I cherish every memory spent together and thankfully there were many. I will miss him terribly. My love to a wonderful family. Jan###imported-begin##Jan Crawford###imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 04:18 PM



“ Tony was one person whom i was honored to be able to call a friend. he had a way about him that endured him to everyone that crossed his path. his happy go lucky attitude always brought smiles to peoples faces. we will miss him greatly and he shall always have a special place in our memories as does the entire koshar family.##imported-begin##Ken Jeschke##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 11:56 AM



“ Teri, Tony and Kathy, Tiff and Jim, Triena and Dan and all the grandkids:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Tony was an amazing guy! He always had a huge smile whenever I saw him. I enjoyed the times he took our family on the boat and the time we met him up north for a day long snowmobile trip (even though, he and I "bumped" snowmobiles, thus leaving a small crack in the front of his...). I take comfort in knowing he's in a great place, hanging out with Uncle Clyde once again. We have been and will continue to think of you all.

Love, Jeff and Kelly##imported-begin##Jeff & Kelly Pangle##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 10:38 PM