



## Mr. Michael Andrew Koch

May 31, 1949 - April 26, 2014

Michael A. Koch of Altamonte Springs passed away at the age of 64 years on April 26, 2014 surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, his high school sweetheart of 44 years, Bea Graham Koch, their son, Michael A. Koch II and his wife, Colleen of Panama City, daughters, Bridget Turner and her husband, Bruce, of St. John's County, and Theresa Sloan and her husband, Matthew, of Indian Harbor Beach.

Michael leaves behind seven grandchildren: Michael Andrew III, Owen, and Wyatt Koch, Brice and Brooke Turner, Matthew and Aiden Sloan. He was predeceased by their infant son, Sean Michael.

Michael retired after 25 years of service from AT&T and was an instructor previously at the University of Phoenix and presently taught finance at Full Sail University. He graduated from Red Bank Catholic High School ('67) N.J. and Monmouth University ('72) N.J. He earned his Master of Business, '93, from Webster University. Being a person of many interests, he earned his private pilot's license, a skill he hoped to use later when he would "Fly Navy". After graduating college, Michael volunteered for service to his country during the Vietnam War. After a short tour, he was honorably discharged from the US Navy Reserve in 1972.

A multi-talented man, Michael spent many years involved with the 10:00 choir

at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church and both he and Bea, together were a 'FOCUS' couple for engaged couples at his church. Michael spent his 'spare' time involved with his family as 'the big chief' with the Indian Guides and Indian Princess program of the YMCA. He coached his children's little league teams and was a biking enthusiast. Later he expanded this interest to motorcycling, and became an active member and educator in the Honda Gold Wing FL1- H2 and FL1-W organizations. He was the driver for many family and friends first ever motorcycle ride because there is no one a person would feel safer with than Mike.

He was a passionate teacher of gun safety and hunter education. As an instructor for the Florida Fish and Game Commission, he taught multiple generations of young men and boys how to enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly.

In addition to being a loving father to 3 and grandfather to 7, Mike was also an invaluable handy man for his extended family. Mike spent many a weekend helping family members in all corners of the state of Florida with major home renovations and car repair projects. There was no project too big or too small for Mike.

The Viewing will be Friday, May 2nd from 6 p.m. until 8p.m. at DeGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland, Florida. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Maitland Ave, on Saturday, May 3rd at 1:00 p.m. A celebration of Mike's life will follow at Bea and Mike's home.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. 407-695-CARE (2273)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Ave  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 695-2273  
todd@degusipe.com  
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAY 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
861 Maitland Ave  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Dear Bea, my prayers are with you. I too have been saddened by Mich's departure. I pray that all will get better for us.  
Albert Brinson - GWRRA

Albert Brinson - May 04, 2014 at 07:33 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Andrew Koch.



May 02, 2014 at 09:58 AM

MM

“ How do you choose one memory from a friendship spanning 40 Years? Bea and I taught together at St. Joe's, now Monsignor Donovan or Mon Don, in Toms River-(Mike further shortened the name to "Mo Do' on the principle the shorter the better) in the 1970's and shared many wonderful times together- how many times did Mike get our old "Beetle" running again? Their move to Florida did not break our friendship, as we exchanged many visits over the years; these visits were always the same- sit down and start to talk as though we had seen each other the day before. I will always be grateful I got to spend time with Mike a few weeks ago on the evening before I took the snowbird auto train from Sanford. As always, the evening was one of riotous laughter, recalling our shared memories and friends. Rest in peace, Mike, we will miss you more than words can say.  
Love to all , Maureen Maroney

maureen maroney - May 01, 2014 at 06:12 PM

FC

“ From the Officers and Troopers of 1st Squadron 153rd Cavalry purchased the Sympathy Standing Spray in Christmas Colors for the family of Mr. Michael Andrew Koch.



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**From the Officers and Troopers of 1st Squadron 153rd Cavalry** - May 01, 2014 at 04:29 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Andrew Koch.



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May 01, 2014 at 04:06 PM

BE

“ Bernadette purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr. Michael Andrew Koch.



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**Bernadette** - May 01, 2014 at 01:43 PM

MM

“ Dearest Bea and family, you have been in my thoughts all week. Your Teague family is grieving with you. May Michael Andrew Koch rest in eternal peace and happiness and let perpetual light shine upon him. With sincere condolences and love, Melissa C. Manuel



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**Melissa C. Manuel** - May 01, 2014 at 10:57 AM

DP

“ *Dr. Edythe McNickle -Academic Affairs - University of Phoenix purchased the Multicolor Bright Mixed Flower Fireside Basket for the family of Mr. Michael Andrew Koch.*



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**Dr. Edythe McNickle -Academic Affairs -University of Phoenix** - May 01, 2014 at 09:59 AM



“ *White Standing Cross With White Rose Break was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Andrew Koch.*



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May 01, 2014 at 09:47 AM

 John Reneski

“ *Mike was my undergraduate managerial accounting professor at the University of Phoenix in the 90's; I had the opportunity to join Mike on the faculty of UOPX Orlando Campus for several years and we would see each other at faculty meetings. Then in 2008, shortly after I joined the faculty of Full Sail University, and as I was walking across campus one day to a meeting, who should I bump into but Mike! I always enjoyed our opportunities to catch up each month at Full Sail graduation ceremonies. I was always proud to call Mike my professor, friend and colleague! I will miss him. My condolences to Mike's family!*

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**John Reneski** - May 01, 2014 at 08:22 AM

PS

“ Mike will be missed so much. My greatest memory is that Mike and James had the same birthday and they always made a comment about it. Mike had a warm and giving heart and GWRRA has lost a dear member. My condolences to you Bea and it is indeed a sadness beyond any words. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this sad time. God's Blessings!



*Patti Sloat (Benson)*  
*GWRRA FL1-W Apopka*

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**Patricia Johnson Sloat** - April 30, 2014 at 01:01 PM

RV

“ Michael was a great presence here at The University of Phoenix. He has been missed and i'm sorry to learn of his passing. I'm happy that he was able to do what he loved - TEACH! - through what must have been a difficult time. My thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.

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**Robin Vaughn** - April 30, 2014 at 11:35 AM

SB

“ I worked with Mike for the last six years at Full Sail University sharing many memories as his associate course director teaching Business Plan Development. He was both a good friend and colleague to me, but he was most devoted to his wife and family about whom he spoke all the time. He was very proud of his three children, and truly enjoyed his grandchildren and looked forward to being with them at every opportunity. Every year he would light up around Valentines Day when he would buy his wife Bea roses, making sure they would be delivered on time OR ELSE! We will miss Mike and his stories, his students upon hearing of his passing remembered him as "tough, but fair" and having learned a lot as a result of his teaching. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege to know him. Steve Burhoe

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**Steven Burhoe** - April 30, 2014 at 11:31 AM

CF

“ Deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your family during this difficult time

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**Christy Ford** - April 30, 2014 at 10:00 AM

PL

“ So many wonderful memories, too numerous to mention, just leads me to say "heartfelt condolences to Bea and family " Mike will be sorely missed by so many. Our hearts are heavy in NJ. Wish we could be with you all during this difficult time. But we look forward to seeing you sometime this summer, Bea. God's blessings to you and your children and grandchildren.  
In Sympathy  
Jack and Pat Lennon

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**Patricia Lennon** - April 29, 2014 at 09:51 PM

JH

“ Our thoughts are with you in this sad time. I am sorry we can't be there with you. Mike was a very good person and will be missed. My heart breaks for you!

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**JB and Phylis. Hager** - April 29, 2014 at 08:47 PM

MA

“ I only had the opportunity to meet Mike one time when Bea gave me a bunch of plants from their garden. Mike was a cool dude and quick with a smile and joke. We ended up staying longer than planned because of the hospitality of both Mike and Bea. I know he is in a place of peace now and lucky to have been loved for a lifetime by his wife and family. Peace to you all in this time. I hope you will be refreshed remembering Mike's smile and jokes....

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**Mark** - April 29, 2014 at 08:39 PM

 Warren Nelson

“ Who could ever forget the wonderful Christmas light rides.  
Thanks Mike  
I immediately knew I would like Mike when I met him. He was from Jersey and he was the only one in the chapter I could share a beer with.  
Great guy, I am grateful to have known him.

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**Warren Nelson** - April 29, 2014 at 08:15 PM

 Barbara Barnard

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Bea and the rest of the family. I know that you will all miss him very much and I will be praying for your peace and strength in this time.

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**Barbara Barnard** - April 29, 2014 at 06:58 PM



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April 29, 2014 at 04:13 PM



“ *Bea my condolences. I know mike from the Christmas lights ride we went on several times. My heart and prayers go out to you and bless you. He is with the angels and will always be in our hearts.*



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**Pep Alvarez** - April 29, 2014 at 02:56 PM



“ *May Uncle Mike rest in peace! He was always so pleasant and welcoming right from the first day I met him as he welcomed me into the Graham side of the family. We enjoyed having him visit us in New Hampshire.  
We will miss you Uncle Mike but you will forever be in our hearts!  
--Marlene Graham*

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**Marlene Graham** - April 29, 2014 at 01:15 PM



*Mike,as I write this I'm sure you and Jim are sharing a beer or two and reminiscing over many fun family gatherings. Mike rest in peace knowing your sister in laws and brother in laws will be there for your family.  
Bernadette Graham*

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**Bernadette Graham** - May 01, 2014 at 02:12 PM