



Michael Kochmann

October 5, 1962 - December 10, 2025

Michael Kochmann (Mike), 63, of Oviedo, Florida, passed away unexpectedly on December 10, 2025.

Born October 5, 1962, in Moorhead, Minnesota, Mike was raised on Ottertail Lake—a place that shaped his lifelong love of water, community, and the outdoors. He was the son of Charles “Chuck” Kochmann and Mary Ellingson Gray, and he carried those Midwestern values of kindness, curiosity, and connection with him wherever life took him.

Mike attended Arizona State University and completed his education at the University of Central Florida. In 1993, he and his wife, Tracy Kochmann, built their home on Long Lake in Oviedo, Florida, where they raised their son, Lance Kochmann.

Mike’s career began as a safety engineer at NASA and evolved into work within the simulation industry, where he played a key role in developing and managing complex training and aviation systems. Many of his projects provided support for the U.S. Army. His last 15 years with Rockwell Collins were spent as a Program Manager. He retired in May of 2022, proud of a career that took him around the world—traveling to South Korea, Turkey, Canada, Germany, and throughout the United States. Germany held a special place in his heart, and he loved discovering new places, meeting people, and

bringing stories home with him.

Retirement simply gave Mike more time to do what he loved. He tackled home projects with enthusiasm, spent summers at the family cabin in Wisconsin, and was happiest on the water, walking the dog, and spending time with Tracy and Lance. His neighborhood walks were rarely quick. He had a way of talking to everyone along the way, always genuinely interested in what was happening in their lives.

When Lance was born in 2005, Mike embraced fatherhood wholeheartedly. He was deeply involved in Lance's activities in many sports, including swimming and water polo, water sports, and Boy Scouts. Whether behind the camera capturing memories or right beside his son learning something new, Mike was always present. Their shared love of water defined their relationship—especially skiing. Mike taught Lance to ski, trained him to drive the boat, and together built an 8 foot boat through the SCAMPY program. He devoted countless volunteer hours mentoring young Scouts in the Boy Scout program and took great pride in supporting Lance—along with many other youth—on their journeys, including Lance's achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, a milestone memory that will be forever cherished.

Mike's passion for water sports, which began in his childhood, was legendary and remained a constant throughout his life. He spent countless hours on the lake slalom skiing and teaching others to appreciate life on the water. His patience, encouragement, and boundless enthusiasm made learning fun, and no one celebrated louder than Mike when someone finally stood up on the water.

Above all else, Mike was a connector. When he met a stranger, they always became his friend. He built lasting friendships, and was always there to lend a helping hand. He had a gift for making people feel valued, heard, and

supported, and he cheered on everyone he knew in their personal journeys.

Mike was preceded in death by his grandparents and his father, Chuck Kochmann. He is survived by his mother, Mary Gray of Elk River, MN; his wife, Tracy, and son, Lance of Oviedo, FL; brothers Rob and Chris of Phoenix, AZ and Charlie of Monticello, MN. He leaves behind nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and in-laws across the country, and a wide circle of friends who were family in every sense and will miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the SCAMPY Program <https://acbs-sunnyland.org/SCAMPY-donations/> or your local Scout Troop.

The church service will be held on Monday January 5th, 2026, visitation is at 11-11:45 am, funeral mass is at 12 pm, and reception will be from 1-3 pm. All at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 113 Lockwood Blvd. Oviedo, FL 32765.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
113 Lockwood Blvd.
Oviedo, FL 32765

Funeral Mass

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
113 Lockwood Blvd.
Oviedo, FL 32765

Reception - following Mass

JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
113 Lockwood Blvd.
Oviedo, FL 32765

Tribute Wall

EO

“ Tracy and Lance, we were so very sorry to hear about the loss of Mike. What a good soul, what a kind person he was! We send our love and prayers for your peace and God's healing grace. Tim and Ellen and The O'Toole Family

Ellen OToole - January 05 at 10:45 AM

EO

“ Ellen O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Kochmann.

Ellen O. - January 05 at 10:36 AM

SE

“ Stephen E. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Kochmann.

Stephen E. - January 05 at 06:01 AM

M☀️

“ What a blessing Mike was ALWAYS! When telling another friend about his life I said that he was the real “ Good samaritan” Always willing to help, always seeing things he could offer. I'm a better person having known Mike.
Tracy and Lance are both receiving the love and prayers from so many who absolutely love the Kochman family.
I love you Tracy and Lance and believe Mike will continue to watch over both of You.
Millicent Hansen

Millicent ☀️ - January 04 at 10:40 PM

LR

We are friends of Mike's mom Mary, and are so saddened to learn of this. We have lost both of our sons in sudden deaths, and know how difficult this is. Our Eric was a NASA engineer in Houston. May God continue to comfort and give you peace.

*Fondly,
Steve and Linda Ray*

Linda Ray - February 12 at 08:59 AM

BT

“ *Bates & Company Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Kochmann.*

Bates & Company Team - January 03 at 08:14 PM

BT

“ *Bates & Company Team purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Michael Kochmann.*



Bates & Company Team - January 03 at 08:14 PM



“ We have been so lucky to have Mike and his family in our lives. My life genuinely got better when Mike came into it, and it’s hard to imagine the world without him. We shared so many great days with our families—boating, skiing, paddling, hiking, sightseeing, camping, live music, and countless meals and laughs in between. We’ll press on carrying his memory, grateful for the time we had, and honoring him in the way we live and love. We will miss you, Mike, more than words can say.



Tom Clark - January 03 at 06:01 PM

TC

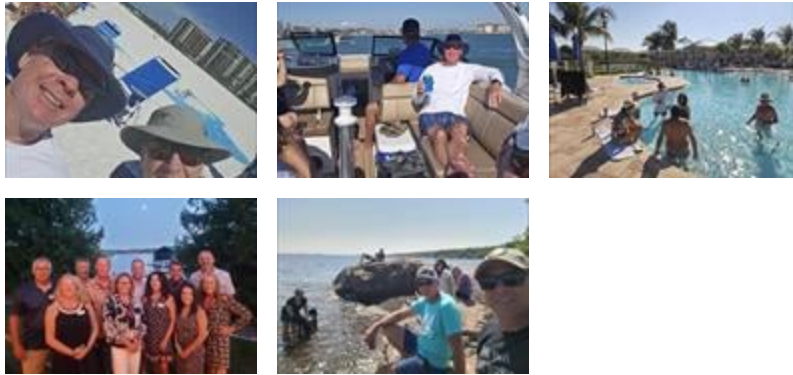
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Tom Clark - January 03 at 04:16 PM

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Tom Clark - January 03 at 04:11 PM

TF

“ The Clark Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Kochmann.

The Clark Family - January 02 at 05:11 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Kochmann.



January 02 at 05:11 PM

XH

“ *Xun Gong and Yilei Huang purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Michael Kochmann.*



Xun Gong and Yilei Huang - January 01 at 07:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Kochmann.*



December 29, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael Kochmann.*



December 28, 2025 at 12:14 PM

ER

“ *Mike was always genuinely happy to see my family and me. He would text us to let us know when Santa would ski by so our kids could run out and see. Kelly and I loved our impromptu lake chats with him at the dock, water trampoline, or at one of our many holiday floats. He will be missed by many!*

Erin de Rivero - December 25, 2025 at 09:59 PM

NG

“ Mike and I worked together on CCTT: Close Combat Tactical Trainer from 1998-2001. It was a real pleasure working with Mike. Down deep inside he was a good guy-A good soul. He was an avid water skier and new that I wanted to live on a lake. He called me one day to let me know that Jonathan Lukas from Lukas Nursery was selling lots on Lake Drawdy as part of Lukas Estates. We bought a lot, built our home and have been there for 20 years. Mike also called to let me know that his neighbor received orders to go to Hawaii and would be selling his boat. I bought that boat and still have it...a 1991 ski antique. I must have the oldest boat on the lake. Tracy and Lance, we all know Mike was a good dad and good husband. We're all going to miss Mike. Pls don't hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can help you with. Nick & Carol Guerra

Nick Guerra - December 22, 2025 at 06:45 PM

RK

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mike through his role as an Assistant Scout Master with Troop 787 and the Silver Knights Patrol. Went on many campouts with Mike through Lance’s middle school and high school years. Will always remember Mike as energetic, physically fit, cheerful, very positive, and always helpful to all scouts in the troop. He lived the Scout Oath & Law in his daily life. There were so many activities that I recall with Mike, but I have decided to just list a few.

Camp Thunder, Molena GA: Mike really enjoyed all outdoor activities, and he loved climbing the mountain with first year scouts. Physically challenging for the youngest scouts, but Mike was always a great adult role model to all.

Melbourne Air Show, Melbourne FL: Mike organized this troop campout—at his company’s property in Melbourne. This campout was a big hit with all the boys because we attended the Air Show on Saturday, and it was also a big hit with the adult leaders.

Cycling Merit Badge & Campout, Ocala, FL: Mike was the prime mover for this monthly program, that involved cycling on great trails & roads near Ocala. All scouts transported their bikes and again had a blast with all the trails, and a long-distance ride to meet the merit badge requirements.

Hontoon Island State Park, Deland, FL: This was a Silver Knights patrol campout, and everyone had to backpack and tote personal gear on a ferry to reach our campsite. Remember that one night we had a torrential rainstorm, for dinner we were all huddled together under a dining fly. Even though the conditions were bleak at times, Mike and everyone had a great time, and fantastic camaraderie.

My family’s deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to Tracy and Lance for the loss of a husband and father.

Rest in Peace Mike.

Rod Kiser

Rod Kiser - December 19, 2025 at 01:44 PM

YJ

“ Ye J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Kochmann.

Ye J. - December 17, 2025 at 11:17 PM

JF

“ Jeffrey F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Kochmann.

Jeffrey F. - December 17, 2025 at 05:56 PM

LC

“ Tracy and Lance, We were shocked to hear of Mike's passing. Words can't express how sad we were to hear this news. You should know how much Mike was loved by just everyone that knew him. I only met him a few times but we will never forget the day we spent with you at your house in Florida where Mike took Aaron wake boarding. You both made us feel so welcome and it was such a fun day. It was easy to see how Bob and Mike could become good friends so easily and stay in contact years after they stopped working together. Mike was a warm, outgoing and kind man. He was a great conversationalist and had a charismatic personality. He was easy to love. Our deepest, heartfelt condolences go out to you and Lance. He will be remembered always! Sending you all our love! Lisa and Bob Collins

Lisa Collins - December 17, 2025 at 11:04 AM

DK

“ *Deborah Kielkucki sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Kochmann*



Deborah Kielkucki - December 16, 2025 at 10:37 PM

DK

“ *Mike was a great friend! We were lucky to spend time with the Kochmann's in Florida and Wisconsin. He will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathy to the family.*



Deborah Kielkucki - December 16, 2025 at 10:36 PM