



## Luddy John Kovach

April 23, 1948 - September 22, 2025

Luddy was born in Ironwood, MI. His family moved to Buhl, MN when he was five. He graduated from Buhl HS with Honors in 1966 where he was very active in football, basketball, baseball, curling, theater, choir, yearbook Editor in Chief, and student government - also attending Boys State. He attended the University of Minnesota.

Luddy had a love for nature and the outdoors enjoying fishing, hunting, wild ricing, and gardening. He loved spending time with family, his labrador retrievers, and his many friends. He was also a very seasoned cribbage and bridge player. Luddy was employed in outside lumber sales for over 40 years, retiring from Lampert Yards Apple Valley.

He is survived by his wife Cindy of Minnetonka, MN; Daughters Robin Lundberg (Nick) of St. Louis Park, MN, KellyAnn Wirth (Luke) of Afton, MN; Sisters Lucille Nelimark (Curt) of Shakopee, MN, Janet Espinosa (Mike) of Albuquerque, NM, Roberta Scott (Doug) of Prosperity, SC, and Ruth Laursen (Paul) of Lakeville, MN. He is preceded in death by his parents Lud and Lucille Kovach.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026 from 3:30-7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Legion, 290 Lake Dr. E, Chanhassen, MN 55317.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 15. 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Chanhassen American Legion  
290 Lake Dr. E.  
Chanhassen, MN 55317

# Tribute Wall

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“ Luddy was one of the few people during my long career in the Lumber business who I really looked up to. When I started at Lyman he became a mentor. It didn't take long before he became more than that. I am proud to say he was a good friend. Since leaving Lamperts in 2001 I didn't have much contact with Luddy although I thought of him often. Luddy was famous for saying, "Just one more!". We even named our softball team "Juan Moore Team". I will always cherish my time that was spend with Luddy, at work and play. My sincerest condolences to Cindy, Robin, and Kelly Ann.  
Kenny Amdahl

Kenny Amdahl - December 21, 2025 at 08:22 PM

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“ Luddy was a great man. I always said if you wanted to find him, just look for wherever work was going on and he'd be there. He always made a special effort to arrange for me to go fishing. The world was richer for him in it, and poorer now. Hank Sinatra.

Hank Sinatra - November 06, 2025 at 09:47 AM



Thank you, Hank! ❤️ He looked forward to spending time with you. He is greatly missed. 😭

KellyAnn Wirth - December 02, 2025 at 12:29 AM