



## Paul Frederick Kokesh

February 17, 1938 - June 15, 2024

Paul F. Kokesh age 86 of Golden Valley. Passed away June 15th 2024.

Preceded in death by his wife, Carole; parents, William T. & Margaret S. Kokesh & brother, William J. Kokesh. Survived by his son, Michael Paul (Aimee) Kokesh; grandchildren, Connor & Ella Kokesh; brother, John Kokesh; sister-in-law, Frances Kokesh, brother-in-law, Ron Billstrom; along with many nieces, nephews & cousins.

Paul graduated from Hopkins High School in 1955 and attended the University of Minnesota. Paul went to work in the family hardware store in Hopkins, Kokesh Hardware and Kraemer's General Store in Glen Lake. In the 1960's he started selling golf clubs and uniforms and eventually, the business evolved into a chain of sporting goods stores named Kokesh Athletic & Golf.

Paul pioneered many changes to the retail athletic supply industry, which evolved into Metro Athletic Supply. Paul retired after 55 years of selling sporting goods at the age of 75.

Funeral Service 11am Friday June 21st with visitation one hour prior at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd. Minnetonka. Live Stream of the service available at [ihm-cc.org](http://ihm-cc.org). Interment at St. Margarets Cemetery following luncheon.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Margaret's Cemetery (Minnetonka)

Bren Rd & Shady Oak Rd  
Minnetonka, MN 55343

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
13505 Excelsior Blvd  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

## Funeral Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

JUN 21. 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ Katherine J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Frederick Kokesh.

Katherine J. - June 21, 2024 at 09:59 AM

LK

“ Lana K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Frederick Kokesh.

Lana K. - June 19, 2024 at 05:57 AM

DF

“ David F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Frederick Kokesh.

David F. - June 17, 2024 at 07:21 PM

JG

“ Jimmy, Kimberly Gibson & Girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Frederick Kokesh.

Jimmy, Kimberly Gibson & Girls - June 17, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul Frederick Kokesh.*



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June 17, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Frederick Kokesh.*



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June 17, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ *John & Anna Wihoit planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Frederick Kokesh.*

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**John & Anna Wihoit** - June 17, 2024 at 06:49 PM

DM

“ I had the privilege of working for Kokesh Athletic right out of college. Shortly after, I began a career with Spalding then Wilson Sporting goods. For over two decades, I had the honor of working with Paul and his team at Metro Athletic Supply, that eventually became Universal Athletic. He taught me a lot about what makes a good salesman. From his 7a.m. meetings with his sales team to his emphasis on follow up and follow through, I learned a great deal.

Paul was tough but fair and was respected by all those who worked with and for him. I am sorry I will not be able to attend his service. I am keeping the entire Kokash family in my thought and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Dave Marrinan

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Dave Marrinan - June 17, 2024 at 06:47 PM