



## Raymond Kocot

January 29, 1933 - June 1, 2015

### Murrells Inlet

Raymond Henry Kocot age 82, died Monday, June 1, 2015 at his residence. Born in Jersey City, NJ, he was a son of the late Leopold and Angela Kocot. Mr. Kocot was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Creation Science Men's Group, a member at Surfside Presbyterian Church, and a member of Surfside Presbyterian Tuesday Morning Men's Group. He also loved playing tennis.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Kocot; 4 sons, Joseph Kocot (Kristin), Michael Kocot (Lynda), Marty Kocot (Donna) and Stephen Kocot (Nikki); 3 daughters, Nancy Valenti (Nick), Sally Baldelli (Brian) and Laura Peeler (Tom); 16 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, June 4, 2015 at Surfside Presbyterian Church with Pastor Julian Riddle officiating.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)  
Memorial contributions may be made to: Surfside Presbyterian Church, 8732 Hwy 17 Bypass Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 or to Amedisys Hospice, 1705 Oak Street Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Kocot



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - June 03, 2015 at 02:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond Kocot.



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June 10, 2015 at 07:59 PM



“ Nancy Kocot Valenti lit a candle in memory of Raymond Kocot



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**Nancy Kocot Valenti** - June 08, 2015 at 11:26 PM

NV

“ My Dad, he taught me at a very young age to embrace, observe and consider the awesome beauty, the extreme complexity, the captivating uniqueness so evident in every variety of species of both plant life and animal life. When one considers nature, the marvelous harmony and dependency and vulnerability. The balance of life and the cycles in nature are pure perfection. Consider the beauty in the shapes and colors of the seashells, geometric perfection and yet they shelter the tiny and vulnerable sea life. Consider the brilliance and variety of flowers, beautiful yet purposeful, not only in medicines but supplying the pollen for the tiny bee, the nectar for the humming bird, the seed for the goldfinch. From the innumerable galaxies to the tiny wonder of the lighting bug which uses chemicals contained in their body that allow them to glow, not just to delight us but to entice a mate. What other creature but a catapillar or moth can wrap itself up and emerge a new creation, a butterfly? Why is it that only spiders can create a silken web spun from spinnerets? It is because we are all part of a grand design, a masterpiece created by a God who loves us! The best of His creation are human beings. Yet..because God chose to give us a free will, so we could make choices for ourselves and not forced to choose what is right and true, us humans..failed miserably and continue to do so. The good news is that God loves us despite our failures. He wanted us to one day live in total perfection so God sent Jesus, so anyone who **CHOOSES** to believe that Jesus death covers our imperfections, we will be with our Creator after this temporal life ends. My Dad is a believer in science and he believes God is the author of science! I know my dad is in eternity, I bet he is in awe over the things the Lord has in store for those who love Him. I will see my dad again! My dad has given me many things, shelter food, clothing etc. I admire him for his zest for life. I admire him for his accomplishments and his character. Yet I appreciate his love and his wisdom. Those are treasure to me.~Love you always! Your daughter, Nancy Kocot Valenti

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Nancy Kocot Valenti - June 08, 2015 at 09:02 PM

SK

“ My dad Raymond Henry Kocot is now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! On June 1st, 2015 I lost my dad who was also my dear friend. I will never be the same again. My words can never express how special my dad was to me. He honestly was the greatest man I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. What a strong man of faith he was too. Through his sickness I never heard him complain about his situation. He was incredible in so many ways. He was a wonderful husband and father and grandfather. What a wonderful life he lived. He did an incredible job of raising seven children and loved us all dearly. I will never forget all of the fun times we had on ski trips and playing sports together, I have wonderful memories of times together at the beach, sled riding and ice skating on the neighborhood pond. He always found a way to make me feel special. He also taught me to go to God for wisdom when raising my own children. In his final moments, he praised God right with his last breath. I am so proud he was my dad. I will keep him in my heart and mind as I go through life's journey. My dad will always be a part of me. I will miss him until we meet again in Glory! I love you dad.

Your son,

Stephen

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**Stephen Kocot** - June 05, 2015 at 09:48 PM

NV

Love to you Steve! Dad loved you from the day you were born. I remember how he cried when he informed us that you were born with complications that jeopardized your fragile life. I never saw dad's eyes filled with tears as I did that day. Praise God, they are filled with joy unspeakable now! No tears in Paradise!

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**Nancy Kocot Valenti** - June 08, 2015 at 09:15 PM

MT

“ Paul and I send our condolences to Michael and Linda and the Kocot Family. A donation will be made to Hospice in Raymond Kocot's name.

Mary Lou Tortorete - June 04, 2015 at 12:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Kocot.



June 03, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Kocot.



June 03, 2015 at 02:13 PM

TE

“ Sally, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and all your family. I know your Dad was a very special man and was loved by so many! His memories will be alive for you always.  
Terri Follett



Terri - June 03, 2015 at 08:38 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Kocot.*



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June 03, 2015 at 08:17 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Kocot.*



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June 02, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Raymond Kocot.*



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June 02, 2015 at 03:19 PM

Sahara  
Kocot

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



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**Sahara Kocot** - June 02, 2015 at 02:10 PM

JS

“ I have known the Kocot's through Marty (mostly) for almost 30 years. It was always clear he cared deeply for his father. The pictures below speak volumes. Marty and Donna have raised two outstanding boys. I could always tell Marty's upbringing and his Dad played a big role. It spoke volumes for the man and the father. I know he will be missed.

*Our sincerest condolences. The Scuds.*

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**Jim Scudder** - June 02, 2015 at 01:50 PM

JT

“ My condolences to the Kocot family



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**John Tate** - June 02, 2015 at 11:11 AM

Jeff  
Christiani

“ *My deepest condolences to the Kocot family.*

*Jeff Christiani*



Jeff Christiani - June 02, 2015 at 10:31 AM

LB

“ *Jeff and I are sending prayers to your family during this difficult time. From everything I have read about your father, he lived a faithful, brave and remarkable life. God bless you, Laura.*

*Jeff and Lydia Barber*

Lydia Barber - June 02, 2015 at 10:15 AM

MK

“ *My dad was the greatest influence in my life, raising 7 children unselfishly for years, sacrificing so we would have more while guiding us to become strong adults. I along with my brothers and sisters and mother will miss him forever. Love You, Dad. Michael*



Michael Kocot - June 02, 2015 at 09:56 AM

BB

*Great pics, n my prayers to all of u he was a great man*

Barbara bucko - June 02, 2015 at 12:13 PM

BG

*Dear Laura and family. So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Barb Gallo*

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**barb gallo** - June 02, 2015 at 01:30 PM

RK

*In Our Hearts  
We thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday.  
And days before that too.  
We think of you in silence.  
We often speak your name.  
Now all we have is memories.  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake.  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping.  
We have you in our hearts.  
by Rose M. deLeon  
You will be missed, with love Robin, Derek & Sahara*

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**Robin Kocot** - June 03, 2015 at 08:07 AM

WU

“ *RIP Marine !!!!  
Semper Fi  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps*

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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - June 02, 2015 at 08:09 AM