



Donald Thomas Konecki

August 22, 1971 - February 14, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Let it hereby be known that Donald Thomas “Bubba” Konecki, age 50, of Wheatfield, Indiana has shuffled off this mortal coil as of February 14, 2022. He went out cussing “cancer and the horse it rode in on” (incident is currently under investigation).

He is preceded in permanent retirement by his parents, Thomas Francis and Donna Mae (Zuccolo) Konecki.

In life as in death, Bubba surprised his loved ones with an early start. Born at Grant Hospital in Chicago, Illinois on August 22, 1971, he blessed the lives of his adoptive parents, Thomas and Donna, by coming on the market months sooner than planned.

He was a graduate of Andrean High School in Merrillville, Class of 1989. He thereafter joined the Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Department for lack of a more cohesive plan. LHFD had the foresight to put him through Emergency Medical Technician training, during which Bubba discovered a knack for making life interesting for his partners, coworkers, and patients.

Three months post-EMT school, he was hired by Fagan-Miller Ambulance

Service, much to the continued chagrin of management. After five years of career development, Bubba entered the paramedic program of the Methodist Hospitals of Lake County, Indiana, graduating in 1998. He went on to grace the lives of several ambulance services, while going on to earn his Critical Care Paramedic certification from the University of Maryland Baltimore College. He also provided instruction and mentorship for an entire generation of EMT's and paramedics.

Bubba recently retired after 30+ years of service in order to resist a four-year long hostile takeover by cancer. He leaves behind an entire island of Misfit Toys populated by EMS, RPG gamers, and other assorted miscreants, led by his life partner Brandy (Brook) Burch; children: Zen and Cassidy Poynter, Xylon Poynter, Isabell Burch, and Baron Burch; grandchildren, Sawyer and Raelynn; brother, Dan (Diana) Becker; cousin, Dawn Degani; nephews, Randy Degani and Zach Graykowski; furkids: Squeakers, Bernie, Lola, and Fluffy; multiple friends, their children, and friends of those children, to whom he was like a father.

Please note, Mr. Konecki would like to state for the record that future paramours should administer caution in dating Ms. Burch, given the outcome of his current situation.

In closing, please be advised that Mr. Konecki may require additional side work to divert his attention from taking over management of Paradise.

Respectfully,
Heaven's Intake Department

All services for Donald Konecki are private, family only. Integrity Funeral Service & Cremation of Wheatfield has been entrusted with the family's wishes for cremation.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *rip bubba. it was with great sadness that I heard of your passing. when I met you i learned that everything I had heard about indiana paramedics was true! those were some days. my condolences to your family, loved ones, and many many friends.*

*they are not long the days of wine and roses
out of the mist our path emerges for a while then fades into a
dream.*

dennis pagni - March 02, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Thomas Konecki.*



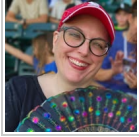
February 25, 2022 at 09:03 PM

YF

“ *YOUR SUPERIOR AMBULANCE FAMILY purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Donald Thomas Konecki.*



YOUR SUPERIOR AMBULANCE FAMILY - February 21, 2022
at 08:43 PM



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Kris Rajchel - February 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

AP

I will never forget meeting you from st Andrew's and being there as a wonderful friend from the start when I got pregnant. You and your parents adored Michael! Then came the pressure of becoming an EMT even after 3 more kids. It was the greatest accomplishment (besides my children) I was so very proud of and gladly gave you credit! Not to mention bringing me to my first job as EMT. I wish I had stayed more in touch, but so glad you had the love of brandy, kiddos, friends & family! I'll never forget ask the adventures in your jeep, youth group, running calls together and being with brandy during Katrina and after at the same station! So many memories that will live on being just me.. with so many over the years the lives you touched, whether it was a patient or Co worker. I'm sure you're cooking up a storm with a stogie!

April - February 17, 2022 at 08:52 PM

JC

I never met this man, but his obituary is probably the most interesting one I've ever read! Sounds like this man was a real blessing for everyone whose life he touched. God bless the ones he's left behind as he enjoys his heavenly reward.

Jackie Corning - February 18, 2022 at 09:33 AM

RJ

“ Bubba was a truly unique individual. The majority of my bar hopping days were with him or because of him. I've heard him belt out Babe by Styx more times than I want to count. He peer pressured me into of all things EMS. He became a part of my family. I can't think of too many family functions we had back then that my parents and sisters were wondering if and when he'd show up. One of the great regrets of my life is that life got in our way and we fell out of touch. The world was an untapped adventure when Don was around, even if you didn't want it to be. I raise a glass of Jim Beam tonight in your honor friend, and I'll listen to Babe imagining you up on stage at Butch Hundley's on karaoke night. You are missed you big lunk.

Rich Asplund Jr. - February 17, 2022 at 07:31 PM

RV

“ BUBBA WAS ONE OF A KIND GUY. HIS SERVICE ON THE LAKE HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS GREAT AND HIS FRIENDSHIP WAS THE BEST. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. REST IN PEACE BUBBA. RON VALE SR.

Ronald Vale - February 17, 2022 at 06:39 PM

FA

“ Fred & son Dylan Ault purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Thomas Konecki.



Fred & son Dylan Ault - February 17, 2022 at 04:47 PM