

## Joseph Kochis

**KOCHIS**, Joseph - Age 58, was a unique man of quiet power, who embraced his faith and openly shared deep love for his family, his profession and his friends. Joe led by example, providing all who knew him with a strong, positive role model. His sudden illness was shocking, and his death that followed has brought a surge of recognition of how truly great and wonderful a man he was. Joseph deeply loved his wife, Cathy and children, Daniel, Michael and lovely Sarah. He cherished his parents, Andy and Helen. He loved and was marveously proud of his brother, Thomas and sister, Mary Ellen, and all of his extended family. Joseph was an attorney who served his clients with professional zeal and utmost honesty. He was genuinely respected by his clients, his colleagues, including opposing counsel, as well as by many Judges throughout the state. Joseph graduated from Detroit College of Law in 1972 and upon his admission to the State Bar of Michigan, he immediately began his employment as an attorney in Detroit with the law firm Garan, Lucow, Miller, Lehman, Seward, Cooper & Becker P.C. Joseph had worked as a law clerk for the firm while attending law school. As a lawyer for the firm, Joseph became a partner and served as its President and Chairman of its Executive Committee. With Joseph's involvement, the law firm grew from one to nine offices throughout the state of Michigan and enjoys the highest reputation because of the moral character and professionalism of Joseph Kochis. Joseph was a member of the Genesee County Bar Association, the Association of Defense Trial Counsel and the Defense Research Institute. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court. Funeral Mass will be held 10 AM Thursday, July 7, 2005 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Grand Blanc with Father Steve Anderson officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Hill Funeral Home, 11723 Saginaw Street on Tuesday 6 - 9 PM and Wednesday 10 AM - 9 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Joseph Kochis Scholarship fund at Luke M. Powers, Holy Family Catholic School or the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Joseph Kochis was a lawyer's lawyer, who knew his stuff and did it well.

