



## William Higbie Koch

September 2, 1939 - April 18, 2022

William Higbie Koch, age 83, of Delaware, died Monday April 18, 2022 at his residence. Survived by his brother Roger (Jan Fleischmann) Koch; wife, Kate Koch; daughters, Elizabeth (Tim Frech) Frech and Barbara (Hadi Teleb) Koch; grandchildren, Ryan F., Brady F., Mara F., Rami T. and Tammer T. Preceded in death by his stepbrother Thomas E. O'Brien. He was born September 2, 1939 in Detroit, MI to John and Edith Koch. He was a retired Mechanical Engineer from King Sealy and Union Fork & Hoe and a co-owner of The Sports Car Forum. A graduate of University of Michigan. He was a member of A.S.M.E., Buckeye Miata Club, Sports Car Club of America member for over 50 years with two National Racing Championships. In his retirement he was dedicated to the preservation and revitalization to the historic buildings in downtown Delaware through JBK Partners. Best remembered as an avid fisherman, sports car enthusiast, loving husband, father and grandfather. Visitation will be held from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Monday, April 25, 2022 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio. Condolences may be left at: [www.RutherfordFuneralHome.com](http://www.RutherfordFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
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Powell, OH 43065  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Higbie Koch*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *From the Cal Bardon family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Higbie Koch.*



**From the Cal Bardon family.** - April 25, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Beth and family,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your father/husband. Praying for comfort for you all now and in the days to come.  
Julie Tufano*

**Julie** - April 25, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Higbie Koch.*



April 24, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Higbie Koch.*



April 23, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Higbie Koch.*



April 21, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Higbie Koch.*



April 21, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Bill- is always was helpful when we needed help with our 1/4 midget when our son Jimmie raced with the Buckeye midget club back in the early 90's. May you find peace and know he is watching over his family! The Phelps family from Columbus, Ohio*

**susan phelps** - April 21, 2022 at 10:21 AM

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“ *The Chaffin Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Higbie Koch.*



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**The Chaffin Family** - April 20, 2022 at 10:31 AM

SG

“ *Kate, Barb, Beth and family- Jerry and I are so sorry about the loss of Bill in your lives. We will miss Bill and his wit, dry humor, and most of all the car trips and conversation. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve your loss.*

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**Sheila and Jerry Gill** - April 19, 2022 at 05:16 PM