



# George Kolze

February 5, 2026

George F. Kolze (1950–2026)

George F. Kolze, of Lake Luzerne, NY, passed away on February 5, 2026. Born on December 24, 1950, and raised in Oradell, NJ, George was a graduate of Bergen Catholic High School and continued his education at Marquette University.

In 1972, George began a distinguished career as a Police Officer in River Edge, NJ, where he served the community for 28 years. Following his retirement from the force in 2000, he moved to Lake George, where he owned and operated the Balsam Motel for 17 years—a role he truly loved.

George was deeply involved in youth sports, serving as the President of the Little League in the late 1980s and spending many years coaching his children's teams in both Little League and REGAL. To his community, George was a dedicated officer and business owner, but to his family, he was quite simply our hero. He led with a quiet strength and an unwavering devotion that served as the foundation for our lives.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Suzanne; his son Daniel, daughter Marissa and her husband, Joseph; and his sons, Michael and his wife Heather, and David and his wife Kristin. He was the adoring grandfather to Grayson and his "Princess," McKenna. He is also survived by his brother, Neal Kolze, and his wife Ingrid.

Services will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Volk-Leber Funeral Home in Oradell, NJ from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## Private

268 Kinderkamack Road  
Oradell, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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268 Kinderkamack Rd.  
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## Prayer Service

FEB 11. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the privilege today of spending the day with the Kolze family to honor "George" or Mr. Kolze. Being neighbors with them for 20 years or so on Wales Ave was truly a blessing. Mr. Kolze coached me for many years and taught me many life values that I still hold dear to my heart and teach my girls to this day. He leaves behind a legacy for sure and my entire family has so many memories of time spent with them both on Wales Ave and up in Lake George, a place that they first discovered and introduced to us and we still go almost every year. Rest easy George, you deserve it after a remarkable life of service to your community and the "hero" that you were to your family.

Jason Lucey

Jason Lucey - February 12 at 12:56 AM



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Volk Leber Funeral Home - February 11 at 03:57 PM

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“ To the entire Kolze family, words can not make any of this easier. I would like you all to know that working with George, we all spent a lot of time together. He was a dedicated Police Officer and a gentleman. He took us new guys under his wing, as I am as well as he led you kids in coaching. I hope that you all enjoyed the time you had after he left the Job. May you know he made this world a better place. George, THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE AND REST EASY.

Curt E. Wilhelm - February 11 at 09:57 AM

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“ We have many fond memories of living two doors away from George and his family. Claire spent many days playing in their yard. They were wonderful neighbors. George will be missed.

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**Kay Gilmartin** - February 10 at 04:06 PM