



Emily Marie Konopka

January 15, 1993 - August 24, 2025

Emily Marie Konopka, 32 of St. Francis, WI passed away on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

She was born in Milwaukee, WI on January 15, 1993, the daughter of Michael and Helen Konopka. Emily grew up in Oostburg, WI, Terre Haute, IN and Lake Villa, IL. She was employed by FOX 6 Milwaukee for 10 years, working initially as the associate producer and later as the producer of the station's morning show Real Milwaukee, a job she truly loved. Emily was a Jonas Brothers fan from the very start, even from the Jo Bros early days of small concert venues. Topping that was her love of Taylor Swift. There is a Swiftie in Heaven today. She was also an avid photographer. She will be remembered for her creativity, love of life and her kindness.

She is survived by her parents Michael and Helen Konopka, her sister Kathryn (Nick) Lillig. Her niece and nephew Kacie and Cole Lillig for whom she loved being their Auntie Em. Her uncles, Richard (Margaret) Konopka, Tom Konopka, James Konopka, Paul Sobczak and Steve Sobczak. Cousins Amanda (Pat) Ahern and Brian (Katrina) Konopka. And many friends who loved her too.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Edmund and Ronald Konopka, Leonard and Shirley Sobczak and her uncle Jeff Sobczak.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at Ringa Funeral Home 122 S. Milwaukee Ave Lake Villa, IL 60046. A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, September 5, 2025 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Lake Villa. Guests are asked to meet directly at church for Mass. Cremation and burial of the cremated remains will take place privately. Mass will be livestreamed here: <https://evt.live/emily-konopka>

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Emily's name to an organization she supported for the past 3 years since her brain cancer diagnosis. Raising awareness through Strain for the Brain. This page is to honor her life and help support an amazing cause. She will be missed greatly by everyone who was lucky enough to know her

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<https://runsignup.com/emilykonopkameorial>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

SEP 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Live Cast

SEP 5. 10:00 AM.

<https://evt.live/emily-konopka>

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.
We are so sorry for your loss. With love, the Seabright family ❤️
Patty, Kevin, Thomas, Katrina, Peter

Patricia Seabright - September 04, 2025 at 09:47 PM

MB

“ My deepest sympathy to your family on the
loss of Emily. She was such a fun loving and
happy girl. My thoughts and prayers go out to
all of you at this sad time.



Michelle Bailey - September 04, 2025 at 06:32 PM

LF

“ Love Emily's Fox6 Family purchased the Peaceful
White Lilies Basket for the family of Emily Marie
Konopka.



Love Emily's Fox6 Family - September 03, 2025 at 12:14 PM

KW

“ Kelly and Jean West purchased the Forever Our
Angel Bouquet for the family of Emily Marie
Konopka.



Kelly and Jean West - September 03, 2025 at 07:37 AM

TK

“ The Niebows ~ Ron, Mary, Justin & Kyle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Marie Konopka.

The Niebows ~ Ron, Mary, Justin & Kyle - September 02, 2025 at 01:22 PM

TK

“ The Niebows ~ Ron, Mary, Justin & Kyle purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Emily Marie Konopka.



The Niebows ~ Ron, Mary, Justin & Kyle - September 02, 2025 at 01:22 PM

IF

“ ISU's TV-10 2015 classmates & friends purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Emily Marie Konopka.



ISU's TV-10 2015 classmates & friends - September 01, 2025 at 11:22 PM

IF

“ ISU's TV-10 2015 classmates & friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Marie Konopka.

ISU's TV-10 2015 classmates & friends - September 01, 2025 at 11:22 PM

AK

“ Amanda and Pat, Brian and Katrina purchased the A Full Life for the family of Emily Marie Konopka.



Amanda and Pat, Brian and Katrina - September 01, 2025 at 01:18 PM

AK

“ Amanda and Pat, Brian and Katrina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Marie Konopka.

Amanda and Pat, Brian and Katrina - September 01, 2025 at 01:18 PM

RJ

“ Rich and Margaret, Tom and Jim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Marie Konopka.

Rich and Margaret, Tom and Jim - September 01, 2025 at 01:00 PM

RJ

“ Rich and Margaret, Tom and Jim purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Emily Marie Konopka.



Rich and Margaret, Tom and Jim - September 01, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emily Marie Konopka.

September 01, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Marie Konopka.



September 01, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ Michael A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Marie Konopka.

Michael A. - August 29, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Emily Marie Konopka.



August 27, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emily Marie Konopka.

August 27, 2025 at 09:35 PM

SK

“ Susan K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Marie Konopka.

Susan K. - August 27, 2025 at 03:28 PM

RF

“ I loved watching Emily grow up to such a beautiful, accomplished woman! She was a true ray of sunshine and the world has lost such an amazing soul! I can't even express how sorry I am for her family and friends! May you find some peace in her extraordinary life!

Ruth Fuller - August 27, 2025 at 01:31 PM

LC

“ Each family event, I always found Emily to be smiling and cheerful. I loved to see her posts of her adventures. She really loved life and took advantage of every opportunity to have fun. She is gone much too early but I know that she is in a better place with that beautiful smile of hers

Lori Capra - August 27, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ My condolences to the family

Dan Likerg - August 27, 2025 at 08:28 AM

CH

“ *Cannedy Family- Sarah, Connor & Hayden purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Emily Marie Konopka.*



Cannedy Family- Sarah, Connor & Hayden - August 26, 2025
at 11:13 PM

JM

“ *Emily was a ray of sunshine. Her smile would light up the room. Loved working with her at FOX6. She will be deeply missed. My heart is breaking for her loved ones. Saying many prayers for her family. She will forever live on in our memories & hearts* ❤️



Julie Moravchik McAlister - August 26, 2025 at 05:54 PM

WJ

“ *With Love- Hilary, Andrew & Janet purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Emily Marie Konopka.*



With Love- Hilary, Andrew & Janet - August 26, 2025 at 05:33
PM

WJ

“ *With Love- Hilary, Andrew & Janet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Marie Konopka.*

With Love- Hilary, Andrew & Janet - August 26, 2025 at 05:33 PM

GA

“ Sending my condolences to Emily’s family. I had the honor of working with her at FOX6 on Real Milwaukee. She was truly a beautiful person and a joy to work with. We shared our love of corgis and chatted regularly about Mickey. She will truly be missed.
- Gabrielle Mays

Gabrielle - August 26, 2025 at 03:42 PM

JF

“ Julie & David McAlister & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Emily Marie Konopka.



Julie & David McAlister & family - August 26, 2025 at 03:02 PM