



Dean Koch

September 16, 1962 - June 5, 2004

Dean Anthony Koch, 41, quietly slipped into warp drive on June 5, 2004, to explore the final frontier of his life with God, his heavenly father. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11:00 AM at Church of St. Anne in Bismarck with the Rev. Ed Wehner officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 6:00 - 9:00 PM and Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM at Eastgate Funeral Service where a prayer service will be held Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Dean was born on September 16, 1962, in Bismarck, the son of James and Marcella Kunze Koch. He grew up in Bismarck, graduating from Bismarck High School in 1980. Shortly after graduation, he joined the Marines. Upon discharge from the Marines, he returned to Bismarck. He worked at various jobs until moving to Minneapolis in 1985. While in Minneapolis, he was involved in computer support work and working at one of the casinos there. In 1994, he returned to Bismarck, again working at various jobs. He was employed as a computer support person for two years and was laid off in 2003. After that, he worked for a short time at a retail store and a casino until he became ill. At the time of his death, he made his home with his parents. Dean enjoyed craft and needlework, reading, and sci-fi movies. He always wanted to be helpful to his friends and cousins so that they could enjoy a long quality life. He is survived by his parents, James I. and Marcella; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, James M. Koch and his friend Chele Hilsendeger of Bismarck and Mitchell W. and Nikki Koch of East

Lansing, Michigan. He will be greatly missed by many of his cousins and friends who knew him well and two little dogs, his Cairn Terrier, Hope, and his parents Pomeranian, Dyna II.

Tribute Wall

HG

“ May you find peace on the promenade of heaven and maybe meet up with the prophets. Much love. Live long and prosper.

Harmony G - October 20, 2024 at 08:02 AM



“ Fly high among the stars & god speed!

Rachael Abney - October 19, 2024 at 04:24 PM

OÑ

“ May your journey among the stars be everything you ever dreamed of. Your memory lives on. Fly high 💖

Oñi - October 19, 2024 at 04:43 AM

EL

“ May your journey among the stars be everything you ever dreamed of. Your memory lives on.



elissa - October 17, 2024 at 09:50 PM

LJ

“ I hope you've joined some sort of collective in the sky, seeking out new life and new civilizations: boldly going where no man has gone before.

LJ - October 17, 2024 at 09:03 PM

MU

“ Mr. Koch, on behalf of the Fargo, ND chapter of Starfleet, the International Star Trek Fan Association, may your family continue to be lighted by your memory and warmed by the energy of your presence in this universe. The Word is Given, Mr. Koch, Warp Speed.

Michael Urvand - October 17, 2024 at 01:22 PM

AR

“ Qapla' from a fellow Trekkie across the pond in the UK

Andrew Rogan - October 17, 2024 at 11:52 AM

 Abbie
Sánchez

“ May his memory continue to live long and prosper with all those who he loved and loved him 🤝💖

Abbie Sánchez - October 17, 2024 at 11:41 AM

SJ

“ Dean Koch: A man worthy of remembrance.

Shawna Jay - October 17, 2024 at 10:41 AM

MJ

“ Sto-Vo-Kor is honoured to welcome the House of Koch. Live long and prosper Dean

Mr David Jackson - October 17, 2024 at 10:37 AM

RO

“ Live long Dean, in the hearts of your loved ones. Your memory will prosper!

Roo - October 17, 2024 at 10:27 AM

CW

“ *Dean, you shall be remembered. You’re a legend. Live Long & Prosper!* ”

Craig Wesson - October 17, 2024 at 07:11 AM

CA

“ *Sto'vo, kor, the gates open wide.* ”

Calliope - October 17, 2024 at 07:05 AM



“ *Frances Quinn lit a candle in memory of Dean Koch* ”



Frances Quinn - October 17, 2024 at 02:53 AM



“ *May your journey among the stars be filled with the adventure you dreamed of...* ”

Cat Williams - October 17, 2024 at 02:15 AM

AT

“ *Dean Koch... you have brought so many together for their love of Star Trek. Your memory lives on in the Universal Language of Love. Whether it's love of family, friends or faith in a future filled with possibility. Thank you for your service for your country. You are remembered. Love from A Canadian Trekkie. Semper Fi.* ”

Al Tayco - October 17, 2024 at 01:52 AM

JE

“ *Semper Fi and RIP fellow Trekkie*

Jenny - October 17, 2024 at 01:45 AM

ED

“ *GLORY TO YOU AND YOUR HOUSE
MAY WE ALL MEET IN STO'VO'KOR*

Edwin - October 17, 2024 at 01:29 AM

AF

“ *One to beam up.* □

Anthony Finchum - October 17, 2024 at 12:58 AM

KR

“ *I feel like you are a kindred spirit across space and time. While I did not know you in life, the tribute to you after death has continued your story and lengthened your legacy.*

I hope your essence is now exploring the hidden aspects of the universe.

*As Q said in the last episode of TNG, “*That* is the exploration that awaits you. Not mapping stars and studying nebulae, but charting the unknown possibilities of existence.”*

May we all be reunited in Sto'vo'kor. Greatest of honor on your House.

Kristen Randall - October 17, 2024 at 12:57 AM

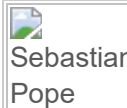


Raven
Valkyrie

“ *GLORY TO YOU AND YOUR HOUSE!!!! MAY YOUR DAYS IN StoVoKor be filled with WINE AND SONG!!!*

<https://youtu.be/WN5apO6AY8Q?si=WNb52aGsqIHKRmV2>

Raven Valkyrie - October 17, 2024 at 12:39 AM



Sebastian
Pope

“ *Ad astra per aspera. I hope you rest peacefully among the stars, Dean. It would have been a pleasure to have known you.*

Sebastian Pope - October 17, 2024 at 12:07 AM



AP

“ *I hope you have been reunited with your small dogs and are at cruising speed loving the stars. I'm sorry we've been introduced so late. I believe you would have been a wonderful friend. Much honor to you and your house!*

April - October 17, 2024 at 12:04 AM



AL

“ *Live long and prosper. I do not know you but wish i had.*

Aishie Lindula - October 16, 2024 at 11:18 PM



JK

“ *"Every life comes to an end when time demands it. Loss of life is to be mourned, but only if the life was wasted."*

– Spock, 2237 ("Yesteryear")

I join so many others from all over the world in wishing your safe passage Into the West. Your memory has become eternal, and I can think of no better way to honor a life.

Joshua Kinkade - October 16, 2024 at 11:04 PM

CH

“It's been twenty years but the whole world is remembering you - we will perform *ak'voh*, the Klingon tradition to keep the predators away as you journey to *Sto'vo'kor*.

Christopher - October 16, 2024 at 10:50 PM

ST

“In the Vulcan tradition, we often reflect on the lives of those who have journeyed beyond. While we do not express our emotions in the manner humans do, we recognize the importance of honoring those who have lived with integrity, curiosity, and a commitment to the betterment of others. Dean Koch, as described in your words, exemplified these qualities.

His service in the Marines speaks of his dedication to the protection and well-being of others, while his work in computer support reflects his pursuit of knowledge and problem-solving—an endeavor highly valued among my people. His love of sci-fi and his desire to help those around him so that they might enjoy a full and rich existence reveal a spirit aligned with the exploration of both the physical universe and the complexities of human relationships.

Though twenty years have passed since his departure, the influence of a life well lived transcends time. Dean Koch now explores the final frontier, a realm beyond the limits of our understanding. His journey continues, as do the memories and the impact he has left behind. In the Vulcan way, I offer my thoughts of peace and prosperity for his continued voyage, knowing that his essence remains part of the greater whole.

Live long and prosper, Dean.

— Solkar

Solkar S'chn T'gai - October 16, 2024 at 10:44 PM

SE

“ *Beware! Beware! A warrior has arrived in Sto'vo'kor!*

Sean - October 16, 2024 at 10:36 PM

HR

“ *May you find new worlds to explore* ❤️

Hrvojka - October 16, 2024 at 10:30 PM

JK

“ *Paying my respects to a fellow Trekkie and a man who served his country. Thank you for the sacrifices you made and may you explore the cosmos and go where no man has gone before!*

James A. Kirk - October 16, 2024 at 10:24 PM



Chrissy
Davis

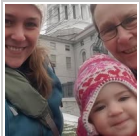
“ *Today is a good day to pay respects to a fellow Trekkie who crossed into Sto'vo'kor* 🙌

Chrissy Davis - October 16, 2024 at 10:17 PM

DI

“ *From one Trekkie to another, I hope you're exploring strange new worlds for real.* 🙌

Diana - October 16, 2024 at 10:09 PM



“ *Sending love to your family. You now know all the secrets of the universe my fellow Trekkie.*

Belinda Kleeberger - October 16, 2024 at 10:08 PM

FR

“ *Klingon Howl! May you rest warrior rest!*

Fran - October 16, 2024 at 10:07 PM

AB

“ *Dean you are among some greats who are sharing the stars with you. May you be able to go all the places Star Trek endeavored to explore on screen. From a friend in the future, rest well, and my your family LLAP.*

Anna B - October 16, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ *Dean, you seemed so cool. I hope you are having fun in the stars, adventuring the universe with wonder and curiosity. Safe travels.*

Kevin Yarrow - October 16, 2024 at 10:01 PM

KD

“ *Thank you for your service, Dean. It sounds like you lived an interesting life. I hope it's been more interesting where you are now. Rest well*

K Dubb - October 16, 2024 at 07:42 PM

AG

“ *Dean, you lived a good life. I trust you're resting well. Much love and condolences from Adelaide , South Australia
Amanda G*

Amanda G - October 16, 2024 at 05:58 PM

EV

“ *Dean, so many years later you are being honored and remembered by like-minded people around the world! I wish we could have known you on this side of heaven. Rest in peace and live long and prosper.*

Eve - October 16, 2024 at 12:45 PM

VI

“ *May you live among the stars our friend. We see you 🙌*

vicky - October 16, 2024 at 05:30 AM

JW

“ *Sleep easy. You are remembered and will live on in the hearts and minds of the people who knew you. May you never be forgotten*

Jon Wayne - October 16, 2024 at 03:27 AM

 Joolsie Crowther

“ *Your memory is definitely living on, thank you for your service. You are somewhere in the stars right now.*



Joolsie Crowther - October 16, 2024 at 02:59 AM

SS

“ *May you continue to journey among the stars.*

Sidney Swinton - October 16, 2024 at 02:39 AM



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Eva Berneel Designbypixie - October 16, 2024 at 01:13 AM

KH

“ Sorry for your loss. He sounded like a big family man. All the way from Botswana 🇸🇩 in Southern Africa

Khursheed - October 16, 2024 at 12:58 AM



Richard
Reed

“ Sounds like a guy who was worth knowing. Now among the stars.

Richard Reed - October 16, 2024 at 12:17 AM

VA

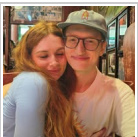
“ You sound like a cool dude! May your memories still live happily in your family and friends' minds.

Val - October 15, 2024 at 11:37 PM



“ No memories to share as I did not know you in life. But 20 years later the world knows and mourns you. I somehow believe you would have loved how you came to be known to so many so many years later.

Erika Foster-Elhard - October 15, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ Dean sounds like a very cool guy. Needlework and scifi, cant beat that! Live long and prosper!

Indiana Underwood - October 15, 2024 at 11:29 PM

NI

“ 20yrs after your passing your memory lives on - on the Internet with us needs we hope your away mission is going well... Nicola stardate 16-10-2024

Nicola - October 15, 2024 at 11:05 PM

RA

“ 20 years later, you might appreciate this <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/N3TskhmLnmQn4PTF/>

Rachel - October 15, 2024 at 10:51 PM