



## Anthony Edward Kozlinski Jr

July 8, 1946 - April 6, 2021

Mr. Anthony Edward Kozlinski, Jr., of Hohenwald, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at the age of 74.

He was born on July 8, 1946, to Anthony E Kozlinski, Sr. MD and Jane Marie (Reiser) Kozlinski, in Detroit, Michigan. In 1967, he was inducted into the United States Army and served almost two years in Vietnam and was a Combat Wounded Vietnam Veteran. He was a master scuba diver and a very good instructor. On August 23, 1997, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Kathryn Ann Workman Kozlinski. They dated for sixteen wonderful years before tying the knot. Together, they lived and built a life they loved.

While serving his country, he was awarded a purple heart, earned a combat infantryman badge, and was given a Presidential Commendation Award. After Tony left the service, he made it his life's work to help veterans in any way he could and be active in many veterans associations of America. Those include Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 (Past President), VFW, DAV, and VVA. He was passionate about raising awareness for veterans and what they deal with on a daily basis. He was a support group leader for many years for a PTSD support group, helped start the Fraser House in Michigan, which helped house homeless veterans, started a car donation program that allowed veterans who couldn't afford it have access to a vehicle, and he also worked tirelessly at a longterm veterans care facility in Battle Creek Michigan that helped PTSD patients. He also worked on countless veterans bingo fundraisers, pancake breakfasts, and various other events all to help local

veterans. Tony was also a huge proponent of agent orange awareness and even had an agent orange awareness booth in Kokomo, IN, each year. Tony proudly marched in a parade in Washington commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Wall. He also participated in the Annual Pilgrimage to the Vietnam Wall many times. Tony was indeed a proud and dedicated veteran. Soldiers in the United States are treated better today because of the work Tony has done for the last thirty years.

After his retirement in Michigan, he and Kathryn moved back to Kathryn's hometown, Hohenwald, TN. While here, he was very active in the Hohenwald First United Methodist Church. He served as the church treasurer, HFUMC Mens Club Treasurer, safety officer, and a member of the finance committee. He and Kathryn are very active members of the community as well. Tony was the treasurer for the High Forrest Humane Society, he even fostered many animals as well. He worked tirelessly with the food bank and Second Harvest Food Bank. Also, he was an honorary member of the Pilot Club.

He and Kathryn loved retirement together. They spent many hours outside fishing, camping, riding four-wheelers, motorcycles, and just enjoying the outdoors.

Above all, Tony was a great husband, great dad, and a wonderful granddad. He was passionate about the things he believed in, and was a dedicated public servant to all. Most of all, his goal was to make this place better for his children and grandchildren.

Along with his wife, Kathryn Ann Workman Kozlinski, he is survived by his son, Joseph "Koz" Anthony (Chrissie) Kozlinski, of Tacoma, Washington, a step-son, Charles "Chuck" V (Christina) LePard, of St Claire Shores, Michigan, and a step-daughter, Amanda "Mandi" Kathryn (Randall) Marshall, of Lakeland, Florida.

He is also survived by his sisters, Cynthia "Cindy" (Jim) Nelson of Palm Springs, California, and Anita "Neets" Eccles of St. Claire Shores, Michigan. Grandchildren include Stella Rose Kozlinski, Sierra Rayne Green, Sabrina

Elizabeth Mold, Sean Michael Christian Mold, and Christian Patrick O'Grady. One niece, Lindsay Dalton, one great nephew, Larry Reeves III, and one great niece, Skyler Reeves.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by one brother, Karl Joseph Kozlinski.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 9, from 4:30-9:30PM at McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 10, at 11:00AM, at the First United Methodist Church in Hohenwald. Burial will follow in the Swiss Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Swiss Cemetery

281 Summertown Hwy  
Hohenwald, TN 38462

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County  
20 West 2nd Avenue  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2207

## Funeral Service

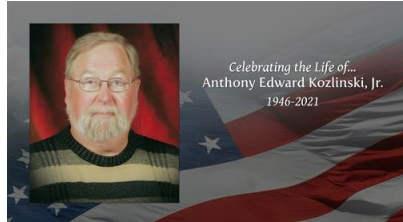
APR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hohenwald First United Methodist Church  
200 S Court St, Hohenwald  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2681

# Tribute Wall



“ *McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony Edward Kozlinski Jr*



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**McDonald Funeral Home, Inc** - October 25, 2021 at 10:35 AM

AM

“ *Dad, your birthday is in two days. You were never big on celebrating it or drawing attention to yourself. It is going to be a hard day for us. Sierra will be visiting her second home and her first time without you and your special Pupa's pancakes. Thank you for all you did for the three kids and I and mom. Thank you for teaching me how to ride a motorcycle. All the camping memories. Saving Sean when he got stuck in the current in the Tennessee River. Thank you for being Dad, grandpa, and an awesome husband to my mom. Thank you for Joe Koz. Lots of love. Mandi, Sean, Sabrina and Sierra.*



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**Amanda** - July 06, 2021 at 07:40 PM

BH

“ S

*So sorry to hear this sad news. We didn't know Tony very well but he was always kind to Bud and I at all family functions. As we read about him a man of honor and served our country. We thank Tony for that. May God bless you and keep you. Always in our hearts thoughts and prayers. May God guide you Kathryn and family through this difficult time. All our love*

*Buddy, Jodi, Sarah and spirit of Zach Howell*

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**Bud and Jodi Howell** - April 12, 2021 at 11:27 AM

BH

“ Dear Kathryn and family

*We (Bud and Jodi) we're blessed to know Tony as we did not know him real well, he was always friendly, kind and engage in family conversations with us and our kids Sarah and zach. We are so sorry for your lost. I had posted something back 4 days ago but I did not see it show up. May God bless you and keep you during this difficult time. Always in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Love to all*



*Buddy, Jodi, Sarah and Spirit of Zach*

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**Bud and Jodi Howell** - April 11, 2021 at 05:56 PM

KT

“ Kathryn and family,  
*Praying for Our Lord's blessings of strength,  
comfort and peace for each of you.*  
Kitty Thomas



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**Kitty Thomas** - April 09, 2021 at 04:40 PM

TK

“ We were so Blessed to have known Tony and expert his warmth and strength. Hi will be greatly missed. Prayers and love to all of you.

Tia Klein - April 09, 2021 at 02:05 PM

KK

“ Joe, I wish I could be there to honor your dad along with you and Kathryn. He was a great man. I am sharing in your sadness as you remember him. The lessons your dad taught you, the love he gave, the way he cared for people...all those good things live on in you. My sincere condolences to you, Kathryn and family and the Kozlinski family. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest In Peace. Amen.

Kathleen Kozlinski - April 08, 2021 at 07:56 PM

PH

“ My dearest "sister by choice" Kat and family, I am heartbroken by your loss of Tony. Such a wonderful, funny, and warm soul. So lucky and proud our men brought us together and now they are re-united to watch over us as we go on with the gifts they gave us. Love you, Phyllis Higgins

Phyllis Higgins - April 08, 2021 at 05:36 PM

CK

“ Cynthia Miller Kilpatrick lit a candle in memory of Anthony Edward Kozlinski Jr



Cynthia Miller kilpatrick - April 08, 2021 at 05:08 PM

TK

“ Kathryn. So sorry for the loss of Tony. We had no idea. We are here for you.

*Tommy and Cynthia Kilpatrick.*

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**Tom kilpatrick** - April 07, 2021 at 11:44 PM

JE

“ Dearest Kathryn and Family, We are so sad to hear that precious Tony has gone from earth. We will forever keep our fond memories of him as part of your sweet marriage team. He was the champagne glass that held your bubbles and splash; your friendly personality perfectly matched his solid, supportive nature. The community, the church - easily the whole world - was better because the two of you enjoyed doing so many things together.

*We pray that God will sustain you and give you strength.*

*We send much love, John and Johnnia Elkins*

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**Johnnia Elkins** - April 07, 2021 at 06:24 PM

AD

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.



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**Arelus & Ernestine Dye** - April 07, 2021 at 01:12 PM