



Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership
Enhancing the Lives of Rhode Island's Youth through Mentoring

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**Peter with his mentees
Devon and Nick**

Dear Jo-Ann,

Remembering our Friend... Peter Koch

"It is with tremendous sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our wonderful friend, mentor and long-time board member, Peter Koch. Peter's legacy is of a life well-lived and as a man well loved. His sense of humor and sense of community was only exceeded by his kindness and generosity. Even in his passing, he continues his legacy of caring for kids by designating the RI Mentoring Partnership and Buttonhole Golf as beneficiaries of gifts in lieu of flowers. Peter, we will always admire your hard work, love of family and dedication to the community. We will miss you and always honor your memory."

- Jo-Ann Schofield, President & CEO, RI Mentoring Partnership

Peter's Obituary (courtesy of the Warwick Beacon)

Peter Alfred Koch



Peter Alfred Koch, 65, of Verdant Lane, Warwick, passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at home, surrounded by his family. He was the loving husband of the late Marite (Kelly) Koch.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Peter and Dorothy (Giovine) Koch. He was raised in West Warwick and lived in Warwick for the past 40 years. Peter attended Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick and the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. Peter was the Chief Executive Officer of Koch Eye Associates for the past 30 years. He was a board member of the Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership, Coastway Community Bank, Candescant Holdings, LLC, Sargent Rehabilitation Center, Workforce Partnership of R.I. and Button Hole Golf.

Peter is well known for his love of golf and was a member of The Carnegie Abbey Club, Skibo Castle in Dornoch, Scotland, and Fiddlesticks Country Club in Ft. Myers, Florida. Some of his most memorable golf achievements include his six holes-in-one, making par on every hole at Pebble Beach and most recently winning the World Senior Amateur Championship in Provence, France. Peter was an avid traveler but his greatest pleasure was being a devoted husband, father and friend.

He leaves behind four children: Kelly Koch, of Springfield, MA, Amy (Koch) Flynn and her husband, Stephen, of Hingham, MA, Kristen Koch, and Peter Koch, Jr., both of Boston, MA. Peter was survived by his brother, Paul S. Koch, M.D., and his wife, Joanne, of Warwick, and his sister, D. Patricia Koch, O.D., of Warwick, as well as fourteen nieces and nephews; a granddaughter, Brooke Flynn, and his granddog, Maeby.

Peter's funeral will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., from the Russell J. Boyle & Son Funeral Home, 142 Centerville Road (Rt. 117 - Exit 10 off I-95) Warwick. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Gregory the Great Church, 360 Cowesett Road, Warwick. Burial will follow at Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery, North Kingstown. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, [donations in his memory can be made to: R.I. Mentoring Partnership](#), 3296 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 or Button Hole Golf, 1 Button Hole Drive, Providence, RI 02909. For directions and online condolences, please visit: www.boyleandsonfuneralhome.com

Just Some of Peter's Greatest Hits with RIMP!!!

April 2007: Peter competes at the first Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring Fundraiser (you HAVE to watch this!)



Peter Koch at the first-ever Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring

And the winner is:



November 2010: Peter & Koch Eye Associates receive the Association of Fundraising Professionals, RI Chapter, Outstanding Philanthropic Business Award. Peter (center) with other award winners.



January 2013: Peter attends the National Mentoring Summit as the first-ever recipient of the Excellence in Mentoring in America award for Individual Leadership from MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership. Peter, David Shapiro, CEO of MENTOR and Jo-Ann



November 2013: Peter once again allows himself to be in the hot seat for mentoring, as his friends and colleagues roast him. The event raised \$25,000 for RIMP!

Longtime friend, Karen Adams, adjusts Peter's tie for the big event.



Thank You, Peter. As Whitney Houston once sang, "I will always love you..." We will embrace your memory, respect your dedication and work tirelessly to carry on your legacy.

Forever Yours in Mentoring,

Team RIMP

Jo-Ann, Sue, Pam, Nichole and Marc

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Change:
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Our philosophy is simple: when we invest today in expanding our community's capacity to mentor our youth, we will see an incredible return in the lives of our children and the health of our communities for generations to come.

Questions? Comments?

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