



## Robert John Konopa

August 08, 1961 - April 13, 2018

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ROBERT JOHN KONOPA, age 56, of Bedford, passed away Friday, April 13, 2018. Robert was born August 8, 1961 to the late Stanley J (Papa) and Audrey Eve (Matt) Konopa. Beloved husband of Cynthia. Dear friend to many.

Robert was a two time All American recipient in Baseball and Basketball. Drafted at 17 straight out of high school by the Minnesota Twins, he then went on to play for the Orioles as well. Bob met his wife Cynthia while playing for the Twins, all it took was that first smile and they both knew it was true love that would endure all of time. After a several year courtship they were married and lived in Chattanooga TN before moving back to Cleveland where began his career at Boehringer Ingelheim. With the love of what Bob did for a living he grew to have a respect for the medical field on an incredibly deeper level and supported many charities. His battle with several cancers were not enough lose his zest for life. Bob overcame his cancers which brought a renewed love of the Lord and back to attending Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Church where he became dear friends with Father Lou Miola who stood by Bob through all his battles until the very end. There is a long and cherished history and connection with Saint Martin's, from receiving all of the sacraments to renewing wedding vows with the love of his life Cynthia. Bob's love of the Lord was second only to the love of his wife. Bob and Cynthia lived a life filled with the love of the church, love and commitment to each other, sports, fishing, camping and travel. Bob's love of baseball also brought him to play for the Bedford Police Department's Baseball Team for several seasons where he was honored to receive the MVP award. Bob also had a passion for cooking. Bob was friendly, outgoing, loved meeting new people and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He will be missed beyond words until we are reunited with him in glory because life is eternal.

Services and burial were held privately. Arrangements by Johnson-Romito Funeral Home, Bedford, Ohio

## Tribute Wall

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