



Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan

December 1, 1957 - February 18, 2026

Cottage Grove - Steven ("Coogie") J. Coogan, age 68, of Cottage Grove, WI passed away on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at UW Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Coogie was born on December 1, 1957, the son of Raymond and Nancy (Biddick) Coogan. He graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1976. On May 30, 1981, he was united in marriage to Mary Jo Walsh at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Mineral Point, WI. For more than 30 years, Coogie was employed and proudly served CMS properties as Maintenance Manager.

Coogie was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Cottage Grove. He was a proud member of the Cottage Grove Lions Club where he served side by side with these long-standing friends. He was especially honored to receive the "Knight of Sight" award for his work with eye donation transport. He would be fulfilled to know his own eye tissue was donated for research in eye disorders.

Twenty five years ago, a fall from a tree stand while hunting left him paralyzed – Doctor's said he wouldn't survive. He spent months in the hospital recovering and learning how to navigate his new life using a wheelchair. He faced multiple challenges with not only the support of family, but extraordinary friends who stood beside him every step of the way. He showed faith,

perseverance and fortitude through continuing to work, raise his family, and attend his kids' sporting events – he never missed one. Everyone who met him was inspired by his resilience, quiet strength and unwavering positivity. Coogie made everyone, young and old, feel so very important, valued and special. He was especially close to Trevor and Carlina and always had the right advice to give. Mary Jo was his warrior and he was hers. His “peachy” Georgia and little Luca lit up his life in a special way no one else could. He was an incredible role model of courage, strength and patience to their impressionable little minds.

Coogie's pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his remarkable wife, Mary Jo; his children, Trevor (Hayley) Coogan of Sun Prairie and Carlina (Timothy) LaFond of Monona, and his adored grandchildren Georgia and Luca Coogan of Sun Prairie. Along with his bonus son, Shawn Murphy of Mineral Point.

Coogie is further survived by his devoted brothers, Mickey (Therese), Dennis (Linda), David (Joan) and Tim (Penny) and his brothers and sisters-in-law, Jeff (Kathie) Walsh, Jim (Lynn) Walsh, Julie (Jerry) Cassidy, Jill (Gary) McGuire and Jay (Cory) Walsh, along with his many admiring nieces and nephews.

Coogie was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond, Nancy (Biddick) and Joseph Kammerud, his brother, Jerry, his in-laws, Gerald and Jeannine Walsh, his nephew, Troy Coogan and niece, Kalea Walsh.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at UW Hospital and Clinics, along with Commonheart Home Health, for their exceptional and compassionate care over the years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point, WI at 12:30 pm. Fr

Tafadzwa Kushamba and Fr Michael Tarigopula will concelebrate. A visitation will be held preceding services from 9:00 am- 12:20 pm. Burial will be in St Paul's Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow at the Quality Inn in Mineral Point.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin or Hodan Community Services are appreciated.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery

801 Ridge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 9:00 AM - 12:20 PM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church
224 Davis Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Dennis and Linda, my condolence and wishes for peace and comfort at this time.*

Dave Loker - April 23 at 10:49 PM

PW

“ *I only know Steve, from our time together in Mineral Point HS and a few times over the years. Steve was always a great guy, who made you feel welcomed to a conversation. From the comments given here, I see that he continued that throughout his life. My prayers are for everyone who was close to him, that God would give you His peace and His comfort.*

Phil Weier

Phil Weier - February 25 at 08:18 AM

MB

“ *Megan Bourgeois purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.*



Megan Bourgeois - February 24 at 09:36 AM

KE

“ *Always enjoyed seeing Coogie in the stands. He always brought determined positive energy, just like he lived his life. His true colors shown brightest in his toughest hours. He was an inspiration to all of us. Hugs and love to the rock, Mary Jo, to Trevor, Carlina and your entire families. RIP Coogs.*

Ken Eeg - February 23 at 06:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.



February 23 at 02:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.

February 23 at 02:54 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.

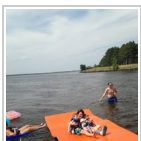


February 23 at 01:54 PM



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February 23 at 01:54 PM



“ Mary Jo and Family, I am so saddened by the passing of Coogie. He was such a wonderful person, and his memory will live on in my heart forever. Godspeed Coogie xoxo Jill

Jill Murray - February 22 at 06:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.



February 22 at 01:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.

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“ Bob and Jewel Lausted family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.



Bob and Jewel Lausted family - February 21 at 04:13 PM



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Bob and Jewel Lausted family - February 21 at 04:13 PM



“ I knew Steven "Coogie" and Mary Jo Coogan through my sister Kathie and brother-in-law Jeff Walsh. In the past 5+ years I saw more of them since I moved a couple miles from their house and Jeff would often stay with the Coogan's and Kathie would stay with me during their visits to Wisconsin from their hometown Omaha. They always welcomed me as part of the Walsh family and I feel honored to witness how love moves mountains. Surely Coogie was blessed from the love of his family but family and friends were twice as blessed from his zest for life and love in his heart. He always made me feel included and was always engaging, funny, smiling and laughing. It was contagious. He made the most of life despite his broken body which could put most of us with a functioning body to shame. I know that shame because last thanksgiving as Coogie and the Walsh family went to Iowa to gamble, Kathie and I stayed in Mineral Point for pizza and a movie. We were missing that zest that day. I know that his passing will leave an emptiness for those closest to him but my prayer is that his love for God and family and zest for life will help during this time filled with memories of a life well lived and images of reuniting in our eternal life free from pain and illness. Hugs, love and prayers to a beautiful family.

Linda Fredricks McKinley - February 21 at 12:52 PM

DE

“ David E. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.



David E. - February 21 at 10:58 AM

DR

“ DJ, Kim, Brinley & Brooks Daggett & Jane Ring planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.

DJ, Kim, Brinley & Brooks Daggett & Jane Ring - February 21 at 09:55 AM

BP

“ Boy..Mary Jo...glad we had a chance to visit a few minutes last summer. Coogie was a special man with a kind word and special smile. May fond memories and good times carry you forward through this tough time. From his fellow lions...Jeff and Bette Paulson

BETTE PAULSON - February 20 at 08:07 PM

CN

“ Best hunt of my life!



Chad Noel - February 20 at 06:24 PM

JM

“ Dear Mary Jo, Mickey, Denny, David P., Tim, and the Coogan family, My heart goes out to all of you as you grieve the loss of Steve, who was truly an inspiring light in this world. I hope that the many beautiful memories you shared bring comfort and peace today and in the days ahead. With love, Jean Moreland

Jean Moreland - February 20 at 11:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven J. "Coogie" Coogan.



February 20 at 09:15 AM



“ I'm thinking of the whole Coogan family now, I was so sorry to hear about Coogie. I went to college with him, attended the wedding. Had many good times with our group the REPC the real estate party committee. After graduation several of us all worked at the same place for a few years. These were the years we grew up the most. I wish I had stayed in touch in the last 20 years, I hear he was still the most amazing human as he was in his much younger days. Sending prayers to the family.

Lisa Barkelar



Lisa R Barkelar - February 20 at 08:49 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Mary Jo and family. Coogie and I lost touch several years ago, but I always considered him one of my closest friends. I knew whenever I needed something, he would be there. Can't imagine anyone would have handled the challenges in his life with as much courage and dignity. He was one of a kind. RIP Brother.

Kevin Kneeland - February 19 at 11:40 PM