



Kevin John Novitzky

July 2, 1952 - January 14, 2026

KEVIN JOHN NOVITZKY, AGE 73

And a resident of Bogalusa, Louisiana passed away peacefully at his home on January 14, 2026. He was born July 2, 1952 in Bridgeport, Connecticut to the late Evelyn and John Novitzky. Kevin was an Air Force Veteran and an avid plane enthusiast. He has always been a lover of history and all things aerospace.

Survived by:

Daughter and caregiver: Jacklyn and Daniel Barber of Franklinton

Daughter and son in law: Katie and Mike Rhodes of Pensacola, FL

Son and daughter in law: Jonathan and Danielle Novitzky of Pensacola, FL

Grandchildren: Sarah, Hannah, Keelin, Micah,
Brielle, Breland, Ollie and Brianna

Sister: Janice Kringer

A private service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Kevin when I was just 17 years old. We worked together at Dunkin Donuts in Fairfield Connecticut. I thought he was the most handsome guy I had ever met. When Kevin was 25, he had this beautiful long brown hair and a well trimmed beard and mustache. I thought he looked just like Barry Gibb, the lead singer for the Bee Gees. I loved the Bee Gees and I loved Kevin. Kevin tolerated their music and even learned some of their songs, but his favorite band was "The Doors" with their lead singer Jim Morrison. He knew ALL of their songs by heart and sung them often.



Kevin was very kind and loving. He was there for me through a difficult and challenging time in my youth. He was a great listener, always supportive, and although I was much younger than he was, he always made me feel valued. When I was 18, we moved in together and then married a year later on September 1st, 1989. We planned, paid for, and gave ourselves a beautiful wedding and reception. It was a beautiful day. The wedding and reception were held on the grounds of our favorite restaurant, Cobb's Mill Inn. We were very much in love. Two years later I gave birth to our son. Jonathan Michael Novitzky. Kevin was forever changed! I had NEVER seen him so HAPPY!

He tried with all that he was to provide for his new family so that I could stay home and care for our son.

Kevin even tried his hand at restaurant management and we moved to New Jersey so that he could manage his own restaurant. We loved it there. We rented a tiny house right next door to a park where Jonathan could play. I loved being a stay at home mom. Unfortunately, within a year Kevin was diagnosed with a malignant melanoma and had surgery in New York City. The Cancer really frightened Kevin and we moved back to Connecticut to be closer to friends and family.

It was there, that Jonathan's twin sisters Katie June and Jacklyn Evelyn were born on September 10, 1983. Kevin was beyond proud, and overjoyed with the birth of his twin baby girls. Everyone that we knew, friends and family all helped out. Kevin continued to

try very hard to support his growing family so that I could be a stay at home mom. I worked part time jobs to try to make ends meet and Kevin took over the care of the kids while I was at work. We never hired a babysitter. He was a loving, devoted, and patient dad. Kevin tried restaurant management again and we moved to Rhode Island for a new start in life.

Unfortunately, the stress of this life was just too much and Kevin made a decision for himself to move back to Connecticut alone where things would be easier for him. We were divorced a year later. I stayed in Rhode Island with our 3 children and Kevin started a new life in Connecticut.

This was a challenging adjustment for everyone, mostly for our 3 young kids. Jonathan was just 6 and the girls were 4.

Although I could never understand Kevin's decision to walk away from his family, I am grateful that he did what he needed to do to save himself. He lived a long life and never stopped loving his children. He drove from Connecticut to Rhode Island for all of his scheduled weekend visits and kept his kids with him for a month every summer until they were grown.

Although our marriage did not last, I will forever love, appreciate, and be grateful for Kevin as the man that gave me the 3 GREATEST CHILDREN (and now 8 grandchildren) that I could have EVER hoped for in my life!!!! Thank you Kevin and I know you are resting in peace!

Love, Kris

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