



John Joseph Kiedaisch, 76, of Townsend

August 9, 1948 - June 26, 2025

TOWNSEND: John J. Kiedaisch, 76, of Townsend, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Leominster Hospital, leaving behind a legacy of love, leadership, and lifelong dedication to the game he loved.

Born on August 9, 1948, John was a natural people person, spending much of his life working as a salesman across various industries. While he coached many sports, those who knew him best knew his heart belonged to football. Coaching across all levels—from Pop Warner to semi-professional—John was more than a coach; he was a mentor, motivator and friend to many. His passion for the sport led him to found the East Coast Football League, where his influence and impact were formally recognized with his induction into the Semi-Professional Football Hall of Fame in 2023.

John's proudest role was that of father and grandfather. He leaves behind his two sons: Vincent Kiedaisch and his wife Lori of Westminster, and Chris Kiedaisch and his wife Sherry of Leominster. His legacy lives on through his cherished grandchildren: Julia, Joseph, and Nicholas, who brought him endless joy. He also leaves behind his sister Mary Ellen Ramos of Manchester, NH, his former wife Jacqueline Jurga of Fitchburg along with countless friends and former players who will remember his warmth, guidance, and fierce love of the game.

John was predeceased by his brother Thomas Kiedaisch of Londonderry, NH.

A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date, where friends and family can gather to honor the man who was universally viewed as a 'Great Guy' and whose heart touched so many.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend is assisting the family with arrangements

Tribute Wall

JM

“ To Vinnie and Chris so sorry my heartfelt sympathy to you both. Loved dad and coaching you both enjoyed my time with dad during those pop warner years. He truly was a blessing just recently God put him on my heart. May his comfort and peace be with you all
Coach Marrama

Joe Marrama - July 01, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ We are so very for your loss! All our love, Michael and Cheryl Gallant

Cheryl Gallant - June 29, 2025 at 04:20 PM

PL

To The Kiedaisch Family, very sad about the loss of your dad and my former Ayer Jr.-Senior High School, football panther teammate. Big Number “50” was the anchor of our offensive line at center. While I was quarterback with John at Center for two years (1965-1966), I will always remember your dad’s tenacious leadership and steady commitment at being the very best at that position.

Your dad was very proud of our football team when we beat our arch rival, Westford 12-0 on Thanksgiving day, 1965 at Norton Field. Ayer had not beaten Westford since our Head Coach, the late George Donald Scullane played in the late 1950’s.

During Ayer Babe Ruth baseball, your dad again anchored our team playing third base and helping the team to winning seasons under Head Coach Carl McDermott (who was also Vice-Principal at AHS).

Your dad was a good man; he was a fine man, and he will be dearly missed.

Phil Locke (AHS 1964-1967)
San Diego, CA

Phil Locke - June 30, 2025 at 01:01 PM

RI

*To the Kiedaisch Family
Sorry to hear about your dad passing he was a great neighbor to us...
always made time to chat with us either about families, old cars or
especially sports we will keep him in our thoughts and prayers
Trish and Rich*

Rich - June 30, 2025 at 02:29 PM

RL

*To the Kiedaisch family, I am very sorry for your loss. JK was a good,
sweet man. I could mention all the football stories, there are a TON, but
the one memory I will always cherish is meeting my current wife
through JK at one of our many meetings to get a team off the ground.
JK was a good dude, he will absolutely be missed.*

Raeshawn Link - June 30, 2025 at 05:23 PM

KG

*Mary Ellen and family
I am so sorry for your loss. John was a lovely man. John was a friend
of my brother Jon at Met Insurance and I have always appreciated
John visiting my brother before he passed. May he rest in peace.
Kerry (Pender) Goodhue*

Kerry Goodhue - July 01, 2025 at 06:26 AM