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Brian was born September 16, 1971 in Peru, Indiana to Ronald Wayne and Caterina Giovanna (Zanin) Koenes. He attended Maconaquah High School in Bunker Hill, Indiana where he wrestled and played baseball. As a pitcher, he received All-Mid-Indiana Conference Honorable Mention in 1989. He graduated in May 1990 and on July 27, 1990, he signed a letter of intent to pitch for Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri. However, shortly after graduation, he moved to Jackson, Mississippi.

Brian joined the Jackson Police Department after 1992. On April 18, 1998, Police Officer Koenes received a Mississippi Department of Safety Division award for writing 121 citations for driving under the influence of alcohol. He married Lisa Kaye Warrington on June 26, 1999. On September 6, 2001, he was assigned with another officer as a newly created auto theft squad.

After March 2002, they moved to Florida and he joined the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff.

Later, he transitioned to the United States Federal Air Marshals. Marshal Koenes retired after 20 years of service. By then, he and his wife were living in Covington, Kentucky. In December 2016, they purchased a home in Independence. They later moved to Crittenden.

Brian returned to law enforcement as a Police Officer for the Erlanger Police Department, where he also served on the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team.

Most recently, Brian joined the Ludlow Police Department as a Police Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2026.

On November 9, 2026, at his home in Crittenden, Sergeant Koenes suffered a fatal heart attackat the age of 55.

He was predeceased by his mother, Caterina (Giovanna) "Nona" Koenes. Sergeant Koenes is survived by his wife of 27 years, Lisa Kaye (Warrington) Koenes; children, Brantley (Taylor) Brooks, Zachery (Sierra) Koenes, Riley (Camden) Koenes, and Caine (Sarayah) Crowley; grandchildren, Sterling Koenes, Ariah Koenes, and Giovanna Crowley; father, Ronald (Carol) Koenes; and siblings, Giovanna (Kenny) Kays, Robert (Libby) Koenes, Michael (Cindy) Koenes, and Steven (Stacie) Koenes.

A visitation for family only will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at Crossroads Church in Florence from 1 to 2 p.m. Law enforcement employees only are invited from 2 to 3 p.m. View for the general public is scheduled from 3 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Friday, November 20, 2026 at 11 a.m. A private family graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to Horizon Community Foundation or the KY K9 Fund.

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