



Frank Kennedy

June 14, 1935 - January 12, 2023

Francis “Frank” Edward Kennedy, 87, of Spirit Lake passed away peacefully at his residence on January 12, 2023.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. up until the service time at the church on Tuesday. Burial will be held at a later date in the St. Andrews Cemetery in Sibley, IA.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Frank, the son of Judge Edward F. & Gwendolyn (Coy) Kennedy, was born on June 14, 1935 in Sibley, IA. Frank attended and graduated from Sibley High School in 1953. From here he was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D.C. During this time he attended night school at George Washington University and graduated from American University in D.C.

On January 28, 1956 he was united in marriage to Roberta Collins in Washington D.C. They made their home in D.C. until moving to Des Moines, IA while Frank attended and graduated from Drake University Law School in 1961.

He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and after completion of active duty he was employed by Employers Mutual Casualty Co. as a claim adjuster. They resided in Sioux City while he entered private law practice in Remsen, IA. Frank then took over his father's law practice and the couple moved to Sibley, IA. Frank and Roberta made Sibley their home while raising their two daughters Maureen and Erin. In January 1984, his wife and first love, Roberta passed away.

On October 5, 1985 he was united in marriage to Jeanette Mary Mulder at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ashton, IA. They made their home in Sibley until June 1998 when they moved to Arnolds Park, IA. Frank continued to practice law in Sibley with his nephew and law partner, Joe Feller. They moved to Keelson Harbour assisted living in Spirit Lake in February 2022.

Frank was one of the founding fathers of "Off Off Broadway" theater in Ashton where he enjoyed participating in plays at the Cedar Cabin supper club. Frank enjoyed golfing, fishing, and especially traveling in his red Sunbird convertible through the mountains in Colorado. He was a 50 year member of the Iowa Bar Association, Sibley & Milford Kiwanis Clubs member where he was a past president of the Sibley club, and member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford. Frank also helped organize the original Kiwanis Kapers productions and the Osceola County Passion play.

Frank leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Jean Kennedy of Spirit Lake, two daughters Maureen Bensman of Erlanger, KY; Erin (Ben) Bendlin of Royal, IA. Stepchildren, Dan (Dawn) Mulder of Orange City, IA; Tom (Sue) Mulder of Moline, IL; Dave Mulder of Jefferson, IA and Mick Mulder of Spencer, IA. Also left to cherish his memory are his siblings: Pat Kennedy (special friend Theresa Robinson) of Spirit Lake, IA; Peggy (Jerry) Price of Jupiter, FL; Kathy Billings of Riverview, FL; Joe (Monika) Kennedy of Concord, MA.; Dick

(Norine) Kennedy of West Des Moines, IA; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Roberta Kennedy, father Judge Edward F. Kennedy, mother Gwendolyn Kennedy, brother Tom Kennedy & sister in law Kay Kennedy, sister Joan (Kennedy) Weighner & brother in law Henry Feller, and stepdaughter Beth Mulder.

Cemetery Details

St. Andrews Cemetery

Sibley, IA 51249

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Memorial Service

JAN 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Tribute Wall

DR

“*Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Frank Kennedy*



Doug and Barb Ricke - January 28, 2023 at 12:48 PM

SH

“*I am sorry to hear of Frank's passing. He was lucky to live to the age of 87!*
I remember him as a child, he was a very good friend of my mom and dad-Sam & Gladys Mauch from Sibley. My siblings, Sonja, Sandra & Doug have also passed away, remember I was the baby being 16 years younger than Doug. My parents loved to go watch the Off, Off Broadway shows at the Cedar Cabin.
My deepest sympathies to all of Frank's family and friends. Frank, have a "highball" with my dad and mom:)

Shelly (Mauch) Hartzell

Shelly Mauch Hartzell - January 18, 2023 at 03:34 PM

BS

“*Always a treat to run into Frank and Jean, at a dance or a local cafe, so sorry for the loss you all must be feeling at this time. What a wonderful example of how to live. May the angels come to greet him and welcome into the arms of His Savior.*

Bob and Kate Shaw - January 18, 2023 at 12:45 AM

MA

“ *Mary Abrahamson lit a candle in memory of Frank Kennedy*



Mary Abrahamson - January 17, 2023 at 09:16 AM

MA

May you feel God's strength during this deep sorrow your family is sharing. I will miss Frank's hair and smile even when he didn't feel like smiling. He will be missed at Keelson Harbour. We all love you and are here for you.

Mary Abrahamson - January 17, 2023 at 09:20 AM

PT

“ *Jean, Maureen and Erin,
My heartfelt thoughts are with you during your time of grief. I will remember Uncle Frank as warm, wise and with humor, just like Grandma Kennedy. My dad, Frank's brother, Tom, loved his time and conversations with Frank and all his siblings. Many hours were spent playing golf together. I hope they are playing golf in heaven. All my love to you, Patti Kennedy Taylor*

Patti Kennedy Taylor - January 16, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 16, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 16, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Frank was a gentle, kind, caring man who always dealt fairly with other lawyers and clients. He was a fine example of what all lawyers should aspire to be. Rest in peace, Frank.*

Daniel DeKoter - January 16, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Frank's passing, my condolences to you, Jean. One memory that I'll never forget involving Frank was one night, Al, Betty, Kevin, Frank, you and I went to the Holiday House in St. Peter (John Denver's father-in-law Jim Martell's supper club.) On the way back to Ashton late that night, I was driving; and everyone was asleep. I suddenly hit a patch of ice east of Worthington, and the car started fishtailing - careening on the edge of a steep ditch on the north side of the road. At that moment, everyone woke up only to see everything spinning and me frantically trying to keep the car from flying off the road into the ditch! Needless to say, everyone stayed wide awake for the rest of the trip back!*

Doug Koempel - January 16, 2023 at 02:09 PM



Thanks, Doug..I remember that night!!

Jean Kennedy - January 19, 2023 at 10:25 PM

JH

“ Frank was the best to be on stage with I will forever hold those memories dear to me. Break a Leg Frank! You will be a star in heaven. It makes me sad we never got to do our last show!!
You have my sympathy!! So sorry Jean & family!!



Jeanette Hiemstra - January 16, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.



January 16, 2023 at 10:56 AM

MG

“ Jean & Family~We are so sorry for your loss. We fondly remember Frank as an ever smiling, friendly, kind man. May your cherished memories give you comfort. We are keeping you in our prayers. RIP Frank.



Mike & Bonnie Goebel - January 16, 2023 at 09:58 AM

MK

“ Margaret lamfers Lisa, Kevin, Keith, Kim purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank Kennedy.



Margaret lamfers Lisa, Kevin, Keith, Kim - January 16, 2023 at 09:34 AM

CP

“ Chris, Brian, Jeff and Lisa Price purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Frank Kennedy.



Chris, Brian, Jeff and Lisa Price - January 16, 2023 at 09:19 AM

TG

“ Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Frank Kennedy



Twyla Garnmeister - January 16, 2023 at 07:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.



January 15, 2023 at 11:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.



January 15, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 15, 2023 at 09:32 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 15, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 15, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 14, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy Jean and to your families. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead! Frank always had a smile for everyone!* ”



Marge Ruml - January 14, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.* ”



January 14, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.* ”



January 14, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Duane Tammi Schnetter lit a candle in memory of Frank Kennedy* ”



Duane Tammi Schnetter - January 14, 2023 at 02:03 PM



Jean, So sorry for your loss. Frank was a wonderful man. Always friendly, polite and helpful. We always enjoyed visiting with Frank. He will truly be missed.

Duane Tammi Schnetter - January 14, 2023 at 02:06 PM

CK

“ Dear Aunt Jean, I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Frank's passing. I remember Uncle Frank as a kind, thoughtful and gentle man. I always looked forward to seeing you and Uncle Frank when we came to visit Iowa. Thinking about you and the family!

With love,

Cristina

Cristina Kennedy - January 14, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.



January 14, 2023 at 08:40 AM

K-

“ My brother Frank was kind, smart, generous and lots fun to talk too. He had a strong faith and set a positive example in his community. I feel blessed to have been your sister and thank you for your encouragement over the years. Rest In Peace. Love Kathy

Kathleen Kennedy -Billings - January 14, 2023 at 07:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 14, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 14, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ *My sympathy to Jean & family. I will always remember Frank fondly. He was always ready with to share fun stories, and it was a pleasure to do business with Frank. RIP Frank - you have earned your place in heaven!*

LILA HATTING - January 13, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Jean, Amy and I are so Sorry to hear this. Frank was a great man of faith and one of the Knights that was very helpfull and dedicated for so many years. please accept our deepest sympathies and we will be praying for peace to you and your family during this Great Loss.*



Christopher Eilers - January 13, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 13, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *I enjoyed seeing Frank for our weekly sessions. Seeing Frank and Jean was always a highlight in my week. He will be missed dearly. Lots of love.*
~Cassy



Cassy Anderson - January 13, 2023 at 02:41 PM

JK

You always brought a big ,smile from him Cassy...thanks you so much!!

Jean Kennedy - January 19, 2023 at 10:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Kennedy.*



January 13, 2023 at 02:19 PM

RN

“ I am so sorry to read this Jean. Frank was always such a delight, always kind and I could listen to his stories all day. May you hold close all the wonderful memories. Our love and prayers for you all.



Rhonda and David Nelson - January 13, 2023 at 02:08 PM

TG

“ We have the fondest of memories of Frank - always a man of faith, fun and kindness. Our sympathy to Jean and family - but we rejoice in his place in his eternal home now.

Terry and Bonnie Gregg - January 13, 2023 at 12:39 PM

TP

“ Teresa A. Place lit a candle in memory of Frank Kennedy



Teresa A. Place - January 13, 2023 at 12:03 PM

BC

“ Jean, we will be praying that God send you peace and comfort in the coming days. Take comfort in all your wonderful memories. Frank was a great man.



Bill and Cheryl.Aumer - January 13, 2023 at 10:04 AM

ME

“ *Maxine Elser lit a candle in memory of Frank Kennedy*



Maxine Elser - January 13, 2023 at 10:01 AM

ME

Jean and family, we are thinking of you and holding you in our prayers. Keep all those memories close and find comfort in them. Celebrate Frank's life!

Maxine Elser - January 13, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Jodene Kruse lit a candle in memory of Frank Kennedy*



Jodene Kruse - January 13, 2023 at 09:05 AM

SR

“ *Jean - Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. Frank was a wonderful friend. Keep the memories you have close to your heart. We are praying for strength for you in the days ahead. Dean and Susan Reiser*



Susan Reiser - January 13, 2023 at 08:00 AM

JW

“ Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter lit a candle in memory of Frank Kennedy



Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter - January 12, 2023 at 09:20 PM

BD

“ Bonnie Duhn sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank Kennedy



Bonnie Duhn - January 12, 2023 at 08:49 PM

BD

Jean, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you, Dear Friend.

Bonnie Duhn - January 12, 2023 at 08:51 PM



Dear Jean and family, sorry for your loss. Frank will be missed. He was a fun, talented man. May your Faith and memories carry you through this difficult time and beyond. My thoughts and prayers are sent for all of you.

Jodene Kruse - January 13, 2023 at 09:08 AM

DH

“ Dear Jean-please know that our thoughts and prayers continue for you and for all who loved Frank. We are so happy we were able to have such a fun visit in November. Peace to you

Dale and Laura Hanna - January 12, 2023 at 07:34 PM