



Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski

November 21, 1954 - April 15, 2022

Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski, 67, of Fishers Indiana passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 15, 2022. He was born November 21, 1954, in Riverhead New York, on Long Island, to the late Frank Alexander Rutkowski and the late Helen Victoria (Niemczyk) Rutkowski of Middletown Delaware.

Frank graduated from Middletown High School in 1972, where he was valedictorian of his class. He attended Notre Dame where he played football, graduated with honors in 1976 with a B.S. in electrical Engineering. After graduating, Frank began his career working for G.E. Company in Technical Sales and Management. He also went on to obtain an MBA in Business from the University of Dayton. He later worked for Curtis Wright Controls as a Sales Manager and retired in 2018, after 20 years of employment. His hobbies included metal detecting and coin collecting with his son Michael, gold prospecting, treasure hunting, and traveling with his wife.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 27, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers.

Frank is survived by his loving wife, Karen (Kutzner) Rutkowski, his children, Michael and Jennifer Rutkowski; his stepchildren, Travis (Paula) Eacret, Brent Eacret, Leah (Steve) Kelly and Carly (Steve) Brizendine; and 12 grandchildren. Frank is also survived by his siblings, Mary, Peter, and Michael

Rutkowski of Middletown, DE. He is predeceased by his sister, Helen B. Rutkowski.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church
10350 Glaser Way
Fishers, IN 46037

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Rutkowski lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski*



Karen Rutkowski - April 16 at 12:23 PM



“ *To Frank's family, I'm so sorry to hear the news, I only found out today about your passing today, please accept my heartfelt condolences.*
From Ian & all you friends and colleagues from PG Drives on this side of the pond.

Ian Dewey - July 07, 2022 at 07:31 AM

GO

“ It was so sad to hear that Frank had passed away. Frank was an old friend going back to the 1970's when he replaced me on my sales assignment with General Electric in Dayton, Ohio. Not long after getting to Dayton Frank wrecked the new company car I had passed on to him (not his fault) which allowed me to give him a good ribbing for many years about his driving skills. One of the great things about Frank was that he always stayed in touch over the 45 years shared together. He never let more than a few months go by without making sure we had a lunch together or a good long conversation, no matter how far apart we lived. I admired his fearlessness in taking on new adventures such as starting new businesses, investing in treasure hunting and gold mining, or other interesting endeavors. It seemed like he was always learning something new and sharing his thoughts on it - what a smart guy he was - never knew he was his class valedictorian until reading his obituary- humble too. One fond memory I'll never forget was attending the annual Notre Dame/Purdue football luncheon the day before the big game every year. Being a Purdue alum and big fan, Frank (ND football player) made sure we attended it together each year. Great memories and lots of fun. Frank was a good, kind, loving, smart human being who will be truly missed by his family and me.
George Olp

George Olp - May 17, 2022 at 08:06 AM

FC

“ From your family at Curtiss-Wright purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski.



From your family at Curtiss-Wright - May 05, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - April 28, 2022 at 10:46 AM

EM

Thank you for posting this. I have shared it on Facebook with a couple of other people who graduated from high school with Frank and asked them to share it with other classmates.

Ernie Mabrey - April 28, 2022 at 11:58 AM

PD

“ *I was deeply shocked and grieved to hear that Frank passed with the Angels. As a lifelong friend and classmate, I have many fond memories that I will forever cherish! Some of our best times were growing up together at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and fun times during our high school days in Middletown. Frank was always genuinely kind and his friendliness cheered us all. He truly was one of the good guys and will never be forgotten!*

I would like to send my heartfelt sympathy to all of Frank's family.

May God Bless You!

Pati Damon-Johnson

Pati Damon-Johnson - April 27, 2022 at 01:09 PM

PS

“ So sorry to hear of Frank's passing. Frank and I were teammates and classmates at Notre Dame. He was one of the nicest and smartest guys I knew. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the services this week. Prayers for Frank and his family.
Pat Sarb, Notre Dame Class of 1976.

Pat Sarb - April 27, 2022 at 09:58 AM

M1

“ Middletown Class of 1972 purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski.



Middletown Class of 1972 - April 26, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski.



April 26, 2022 at 06:26 AM

DW

“ Dave and Maria Wade purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski.



Dave and Maria Wade - April 25, 2022 at 11:46 AM

DE

“ Frank will be remembered as being a most kind individual as his passion for the outdoors. Our deepest condolences to the Rutkowski Family. - Kyle and Debbie Ellis



Debbie Ellis - April 25, 2022 at 10:37 AM

WJ

“ It was a pleasure, actually a Joy, meeting Frank. We met & worked together at GE - Component Sales Department in the Southfield, Mi. We learned a lot and ribbed each other daily. He was quite a gentle giant - physically, yes, but more importantly as a human being. What a Blessing he was for me!

William Jenkins - April 24, 2022 at 06:54 PM

EM

“ My deepest condolences to Franks' family. He was a great guy to know in Middletown high school.

Ernie Mabrey - April 24, 2022 at 06:59 AM

CS

“ Lighting a candle in honor of Frank and all the Great Memories we shared! He will be missed. Our deepest condolences to Karen, to his children, and to his family and friends. In Sympathy, Cheryl and Steve Solan



Cheryl Solan - April 23, 2022 at 03:56 PM

KP

“ Kim Philipp lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski



Kim Philipp - April 23, 2022 at 01:34 PM

KP

“ Frank was a good man, and a dear friend. He left us much too soon, and he will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to Karen, to his children, and to his family and friends. Love, Kurt and Kim Philipp

Kim Philipp - April 23, 2022 at 01:30 PM

SP

“ It was always a delight to be with Frank and Karen. He was always ready to give a needed hand whenever asked. You will be missed greatly in our Life Group!
~Meade and Sherry Perny

Sherry Perny - April 22, 2022 at 10:09 PM

PB

Frank married into dear Karen's life, and the combined families, a challenge in any family. I loved them both, and both their children, all six. Was saddened to hear of his death. He was strong and positive in his faith. May God bless their grief, memories, and thanksgiving, as well as his soul always, in Jesus' Sure Hope, pastor tom (pt)

pastor/chaplain tom blossom - April 27, 2022 at 06:18 PM

KR

Thank you Pastor Tom!

Karen Rutkowski - May 01, 2022 at 12:01 AM

HN

“ Harry, Joan, and Nell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski.



Harry, Joan, and Nell - April 22, 2022 at 08:56 PM

SW

“ To me, Frank was the epitome of a good friend. He was jovial, likable, and gregarious. We could talk endlessly. He was everyone's friend. I admired him for his abilities, drive, and determination. He was everyone's friend, and he will be greatly missed.

Sandy Penrod Wootten - April 22, 2022 at 06:29 PM

DR

“ Very sorry to hear of Frank's passing. He is remembered well. Love, Cousin David Rutkoske, Janine (wife), Tristan and Taylor Rutkoske (Children)

David Rutkoske - April 22, 2022 at 05:49 PM

MM

“ Truly sorry to hear about Frank. He was the kindest, brightest, and most likeable guy in our high school graduating class.

Millie Schafer Mitchell - April 22, 2022 at 05:06 PM

AF

“ Anita & John Rutkoske and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski.



Anita & John Rutkoske and Family - April 22, 2022 at 04:41 PM

LS

“ Love, The Szabat Sisters purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski.



Love, The Szabat Sisters - April 22, 2022 at 04:05 PM

LW

“ Sending condolences from the Wierzbicki family! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Irene Wierzbicki - April 22, 2022 at 03:34 PM

SB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Frank was a good classmate and always enjoyed talking with him when we were together at our class reunions. We will keep your family in our prayers.

Scott & Dawn Baker

Scott & Dawn Baker - April 22, 2022 at 02:05 PM

GP

So sorry to hear of Frank's passing. He was one Of the nicest guys in school. Ginny Halliday poore

Ginny Halliday Poore - April 22, 2022 at 02:39 PM

JF

“ *Frank will be missed by so many of us that grew up knowing him. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Jerry Feldman - April 22, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Anthony Rutkowski.* ”



April 22, 2022 at 12:06 PM