



Frank D. Espich

March 5, 1951 - April 24, 2022

Frank D. Espich, 71, of Indianapolis, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2022. He was born March 5, 1951 in New Palestine, Indiana to the late Billy G. and Betty Lou Espich. Frank was a 1969 graduate of New Palestine High School. He received his degree in broadcasting from Career Academy in Ohio and went on to become a disc jockey for WDRK Radio Station, Greenville, OH. In 1972, Frank was hired at the Indianapolis Star News as a janitor, then left to become Mayor Hudnut's personal photographer until 1983. He then received a three-month internship with the Indianapolis Star and became a full-time photographer. Frank had a knack for putting his subjects at ease, seeing them for who they were, and caring about them. He was instrumental in helping new photographers find their way, always underlining the need to form relationships with the subjects they were shooting.

Frank had a flair for fashion, was an amazing storyteller and had a quick wit. He retired in 2015 after a 31-year career in photojournalism. His legacy will live on through the work of other photojournalists who sought advice and mentoring.

A Celebration of Frank's Life will be held Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 East Washington Street.

Frank is survived by his brother, Billy J. Espich (Debbie); significant other, Pamela Konchinsky; and seven nieces and nephews. He was preceded in

death by a brother, David G. Espich; and sister-in-law, Emily Espich.
Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, P.O.
Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405. To leave a condolence or share a
memory of Frank please visit www.shirleybrothers.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel

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Tribute Wall

PK

“ I could NOT speak at the Celebration of Life service for Frank. ... I wanted to let everyone know how much Frank enjoyed ironing his clothes and hanging up a clothesline in the backyard to dry laundry in the Spring and Summer. He LOVED his flowers and feeding the hummingbirds. He would have a ritual of taking Junior to camp. This meant that he trapped a chipmunk and relocated it past the water, about 2 dozen a year. He really enjoyed always changing the interior wall colors of our home. A small sampling of his favorite musicians are Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, John Lennon, Elvis Costello, Jimmy Page, Robert Plant and Lyle Lovett His favorite movies are The Big Lebowski and Young Frankenstein along with thousands of classic titles from the past 75 years. Frank found me when the moon and stars were aligned, February 2013. His Indianapolis Star colleague had found my Vintage Clothing Company business card at the Heidelberg bakery and recommended that Frank contact me to possibly feature me and my Vintage apparel collection in the newspaper. His phone call to me was one of the most amazing days of my life. We were together for the next 9 years. I love Frank forever...gone too soon.

Pamela Konchinsky - May 18, 2022 at 11:49 AM

BH

Beautifully written.. I met Frank in 1972, I believe. Such a talented & creative person, then and now. I'm so sorry for your loss.. "gone too soon". Absolutely 🙏🙏🙏

Barbara Haggerty-Pastor - October 08, 2022 at 12:51 PM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - May 05, 2022 at 08:05 AM

BH

Beautiful tribute of Franks life❤️

Barbara Haggerty-Pastor - October 08, 2022 at 12:23 PM

JF

“ I knew I had a photo of Frank at work in the studio. This was one from Sept. 21, 2012.



Janet Fry - May 04, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Frank D. Espich.



May 04, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ Bob had these two photos of Frank. One is an old photo booth photo. The other photo of Frank and his brothers was given to Bob by Frank a number of years ago.



Myra Roesener Vaughn - May 03, 2022 at 04:41 PM

FF

“ Frank's IndyStar photo family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Frank D. Espich.



Frank's IndyStar photo family - May 03, 2022 at 12:44 PM

JC

“ My daughter, Courtney Carroll was a wheelchair model for Joyce Fields along with other special needs models at Frank's last gig on Feb. 13 2015, There were 12 designers who had items on display as well as models on the runway that night at Central Library. Frank talked to this group and was kind enough to take the photo that appeared the next day in the Indy Star. The caption was Variety Is Indy's Spice of Life. He told us he was going to the Jazz Kitchen also. .i hoped that they would be playing When the Saints Come Marching In. Frank was certainly a kind, giving, insightful human being. God bless him Sincerely. Jacqueline Carroll.

Jacqueline Carroll - May 02, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank D. Espich.*



May 02, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *Photos of Frank, post IndyStar, by Janet Fry*



Janet Fry - May 02, 2022 at 08:39 AM



“ *I'm not sure how far back my friendship with Frank began. He was the consummate photographer. I was fortunate to have Frank photograph my residential interior projects, many years of St. Margaret's Hospital Guild Decorators Show House and some of my own residences. He always had the best way to put you at ease and was a true gentleman. I will miss seeing him at Renee's, and especially his kindness and friendship. Rest in Peace my friend!*

Michael Arnold - May 01, 2022 at 04:07 PM

GS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Ginny Schwier - May 01, 2022 at 01:38 PM

PH

“ I met Mr. Espich when he was working at Rene's Bakery after retiring from the Star. He was always so nice and really cared about the people he served there. I had a conversation every week I went to Rene's. He was so nice!!

Pat Harris - April 30, 2022 at 09:34 PM

NW

“ Nancy (Whetsel) Glass and Jeff Whetsel purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Frank D. Espich.



Nancy (Whetsel) Glass and Jeff Whetsel - April 30, 2022 at 06:35 PM

DB

“ Dave Brown lit a candle in memory of Frank D. Espich



Dave Brown - April 29, 2022 at 03:30 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Spencer lit a candle in memory of Frank D. Espich*



Brenda Spencer - April 28, 2022 at 08:33 PM

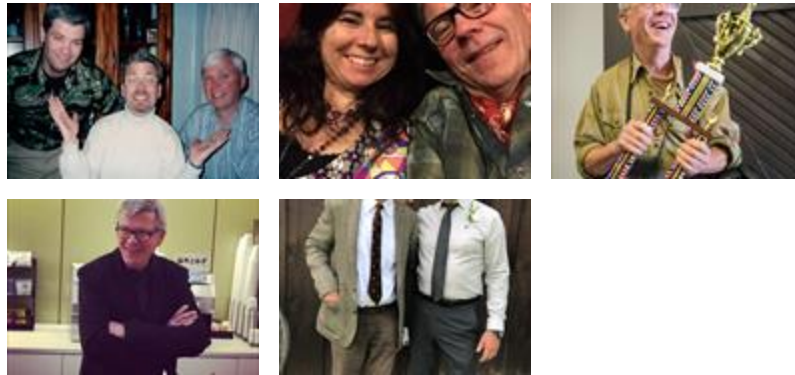
EA

“ *I offer my sincerest condolences.*

Eddie Almeida - April 28, 2022 at 03:11 PM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - April 28, 2022 at 07:55 AM