



## Frank John Kaminski

March 23, 1941 - March 7, 2022

Frank John Kaminski, Jr., 80 of Indian Land, SC, passed away on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Atrium Pineville Hospital in Charlotte, NC. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on March 23, 1941 to the late Frank John Kaminski, Sr. and the late Helen Starosciak.

He grew up in Roselle Park, New Jersey and moved to South Carolina from Mountainside, New Jersey in 2014 to be near his daughter and her family.

Frank attended Roselle Park High School in New Jersey and took many technical courses and training programs thereafter. Frank served in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Frank retired from Asarco (American Smelting and Refining Company) in 2000 having worked in Human Resources/Information Systems in both their New Jersey and New York City offices.

Family and friends were always most important to Frank. He was a gentle man. He will be remembered for his infectious smile, for the love of his family and especially his grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, grandpa, brother, and cousin. Frank was a devout Catholic.

Frank loved to travel. He also spent many happy days flying remote helicopters and collecting favorite videos and CDs. He also enjoyed dancing and listening to all types of music from classical to light jazz.

Frank is survived by his wife Donna Macek Kaminski of 51 years; daughter, Karen Thomson (Steven); grandchildren, Timothy Thomson and Katherine Thomson; sister, Elaine Kuchar (Roger); and also loving nephews, nieces, godchildren, and cousins.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2021 from 10:00 AM until 10:45 AM at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28277 with

the Mass of Christian Burial beginning at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow the service at Forest Lawn East Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please donate in Frank Kaminski's name to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

An online guestbook is available at [www.heritagecares.com](http://www.heritagecares.com) and provided by Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn East Cemetery

3700 Forest Lawn Drive  
Matthews, NC 28104

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy  
Charlotte, NC 28277

## Funeral Mass

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Richard & Shirley Mike Julie Matt Maysee purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Frank John Kaminski.*



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**Richard & Shirley Mike Julie Matt Maysee** - March 13 at 02:23 PM

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“ *I guess I am one of the last of the closest teenage pals of Frank..and he had many friends in those early days. I remember when he crashed the first car that he bought ... I believe....his 1959 Pontiac into a tree as he left some rubber on the street after leaving John's house... he then purchased a white four door Pontiac with a red interior... He added a whole bunch of things to make it a faster car.. and when he was drafted my father who worked at GM in Linden bought the car from him.. When Frank came back from his military obligation after spending time in Alaska he bought a two door Impala from his uncle . I believe.. which I think he sold or gave to his sister.. and then bought a 1966 Ford GT convertible with a four speed manual transmission. He was not used to driving a four speed and allowed me to drive it and show him how to shift when he first brought the car home.. When we changed driver positions and i became his passenger he stopped for gas on the corner of Westfield Ave and Fautout? Ave.. When he pulled out of the station he drove down Westfield Ave..toward the Parkway with the top down and the radio blasting.. We got stopped by the Roselle Park Police just after passing the RR trestle before the Parkway entrance.. Frank was courteous to the Officer and asked why he was stopped.. The officer replied..something like this...." We saw it was a new car in town and just wanted to see who owned it..." That made me suspicious but I do not think Frank ever got pulled over again .. at least not in Roselle Park...despite the rubber marks on his street...He was also responsible for one of my jobs and helped me to find a wife... Frank urged me to apply for a job at Monsanto in Kenilworth which bought the company where Frank worked.. it was there that i met my wife about 59 years ago this September.. But that is another story..We often would double date to the Union Drive-in...bringing our own "refreshments"... Frank was a good friend and as his family knows..full of teenage stories about those crazy days in the 60's...and all of them show his humorous nature and kind disposition...He was one of my Groomsman and was my brother Art's Best Man when he was married in 1969...when I was in Vietnam..We will miss him, but I will always remember his laughter...*

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**Richard Jacobs** - March 13 at 02:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank John Kaminski.* ”



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March 10 at 06:42 PM