



Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy Jr.

May 14, 1937 - January 24, 2025

Hampton- Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy, Jr., 87, passed away peacefully at his home in Lawrence, MA, on January 24, 2025. He was born on May 14, 1937, to the late Francis W. and Catherine M. (Dineen) Kennedy.

Frank graduated as Salutatorian from Lawrence High School in 1955 and in 1959 from Brown University, where he was a member of various athletic advisory and booster organizations over the years. He taught chemistry at Haverhill High School as well as Andover High School, where he also served as an assistant coach for the Track & Field Team. Frank served in the 331 Medic Division of the Army reserve.

Frank, along with his brother Jack, owned and operated Playland Arcade at Hampton Beach for the past 50+ years. Between his years of educating, coaching, and employing young people, Frank's impact on the lives of others was vast and far reaching.

Frank is survived by his sister Claire of Waltham, MA; his brother John J. (Jack) of Hampton; his niece Kathleen McClemmy of San Juan Capistrano, CA, and nephew Peter Connolly of Carlisle, MA, as well as great nephews Sean and Patrick McClemmy and Paul Connolly. He was predeceased by his brother James (Jim) M. Kennedy in 2010.

A funeral mass celebrating Frank's life will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 11 AM in the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Visitation will be held at 10 AM in the church, prior to the mass. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Ernest J. Perry Scholarship Fund by clicking here (https://essex.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1064), a local fund awarding student-athletes that Frank was on the board of and near and dear to his heart.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Rd
Hampton, NH 03842

Funeral Mass

JAN **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ On behalf of the Giblins & McCabes, we are so sorry to have just heard of Frank's passing. What a wonderful, kindhearted & friendly guy he was! I know my parents enjoyed a great friendship with him for many years, and loved attending BC games and seeing him there. Sending our deepest condolences on the loss of a great man. Joanie (Giblin) & Jim McCabe, Weston, MA

joan mccabe - April 10, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ To Jack and family, so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I was happy to spend a few moments with him (and Jack) at the Punchard Andover HoF dinner in 2023. I can say that it has been my privilege to know Frank most of my life, first as Jack's brother, attending our freshman basketball games; then as a student at AHS; and then as a lifelong friend who attended my kid's basketball games at Salem HS. He was always good to the White family and a loyal supporter. I will forever remember him for that and his wit, humor, and generosity. He will be missed and may he rest in peace.

Scott White - February 05, 2025 at 03:41 PM

JP

“ Sincere condolences to Pauley, the Arcade and Kennedy families. Rest in Peace, Frank - just the sweetest man. Jo Ellen

Jo Ellen Pirie - January 30, 2025 at 06:29 AM

CC

“ I had Mr Kennedy as a teacher at Andover High in the late 60's. He was a person to admire and respect. May he rest in peace. So sorry for your loss.

Claudia Cronin-Schlote - January 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM

CJ

“ To Jack, Claire and family, so sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed
Everytime I saw him, he seemed so happy and was smiling all the time. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Chris Joyce and family

christopher joyce - January 29, 2025 at 01:11 PM

JG

“ To Jack , Claire and family....please accept my sympathies
Joyce Grandmaison

Joyce Grandmaison - January 29, 2025 at 08:25 AM

MR

“ Heard you were a great teacher, sorry for your loss coach
Michael Roy

michael roy - January 28, 2025 at 09:52 PM

WS

“ With love, everyone at Big Steve's purchased the
Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Francis
(Frank) W. Kennedy Jr..



With love, everyone at Big Steve's - January 28, 2025 at 04:03 PM

TF

“ The Cassano Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy Jr..



The Cassano Family - January 27, 2025 at 06:24 PM

TF

“ The Cassano Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy Jr..

The Cassano Family - January 27, 2025 at 06:24 PM

JM

“ The Kennedy's were a class act,
All the brothers,
Our family grew up starting in the late 1950's
The Kennedy's were a few doors down
From the McInnis,s on Bradford avenue,
Many a card games were played in those days
Frank and his brother were so good to all of our family over the
years ,always welcomed us as kids into the arcades then later,our
sons first job
W great memories at playland before going off to college ,a job was
always there when home.
Frank was beloved and will be missed by so many.

John McInnis - January 27, 2025 at 05:35 PM

LH

“ *Mr. Kennedy you were the nicest man always with a smile and a smart comment, you will be missed by me and so many. RIP Mr. Kennedy*

Lisa Hurrell - January 27, 2025 at 12:31 PM

DK

“ *Many memories of him as a teacher and as owner of Playland Arcade. Rest in peace.*

Dawn Kramer - January 27, 2025 at 07:43 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy Jr..*



January 26, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy Jr..*

January 26, 2025 at 07:11 PM

LM

“ *Linda M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy Jr..*

Linda M. - January 26, 2025 at 07:08 PM

K+

“ Kevin +. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy Jr..

Kevin +. - January 26, 2025 at 06:49 PM

DD

“ Daniel D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy Jr..

Daniel D. - January 26, 2025 at 05:57 PM

DF

“ Damian F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis (Frank) W. Kennedy Jr..

Damian F. - January 26, 2025 at 04:59 PM