



Francis K. Kirwin

September 2, 1933 - November 5, 2020

Francis K. Kirwin, 87, of Dix Hills, NY passed from this life on November 5, 2020, surrounded by loving family and friends. He was born in Worcester, MA on September 2, 1933 and later moved to Hartford, CT where he made many life-long friends at Hartford High School and as a highly decorated member of the Hartford Police Department. He served in the US Army as a member of the military police on active duty in Korea until 1955.

He began his life-long career in real estate in 1962 when he moved his family to East Hartford, CT and became tax assessor for the Town of East Hartford. He served as assessor in East Hartford, Cromwell, Middlefield and other towns before he took the position of assessor in the City of Stamford in 1981 where he served for over 30 years, retiring at age 80. He was recognized as the dean of Connecticut tax assessors. He was the late Senator Thomas Dodd's driver, supporter and friend. Frank was active in Democratic party politics, especially in election campaigns for Senator Christopher Dodd, and Governors Ella Grasso and William O'Neill. Frank was a mentor to many and showed his love for his friends and family with a blend of loyalty and humor. He touched hearts in a way that will be remembered forever.

Frank was always in the front row for the accomplishments and milestones of his many friends and family members. He wanted to be the first one to hold his grandchildren and great-grandchildren when they were born and attended many sporting events and ceremonies to cheer them on. He loved the NY Yankees, UConn basketball and was a life-long fan of NASCAR cup and modified tour racing.

Frank was predeceased by his parents and sisters. He leaves behind his wife of 39 years, Gloria. He is survived by his four daughters, Jill Spinetti and son-in-law Joseph of Manchester, CT; Darcy LaBrosse and son-in-law Jacques of Merrimack, NH; Lynn Smith and son-in-law Brian of East Hartford, CT and Alison Pires and son-in-law, Paul, of Tolland, CT. He also leaves his two stepsons, Ronald Wright and Gina of Ridge, NY and Corey Wright and daughter-in-law Brigitte of Buford, GA. He was blessed by the love of

his many grandchildren, Brian Jr. and Russell Smith, Guy and Kristy Spinetti, Aubin and Grant LaBrosse, Nina and Nathan Peck, Paul and Coral Pires, Claudia and Alex Pires, Michelle, Morgan, Matthew and Ariana Wright and Kayleigh and Shelby Wright, and great-grandchildren Joseph and Dominic Spinetti, Logan and Charlotte Pires and Silas Duncan and special grandson Andrew Friend. He also leaves the mother of his children, Patricia Kirwin.

Frank was loved by so many friends and family members who will miss his love, generosity and sense of humor. In his honor, please share a story or a memory with others so that his legacy lives on. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America, New England Chapter, 1208 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

Friends and family are invited to a visitation on Sunday, November 15, 2020 from 2-5 pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford, CT. The funeral and burial services will be private and Frank will receive military honors.

In compliance with state mandates and the safety of all those attending the services, it is mandatory to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

A celebration of Frank's life will also be held at a future date when we can gather to honor a man who "Did it My Way."

If you would like to leave a condolence message online please visit the family guestbook to share memories with his family at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home

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Tribute Wall

IB

“ I am saddened to hear about Frank's death. So many wonderful memories come to mind. He surely could liven up any gathering! Please know that I hope that the love of family and the warmth of friends will help you all to endure his loss. Fondly, Irene Buckley

Irene Buckley - November 13, 2020 at 02:21 PM

MC

“ My sincere condolences to the Kirwin family. We have all lost a special guy!

Having practiced law in Stamford for over 40 years, with an active real estate tax valuation practice, I developed a special bond with Frank. Although we were often on opposite sides of the table, we had mutual respect for one another. He was smart, hard working, honorable and a true gentleman. We shared many interests, not the least of which was that we were both political junkies. It was my honor to speak at his retirement luncheon; and it was my pleasure to call Frank my friend. He will be missed by many. Rest in peace my friend!

Michael Cacace - November 12, 2020 at 11:56 AM

KH

“ What I most appreciated about Uncle Fran during my childhood was his calm, patient demeanor. There was a “lightness” about him, at least whenever his nieces crashed the East Hartford home to hang out with our Kirwin cousins. After a weekend sleepover, Sunday mornings were always begun when Uncle Fran got up early to get a dozen donuts – especially chocolate shot donuts. Once, the entire box was filled with chocolate shot donuts! Another great memory is from a winter blizzard or snowstorm around the late 1960s, when we lost power. By then, the addition was built on the East Hartford cape – which was a large “Rec” room with a big fireplace. So many aunts, uncles cousins to hang out with, wrapped in blankets and enjoying the warm fire. Uncle Fran will always live on in my best childhood memories. Love to my cousins during this time, Karen DiBella Hoke

Karen J Hoke - November 12, 2020 at 09:57 AM

NQ

“ Frank and I began our relationship as adversaries in the property tax appeal field. Over time we found trust and friendship that led to many good laughs. He was a true professional. Condolences to the family and friends.

norman quinn - November 12, 2020 at 09:37 AM

KR

“ Deepest sympathies to Brian and Lynne Smith and the entire Kirwin family.

Kathleen Rubenbauer - November 12, 2020 at 09:20 AM

MM

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Kirwin family. Frank was a wonderful man who was always there with a good word when he saw you or a helping hand if you needed one. The assessment profession has lost a true giant and I will always remember and miss the great political talks we had at Assessor's school.
Michael J. Milici

Michael J Milici - November 11, 2020 at 11:36 AM

CB

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Frank's passing. Having known him for over 50 years, Frank was especially close to my father in the assessment world. My mother still talks of their travels with the Kirwin's to IAAO conventions throughout the country, with Frank's humor and driving skills always among the highlights! Thank you, Frank, for your friendship and all you did for me over the years. I will fondly remember your stories of Korea, the Hartford Police Department, and, of course, politics. You have earned your peaceful rest and you are already missed.

Chris Buckley

Chris Buckley - November 11, 2020 at 09:37 AM

CH

“ Such fond memories of Frank growing up. He was one of my Dads best friends years ago. Gloria and Frank were married at my house years ago and it was a wonderful wedding..... You were a true gentleman who will be deeply missed. Deepest sympathies to the Kerwin Family and extended families... Love you Frank- Chris Bombardieri

Chris - November 11, 2020 at 09:32 AM

MF

“ Dear Lynn & family;
My deepest sympathy to you all for the loss of your dad. You are in my thoughts & prayers.
Marilee French

MARILEE FRENCH - November 11, 2020 at 07:34 AM

WF

Dear Jill, Darcy, Lynn, Allison and the entire Kirwin family: It was with deep sadness that I learned of Frank's passing. Friend, co-worker and larger than life. He loved his girls above all else. May he Rest In Peace.

Bill Forker- Charleston, SC.

William Forker - November 14, 2020 at 09:37 AM

CB

Deepest Sympathies to Bryan and Lynn, and all of the Kirwin family. My dad and his brother, worked with Frank back in the '60's as police officers in Hartford! Frank would always ask me how my dad Len, and brother Norman were doing. A kind and thoughtful man with a smile for all. Peace be with you,

*Chris Barta
Frank, and Jaimie Barta*

Christine Barta - November 14, 2020 at 02:06 PM

KP

*I don't know anyone who affected so many people in such major positive ways, always with modesty (although his pride occasionally would show)
He will be missed, by so many ...*

Kenneth Povodator

Kenneth Povodator - November 17, 2020 at 09:58 PM

JG

*Brian, Lynn and family
May your many memories bring you peace*

Jane Grigby

Jane Grigsby - November 21, 2020 at 01:34 PM