



Frank J. Will

June 18, 1953 - April 14, 2020

Frank J. Will, 66, of Evansville, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at his home surrounded by family.

Frank was born June 18, 1953 in Evansville to the late Urban and Betty (Goebel) Will. Frank graduated from Purdue University with a degree in horticulture and landscape design. While at Purdue, he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta or Fiji fraternity and he still kept in touch with his fraternity brothers today. Upon his graduation from Purdue, Frank founded Riverbend Landscaping which he continued to operate for the next 43 years. Through his landscaping design, Frank beautified many homes and businesses in the area. He enjoyed the outdoors, snow skiing, gardening, the St. Louis Cardinals and Purdue University athletics. He was proud of his work as a nurseryman, but more than anything Frank was proud of his two sons. Frank was also a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church and more recently, St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Surviving Frank are his wife of 33 years, Holly (Wilson) Will; two sons, Scott (Katharina) Will of Denver, CO and Matt Will of Bozeman, MT; a special nephew, Rob Franklin, who worked with Frank for the past 10 years; sister, Kathy (Ray) Funke; brother, Chris (Patti) Will; a niece and several nephews.

A celebration of Frank's life will be held at a later date. Pierre Funeral Home is

assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank J. Will*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I'm sorry to be so late in writing. I only learned of Frank's passing today, when I made an infrequent visit to Mater Dei's Class of '71 page.*

I only knew Frank for a year—our freshman year at MD, after which I moved to Kankakee, Illinois. But Frank and I became good friends in that year, through shared classes and playing lots of lunchtime Euchre. I loved his off-kilter humor, goofy grin (unchanged on the photo that accompanies his obituary, I see) and upbeat view of life. I see from the photo that he managed to ditch his big glasses somewhere along the way, too.

I lost touch with Frank after I moved and have regretted that. I had hoped to reconnect with him at Mater Dei's 50th reunion, but that can't happen now, of course.

To his family, please know that he made a big impression on this high school freshman a half century ago. From the obituary it looks like he led a very full life—just what I would have predicted for him back then.

Please accept my condolences.

Mark Sloan

Mark Sloan - October 13, 2020 at 07:35 PM

SW

“ Dear Holly and family,

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Frank. It was always great to talk to Frank at family events and to remember Uncle Urban and Aunt Betty and my Mom and Dad. May God Bless you and your family.

Steve and Lelda Will

Steve Will - May 16, 2020 at 07:25 PM

PW

“ Dear Holly and family,

We are so sorry for the loss of Frank. He did almost all of our landscaping on our property, and it still thrives. Every serpentine walk, flower/bush/tree, and wonderful lakeside dock will remind us of this creative, humble, and hard-working man.

Pat and Mell Welborn

Pat Welborn - April 25, 2020 at 10:51 AM

CF

“ Dear Holly and Family,

*My sympathy to you and your family, Holly.
Eternal rest grant unto Frank, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon him.*



Cathy Funkhouser - April 17, 2020 at 06:43 PM

JH

“ I was lucky enough to work for Frank for a few years after high school. Frank taught a lot of us (young at the time) guys a lot of lessons that still serve us well today. He definitely left this world a better and much prettier place. Chris and the Will family will be in my prayers.

John Hahn - April 16, 2020 at 10:10 PM

MM

“ To the Will Family,

My wife and I want to pass along our deepest condolences to the entire Will family and especially to our good friend and fellow Fiji brother, Chris. Our thoughts and prayers are with you...

Mike & Kathy Martindill

Mike Martindill - April 16, 2020 at 05:40 PM

LW

“ Holly, Scott, Matt, Chris, Patti & sons, Kathy, Ray & family,

We want to extend our sincerest sympathy to you all on the loss of Frank. Alan always looked up to Frank (his older cousin and neighbor). He admired Frank's determination, his work ethic, his talent in landscaping and business in general. Alan had even worked for Frank (and Chris) for a brief time landscaping and he became closer to his cousins during this time. We extend to you our hugs, thoughts, prayers and condolences to you all. Today's rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet are being prayed for you and your intentions. The family tree will never be the same. Love and hugs, Lynn and Alan Will



Lynn Decamps Will - April 16, 2020 at 03:01 PM

DM

“ *Holly, please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your husband. I know how this tragedy feels. I wish could do more than say I'm sorry. You and the rest of the family be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Deborah Morris - April 16, 2020 at 02:39 PM

SB

My deepest sympathy to Frank's family. He certainly helped beautify Amanda Mohr's farm. So sorry to here of his passing. Thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏🙏

Susan Mohr Baker - April 16, 2020 at 07:16 PM

HW

*Frank was deeply grateful to Mrs. Mohr for allowing him to start his nursery on her property. He thought a lot of her.
Holly Will*

Holly Will - April 17, 2020 at 01:44 PM

RA

“ *We are saddened for your loss. As we all know Frank was a bit on the quiet side until he was asked about his family or favorite sports teams. He was highly regarded for craftsmanship in his profession. We, like many others, would allow only Frank to handle all of our landscping needs and we were willing to wait. Mater Dei was a recipient of his generosity as evidenced by the campus grounds. Frank lived a life that his loved ones can be proud of as they cherish fond memories.*

Margaret and Ron

ron angermeier - April 16, 2020 at 01:34 PM

TM

“ So sorry for your families loss! Frank was such a humble guy. Hard working and was so proud of his family. Virtual hugs Holly!

Tammy Miller - April 16, 2020 at 01:02 PM

MW

“ Holly, Jim and I are so very sorry to hear of Frank'S passing. We remember Frank fondly and to this day we reminisce about the hayride he took us on one Halloween. I know your family will miss him terribly please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Marion Jim Walker



mary walker - April 16, 2020 at 11:37 AM

BD

“ Frank and i are fraternity brothers and he did some landscaping for me years ago, which we still enjoy today. I am very sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Bob Durfee

Bob Durfee - April 16, 2020 at 11:24 AM

DH

“ Holly and family,
Wayne and I are so sorry to hear about Frank. We have so many great memories of fun times during softball season, and good times at the chili cookouts at the farm. He was such a great guy. I'll never forget when he let us borrow a truckload of azaleas to decorate the Scottish Rite for the Reitz prom one year. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dana Hurst - April 16, 2020 at 11:17 AM

DL

“ Oh Holly, I am so sorry to hear of your husbands passing. He was so young. I did not know he was ill. My heart aches for you and your family. Time and prayer are the keys to healing pain from loss. I can tell from reading condolences that he was very respected and loved. Wishing you and your family strength and peace.

DONNA R LEWIS - April 16, 2020 at 11:03 AM

KS

“ Deepest sympathy to all your family.

Kathy Stephan & Mike Tredway

kathy stephan - April 16, 2020 at 10:40 AM

SK

“ Holly,
We are so very sorry to hear about Frank's passing. Praying for God to wrap his arms around you and your boys during this tough time. Hugs to you.

I always remember Frank as such a polite and kind man as well as such a hard worker! Rest in peace Frank. Sue, Jeff and Brian Krieg



Sue Krieg - April 16, 2020 at 09:57 AM

RJ

“ Condolences to the Will family. I have a lot of great memories of Frank from back In the day. Always enjoyed being with him.

Richard and Connie Johnson - April 16, 2020 at 09:57 AM

R(

“ I am so sorry to hear about Frank's passing. I remember him from High School as a lovely and gentle person. My condolences to his family along with my thoughts and prayers 🙏.

Rebecca Hope (Kinsler) - April 16, 2020 at 09:55 AM

SR

“ Holly, Scott, Katharine, and Matt,
So very sorry to hear about Frank's death. He was such a wonderfully talented and caring man. The girls remembered the parties at your house when they were little and how much fun they had. May you find comfort in knowing that he is in heaven and God is taking care of him. We will keep you family in our prayers.
Alan and Sharon Ripplemeier

Sharon Ripplemeier - April 16, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ Prayers and sympathy from an old acquaintance. Such a good man.
Martha Render

Wayne Render - April 16, 2020 at 08:52 AM

BL

“ It saddens me greatly to hear of Frank's death. As a fellow Wildcat and Boilermaker, I remember Frank with great respect, though I moved away and didn't keep touch, which I regret. I remember him as being the quiet guy, some would say laconic. I considered him just thoughtful. I wish I had known him better. Rest In Peace, old friend!

Blaise Liffick

Blaise Liffick - April 16, 2020 at 08:45 AM

DG

“ Dear family, Our deepest sympathy to all of you on Frank's death. He did a lot of landscaping for us through the years, including a stone wall that will always remind of us of him and to pray for all of you. We saw Frank routinely at chemo and would say, "We are praying for you, Frank," and he would always say he was praying for Tom as well. Cancer sure is a tough enemy, and Frank was a warrior. Please know that we have you in our thoughts and prayers in the days, months, and years ahead. We believe the promises of God and we will all see him again some day. May the Lord touch you with His peace and comfort in the time ahead.

Tom and Debbie Gabe; Aaron, and Alea Gabe and sons

Deborah Gabe - April 15, 2020 at 08:55 PM

RA

“ Holly and family,

Sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Ravah Wicks and family

ravah - April 15, 2020 at 08:39 PM

SD

“ Holly, Scott, and Matt,
I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Frank. Your family has always had a special place in my heart. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers and ask God to send you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Sheila Dale

Sheila Dale - April 15, 2020 at 08:15 PM

BC

“ I worked for Frank for about 6 years and it was some the best days of my life. I got married and my 1st son was born while I worked there. Frank was a good man. My condolences go out to his family, particularly his wife Holly and his sons as well as his brother Chris who also worked with us for part of my time at Riverbend.

Brian Cardin - April 15, 2020 at 06:47 PM

LR

“ Holli, I am so sorry for your loss. It's been years since we were together on Howell Swim Team, but I've always considered your family part of ours. Hugs and prayers to you and the boys.
Lori Reed

Lori Reed - April 15, 2020 at 05:49 PM

DD

“ To Holly and Kids as well as Patti and Chris. Dan and I are so sorry to hear of Franks passing. He fought a long time. God took him so he will struggle no more. Prayers to the whole Will family and may Frank Rest In Peace 🙏🙏🙏💙❤️❤�

Dan and Julie Devillez - April 15, 2020 at 04:09 PM

SF

“ Frank had been doing some work at our son's house and I got to say hello to Frank recently after many years! He was a year ahead of us in school.
Your struggle is now over Frank. Rest In Peace.

Our deepest sympathy Chris and Patty.

Steve and Marcia Frey

Steve and Marcia Frey - April 15, 2020 at 03:47 PM

BD

“ *Chris, Patti and Family,
We were so sorry to hear of Frank’s passing.
Please know we are keeping all of you in our
prayers. I’m sure Frank is having a wonderful
conversation with Urban and Betty and they
are looking down and smiling at all of us.*



*Our blessings,
Phil and Becky*

Becky Doshier - April 15, 2020 at 03:14 PM