



Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank

October 23, 1955 - December 15, 2023

Geoffrey E. Frank, 68, of Bluffton passed away Friday evening, December 15, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born October 23, 1955, in Fort Wayne to John L. and Patricia A. Frank. His marriage on February 25, 1984, in Bluffton was to the former Mary Lynn Johnson, who survives.

Geoff was a 1974 graduate of P.A. Allen High School in Bluffton. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in political science, both from Ball State University, Muncie.

He worked in communications and administrative roles for most of his 40-plus-year career, including positions at Lincoln National Corporation, IBM Global Services, Job Works, and the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, all in Fort Wayne. He was a former reporter, sportswriter, government news editor and city editor for The Bluffton News-Banner. He also served as the elected county auditor for Wells County during the early 1980s.

Active at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton, Geoff served as a lector for many years. He also was a former member of the parish council.

An avid follower of current events, Geoff enjoyed collecting presidential campaign buttons, taking photos, and spending time with family and friends. Survivors include his wife of nearly 40 years, Mary Lynn Frank of Bluffton; two sons, John E. (Willemijn J.) Frank of St. Charles, Ill., and Paul D. (Megan E.) Frank of Warrenville, Ill.; and four grandchildren, Alexandra Frank, Amelia Frank and Jackson Frank, all of St. Charles, Ill., and Hayden Frank of

Warrenville, Ill.

Additional survivors include his brother, Charles R. (Marilyn Wiley) Frank of Suffolk, Va.; his sister, Catherine A. Schroer of Florence, Ky.; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Marjorie E. (Larry) Bennett of Muncie and Judith L. (James) Colegrove of Hartford City; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, August F. "Butch" Schroer.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 20, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with a rosary service at 4 P.M., prior to visitation.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father David Violi officiating and a short visitation beforehand at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Bluffton, with a reception at the church after the burial. In lieu of flowers, Geoff and his family would prefer memorials to an organization of the donor's choice or for masses to be given in his honor.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Friends can share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Rosary Service

DEC 20. 4:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

DEC 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1300 North Main Street
Bluffton
Bluffton, IN 46714

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1300 N Main St
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 20, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Mary Lynn and family, Thinking of you. Geoff was a sweetheart and will be greatly missed. May God bless and comfort you in the days ahead. Valerie Jackson and Stan Wilson and family*

Valerie Jackson - January 07, 2024 at 10:15 PM



“ *152 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 20, 2023 at 12:27 PM

FF

“ From - Your Kane SAO Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.

From - Your Kane SAO Family - December 20, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.



December 20, 2023 at 12:20 PM

MB

“ M. Gumz, L. Juby, Kane County Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.

M. Gumz, L. Juby, Kane County Board - December 19, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.



December 19, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.



December 19, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ The Civil Division at the KCSAO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.

The Civil Division at the KCSAO - December 19, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.



December 19, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ ABES Inc Staff members planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.

ABES Inc Staff members - December 19, 2023 at 11:17 AM

YF

“ Your McLane Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.

Your McLane Family - December 18, 2023 at 11:19 AM

YF

“ Your McLane Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.



Your McLane Family - December 18, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.



December 18, 2023 at 09:33 AM

RC

“ Russ and Sharon Colegrove planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geoffrey "Geoff" E. Frank.

Russ and Sharon Colegrove - December 18, 2023 at 09:33 AM

RC

“ Couple of pictures when Geoff was at my 50th birthday party.



Russell Colegrove - December 18, 2023 at 09:29 AM

PK

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and for your whole family. 1 Peter 5:7.

- Preston & Wendy Kaehr

Preston Kaehr - December 18, 2023 at 08:20 AM

SP

“ The last time Dennis & I saw Geoff was at a Bluffton Restaurant eating lunch with family, Geoff had gotten a new furnace & wanted to give us his old unused furnace filters. We followed him home to learn that Mary Lynn had already thrown them away. He was such a kind man & always thinking of others. So sorry for your loss.

Sue (Colegrove) Paul - December 18, 2023 at 07:15 AM

JJ

“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort and help you and your family.

Janet Jones - December 17, 2023 at 11:17 PM

CP

“ Mary Lynn, John and Paul so sorry to learn this sad news. What a good kindhearted man your husband and Dad was. I remember so many good times at the ball games his excitement when you boys played he was so proud of you both. Always a smile and a kind word for everyone he will be miss seed by many. Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time
Cathy P

cathy pearson - December 17, 2023 at 10:14 PM

GP

“ Mary Lynn, you're in my prayers and thoughts! What a fine man and gentleman has left you! Geoff was so kind, caring, gentle, always so positive and interesting! May God hold you close and give you strength!

Glenna Plummer - December 17, 2023 at 02:09 PM

SB

“ I don't think there was a more jovial person on Earth than Geoff! Always a smile or a laugh! Rest In Peace pal!

Steve Bradtmiller - December 17, 2023 at 09:42 AM

RH

“ MariLynn, sorry for yours and the boys loss of spouse, father, friend, companion etc. Prayers for your family.
Rhonda Harris

Rhonda Harris - December 16, 2023 at 09:40 PM