



Frank W. Kneipher Jr.

July 30, 1937 - January 13, 2024

Frank Kneipher Jr., 86, of Hazlet, NJ, passed away on January 13, 2024 at Bayshore Medical Center, Holmdel. He was born on July 30, 1937, in Westfield, NJ.

Frank was a selfless and family-oriented individual with a great sense of humor. He was known for his friendly nature and always made those around him feel welcome. Frank had a deep love for his family and cherished spending time with them.

He is survived by his son, Frank Kneipher III; daughter-in-law, Jerilyn Vernickas-DiGangi; daughter, Justine Kneipher; son, William Kneipher (wife Nancy); sister, Joyce Kneipher Steinberg (husband Ken); grandchildren: Frank Kneipher IV (wife Amy), Pamela Kneipher Hettinger (husband Matt), Emily Kneipher, Douglas Kneipher, and Andrew Kneipher. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Coleton Hettinger and Dylan Hettinger. Also numerous nieces and nephews, and a dedicated friend Gail Peterson.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Kneipher Sr. and Eva Filiciello Kneipher; his wife, Catherine Marice Shea Kneipher; sister, Harriet Kneipher Kirsch; and his loving companion, Marianne Goffredo.

He graduated from Essex County Vocation Technical High School in 1956.

Upon graduation, he proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1956-1959 when he was honorably discharged. Upon discharge, Frank went to work as a plumber with Plumbers Local 24 in Springfield, NJ.

He worked as a plumber from 1960 until his first retirement in 2000. Immediately after retirement, Frank started working as a part-time plumbing inspector for Middletown Township. A few years later, he began working in the same capacity for Union Beach. Frank retired from Middletown on Dec 31, 2023, and stayed with Union Beach until the time of his passing.

Frank served the West Keansburg Fire Company and Hazlet Fire Department with great honor for 61 years. He was an active Life Member and held many titles, from Chief of Department to Relief Association Treasurer. Frank was also instrumental in starting the Christmas tradition of Santa Claus visiting residents of West Keansburg on Christmas Eve. He was very dedicated and took great pride in serving his community.

In his free time, Frank enjoyed gambling at casinos and spending time at the firehouse. He was a communicant of St. Ann's Catholic Church. He found joy in supporting his grandchildren and great-grandchildren at their sporting events.

Visitation for Frank Kneipher Jr. will be held at the Laurel Funeral Home in Hazlet Township, NJ, on Thursday, January 18th, from 4-8 PM. The Laurel Funeral Home in Hazlet Township, NJ, is assisting the family with the arrangements. There will be a funeral service at St. Ann's Church, Keansburg, on Friday, January 19th at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your local Fire Department or First Aid Squad or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Frank's presence will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he touched.

His selflessness, commitment, and love for his family will be remembered and cherished forever. May he rest in peace.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home
201 Laurel Avenue
West Keansburg
Hazlet, NJ 07734
laurelfh@verizon.net

Funeral gathering

JAN 19. 9:00 AM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home
201 Laurel Ave
Hazlet Township, NJ 07734
(732) 787-0258

Funeral Mass

JAN 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann's RC Church
311 Carr Avenue
Keansburg, NJ

Graveside Service

JAN 19. 11:15 AM (ET)

Mt. Olivet
Chaple Hill Rd
Middletown, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Kim and Rich Hamilton purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Frank W. Kneipher Jr..*



Kim and Rich Hamilton - January 17, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Kim and Rich Hamilton planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Frank W. Kneipher Jr..*

Kim and Rich Hamilton - January 17, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank W. Kneipher Jr..*



January 17, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frank W. Kneipher Jr..*



January 17, 2024 at 10:31 AM

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“ God saw you were getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered, “Come to Me.”



*With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to show us,
He only takes the best!*

Frank thank you for the gift of your friendship!

Gail Peterson - January 16, 2024 at 11:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Frank W. Kneipher Jr..



January 16, 2024 at 08:11 PM



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

January 16, 2024 at 09:02 AM

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“ *The Acevedo Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frank W. Kneipher Jr..*



The Acevedo Family - January 16, 2024 at 08:34 AM

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

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“ *Frank.. aka the ICEMAN.. May you rest in peace, you were the most amazing, loving man I know. We were all blessed to have you in our lives. Hoping that heaven is as beautiful as was your soul. I will miss you and love you.*

Maureen DeCarlo - January 16, 2024 at 08:20 AM

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“ *The Family lit a candle in memory of Frank Kneipher*



The Enright Family - January 16, 2024 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Frank W. Kneipher Jr..*



January 15, 2024 at 05:28 PM