



Francis "Frank" Kosich

January 1, 1957 - August 13, 2022

Francis "Frank" X. Kosich, 65, of New Britain, passed away unexpectedly Saturday August 13, 2022 at his home. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he has lived in New Britain since 2006. A graduate of Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia, he graduated from Temple University, received his Masters Degree from Webster University and was also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. Frank, an Iraqi War veteran and proud Airborne Jumpmaster, retired after a 30-year career as a Colonel from the U.S. Army. Among his roles he served as Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers Far East District in Korea and Deputy Commander of the Gulf Region District in 2005, tasked with rebuilding Iraq at the time. After his retirement, Frank headed to Qatar for several years where he built the infrastructure the world will see this November for the World Cup, then to New York City where he was the Resident Engineer overseeing the construction of the 2nd Avenue Subway and then to Honolulu where he spent the last several years building that city's new elevated rail line. After returning home, he began working remotely on a rail project in Toronto as he transitioned to his proudest role, Grandpop. An active member of St. Ann Church in New Britain, he served as a lector and was a prominent actor in the church's annual Passion Play, often recruiting family to fill up the cast. In his free time, Frank enjoyed playing golf, reading, traveling, spending time with his family and watching the Philadelphia Eagles.

Frank was predeceased by his parents, Francis J. Kosich and Teresa (O'Neill)

Kosich. Surviving are two sons, Francis Kosich II and his wife Jennifer of Watertown, CT; and Joseph Kosich currently of Kissimmee, FL; a daughter, Kristen "Krispy" Kosich of New York City; two brothers, Joseph Kosich and his wife Theresa of South Hampton, PA; and John Kosich and his wife Stacey of Shaker Heights, OH; two sisters, Teresa Fitzpatrick and her husband Kevin of Doylestown, PA; and Mary Connelly and her husband Bill of Feasterville, PA; two grandchildren, Sullivan and Estelle Kosich. In addition, his former wife and close friend Laurie Kosich, brother-in-law Joseph Calvo and his wife Tracey; and sister-in-law Joan Gialluca and her husband Bill, and many nieces and nephews. There are physical things that will stand in time as a testament to his work but his legacy will live on in his children, his grandchildren, his large family and in his countless friends. The latter a group that stretches literally all over the world- HOOAH!

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, August 19th, 10:30 AM at St. Ann Church of St. Joachim Parish, North Street, New Britain. Please go DIRECTLY to the church for the mass. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Thursday August 18th, from 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, or to the New Britain Pound Pals in honor of Frank's dog Roxy. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1141 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06053

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 225-6361
carlsonfh@aol.com
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann Church
101 North Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Tribute Wall

PD

“ *My sincerest condolences to Franks family and friends. I did not know Frank long, but he was a very professional and down to earth individual. Peter Davis*

Peter Davis - September 17, 2022 at 09:53 AM

MS

“ *I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Frank, but I did work with him as part of a broad group of colleagues albeit remotely, and his attributes shone through. He was an absolute gentleman and consummate professional. His professional insights, respectful and friendly disposition was always appreciated by all who knew him. We'll miss his voice and support. So very sorry to learn of his passing. To his family, and friends at HDR, you have my deepest condolences.*

Mario Silva, Comtech Group. Toronto.Ont. Can.

Mario Silva - August 24, 2022 at 12:39 PM

MR

“ I first met Uncle Frank on the Fourth of July weekend of 2016, when Nick (his Nephew) brought me to CT to meet his family for the first time. But before I met Nick's parents, I got to meet uncle Frank first in New York and his daughter, Kristen. Of course I was extremely nervous! As a lower enlisted in the army at the time, I felt quite anxious knowing that I was meeting the Colonel of the family first!!! You'd realize right away that he is truly larger than life yet, also the most humble person you'll ever meet. On that same weekend, he brought us to my first baseball game, the Mets vs Cubs. I did not know how baseball works but we sure went home with lots of souvenir beer cups! I remember how it started pouring during the game and I found myself cold on a New York summer. Of course, out of nowhere, Uncle Frank gave me his rain jacket. And that's just the beginning of the many more acts of generosity that I'd get to experience from Uncle Frank.

A year later, Nick and I moved to CT after our active duty contract in Fort Carson ended. What would have been a stressful experience of finding a new place to live, Uncle Frank made sure that would not be the case. He opened his home to us, though he'd only known me for a year. And for the next four years, while he's working in Hawaii, Nick and I lived in his beautiful home by the lake. When he comes home for the holidays, I panic just a little knowing that he'll act like he's doing a barrack inspection soon as he enters the main door just to humor us! Oh how I will miss spending a quiet afternoon in his sunroom and listening to him roast Nick for going Infantry to Supply in the Army! I am an introverted Filipino, and Uncle Frank would always tell me stories of the Filipinos he met in his ventures around the globe. He is the kind that would make sure you're included, and that you won't have to feel like an outsider in his presence. One of the hardest things I had to do was express my gratitude towards his kindness as he would always make it a point to show that we're the one doing him a favor.

Even after we moved out of his house, he never stopped taking care of us. Oh how he insisted on taking us to his favorite German

restaurant in town, and oh boy, I sure did learn a lot about the history of every item on the menu! I love learning about the world from him. After every conversation with Uncle Frank, I always feel like I just want to hop on a flight and be a foreign diplomat or an intelligence officer somewhere dangerous! Family dinners just would never be the same without him. I would always view Uncle Frank as the Ultimate Badass and Great Scholar! On top of everything, he is the greatest family man. He will forever serve as an inspiration to us all.

*Love,
Maricris*

Maricris Rivera - August 22, 2022 at 08:46 PM

JA

“ *Will always be remembered for his amazing energy. Prayers and wishes with him and family 🙏*

Jen Alam - August 22, 2022 at 04:00 PM

PS

“ *I had the pleasure of working with and for Frank in Qatar. Truly a gentle giant. He knew how to make an entrance in a meeting, usually with an authoritative "hell yeah!" as he entered the room. Truly one of the greats who will be missed*

Paul Spooner - August 20, 2022 at 09:27 AM

MS

“ Aloha and Mahalo, Col. Kosich....From the men of the 65th Combat Engineer Battalion, "F" Quad, Schofield Bks, Hi., First In-Last Out!! Airborne, ALL THE WAY!! SIR!!



Matt & Angie Schell - August 20, 2022 at 06:54 AM

ML

My condolences to Frank's family he was my co. Commander in 1985 I was his personal driver for 8 month's in Hawaii. . It was a pleasure knowing cpt. Kosich . God speed sir

Mark lenart - September 26, 2022 at 06:38 PM

DC

I just came across this sorrowful news. I also work with Frank in Hawaii from 1981-1984 in the 65th Engineer Battalion. Frank was an outstanding officer and great friend. I have many funny stories about our time together, especially when Frank and I were on the Assistant Division Engineer staff under Maj Frankel. RIP my friend! You'll always be missed! Don Constantine, MAJ, EN, US Army (Retired)

Donald Constantine - March 06, 2024 at 08:49 AM

DP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Frank during our time in Qatar. He truly was a great person to work with. His charisma, passion, energy and leadership was exemplary and out standing. it was a pleasure to have met Frank and share a few years together making our contributions to Qatars 2030 vision. So so sad to hear of Franks passing and my sincerest condolences to all of Franks family. He truly was an absolutely amazing person to have worked with. As a typical Brit he exemplified my perceptions of a enthusiastic passionate caring focused business leader. Pleasure to have worked with you. RIP my dear friend.

Dipesh Patel - August 20, 2022 at 05:17 AM

ED

“ Remembering you, Frank, with fond Aloha.

Eleni Davis - August 20, 2022 at 04:25 AM

WB

“ Frank was a terrific boss. He was firm but fair and would always look out for the folks who worked under him. He was a commanding presence and had a great sense of humor. He was a fine, intelligent leader who lead by example. My deepest sympathies to the Kosich family and everyone who knew him.

William Bekemeier - August 19, 2022 at 07:39 PM

HA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



HART - August 19, 2022 at 06:08 PM

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HART - August 19, 2022 at 06:05 PM

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Courtesy of Star Advertiser

Hart - August 21, 2022 at 04:16 AM

OA

“ Omar AlHindi sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis "Frank" Kosich



Omar AlHindi - August 19, 2022 at 09:30 AM

RT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Ryan Tam - August 19, 2022 at 06:38 AM

RT

“ One good memory of Frank is how he would liven up the large rail project meetings in Honolulu with boisterous references to the winners and losers of the weekend’s football games. And other meetings would almost inevitably lead to anecdotes from his experiences with other projects (such as in New York, where they replaced brand-new signs just before opening the new stations), or else from his Army days. He also took pride in learning the Hawaiian names to the rail stations. We were lucky to have his confident leadership and large personality on the rail project team. It was a big shock to lose him so suddenly, and he will be missed dearly. Many condolences to the Kosich family and friends.

Ryan Tam - August 19, 2022 at 06:31 AM

DM

“ Frank was a great leader. I worked closely with him for a few months. We lived in the same building for a while (in Qatar) and I would often bump into him at the gym early in the morning. A really nice person. Will be truly missed by all who know him.

Devesh Mody - August 19, 2022 at 06:26 AM

AW

“ Fond memories of working with and socialising with Frank in Qatar. Frank was great company to be with and will be missed by many. Rest in peace.

Andy Wyatt - August 19, 2022 at 01:54 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Kosich.

August 18, 2022 at 07:49 PM

RM

“Where to begin, Uncle Frank was like a 2nd Dad to my brother (Nicky) and I. We have so many memories together during our childhood and most recently, all of our family gatherings together. I can still see Uncle Frank walking in the door with a box of cannolis.. gearing up to give us all a giant hug— his hugs were the best. The Kosichs are our cousins, but basically brothers and sisters and we would drive UF crazy (to say the least.) From hiding one of his sandals in the sand at the beach requiring him to walk home with one shoe, to fighting in the car during the longest car rides to one of their military bases: Fort Knox, Tampa, Carlisle, Fort Hamilton to name a few. And teaching Kristen and I hard lessons when we would fight over roller blades or barbies. Uncle Frank had alot of patience with us, and he was a big goofball. I can still hear him singing Frank Sinata: “It Was A Very Good Year” and making up his own words to it as we all belly laughed in the car. I would trade in any song on the radio to hear him sing again or even yell viciously at the TV when the Eagles fumbled the ball. UF- watch over us up there.. and know we will carry on your memory in the years to come and you will always have a big piece of our hearts. Love you and miss you <3

Rachael Mancini - August 18, 2022 at 03:02 PM

SR

“ Frank. Frank had a presence about him. One I can't describe but a definite presence. He was steady, very intelligent, wise, worldly, humble and someone whose advice and opinion was deeply respected. Frank loved his family. You never questioned his love for you. There was always that big bear hug and he never missed an opportunity to say I love you. Heartbreaking doesn't even begin to describe his unexpected passing.

My prayers are with family, friends and everyone whose life Frank touched. We all were blessed to have had him in our lives and we will be here for each other in the days ahead. Frank will be in our hearts forever.

Sharon Rodrigue-Baretta - August 18, 2022 at 01:19 PM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Frank's family and friends. We were stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood with the Kosich's and enjoyed our time with them. So sad and shocked to hear of his passing

Bob & Lynda Flowers - August 18, 2022 at 08:16 AM

AP

“ I worked with Frank in Doha. He was an exceptional man and a true patriot. We bonded over the military. He would tease me because I grew up in an Air Force family and I was from NJ. He was a piece of home while I was so far from mine. I always saw him as a mentor and will truly miss him. May God bless you and grant your family peace during this time.

Amanda Paulin-Bialy - August 18, 2022 at 06:50 AM

NK

“ I was fortunate to work with Frank in the Local Roads and Drainage Project in Qatar. He was one of the best leaders that I have met in my career life and would always remember the fond memories. My sincere condolences to his family! May his soul rest in peace in the heavenly Kingdom of God!

Nadeeka Kurukulasuriya



Nadeeka Kurukulasuriya - August 18, 2022 at 03:25 AM

TA

“ I worked with Frank on the HART rail project in Honolulu, Hawaii and have many fond memories of our time together. He was a true leader and while he liked to project a gruff, no nonsense image, it was clear that he cared deeply for our project and especially cared for the people he worked with. He would routinely wave me into his office to see how I was doing, to tell me about his kids when they were visiting, or tell me how the Eagles would get back to the Superbowl. I remember our conversation on his last day in the office. He was so excited to be taking a cross country road trip with his son and described the route that they'd take and the places and people he wanted to see along the way. I'm so glad he was able to move back to the mainland to be closer to family. A hui hou, Frank! Love and Aloha to the Kosich Family.

Taka - August 18, 2022 at 12:55 AM

MB

“ To the Kosich family, thank you for sharing Frank with us. Frank had a positive impact on our team’s morale and our individual lives. We are all better people thanks to the opportunity to work in the presence of his charming spirit and great leadership.

Mike Boomsma - August 17, 2022 at 05:40 PM

KB

“ To the Kosich Family. I am shocked and saddened to hear of Frank's passing. I worked with him twhen he was at DTC E&C. I worked upstairs at DTC, Inc. Frank would always come up to visit and give me a hard time. Always made me laugh. He was a great man. I am so very sorry. May be rest in peace.



Katie Brosnan

Katie Brosnan - August 17, 2022 at 05:30 PM

SC

“ To the Kosich family and friends. Frank passed much too early and will be truly missed. My condolences to all who were close to him.

In 2017, I had the opportunity to hire Frank on an extremely complex rail project in Honolulu that was going through a difficult time with management changes. Being a military officer with a record of accomplishment and a "can do" attitude, Frank hit the ground running and quickly established a sense of order that enabled the project to progress. He quickly developed a rapport with his team and the contractors with a win-win philosophy that enabled work jams to be opened and resolve inherited issues. His willingness to be a team player extended beyond his work day including being the president of a local golf group and participation in agency activities such as the Dragon Boat races.

That being said, although he was 5,000 miles away, family was always on his mind and they meant everything to him. He was proud of his children and for all his accomplishments, I'd have to say, the happiest day I ever saw was when he had his first grandchild. That day showed where his priorities were!

Sam Carnaggio - August 17, 2022 at 04:47 PM

PJ

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Frank Kosich. I had the pleasure of working with Frank for two years in Honolulu. He was a leader and a gentleman. His door was always open when I wanted to talk and request his advice. We enjoyed some beers and stories together after work. He introduced me to Kristen and Joey when they visited him on the Island. Frank got up early two years in a row to cheer me on during the Honolulu Marathon. He was highly respected by everyone who worked with him. Frank, there is a pain in my heart knowing that you are gone from us, but happiness that I had the pleasure of working and socializing with you for a time. Rest In Peace my friend. Paul Johnson

Paul Johnson - August 17, 2022 at 03:48 PM

FO

“ Dear Kosich Family. Although I've known Frank just a few years from our time spent on various HART projects, he immediately gained my respect, trust and admiration. We were on opposite sides of the proverbial fence as owner and contractor but his honest, open and sometimes upfront nature broke down any barriers that were previously there. The more I got to know Frank the more I liked him. He was larger than life with a ton of worldly experiences. I looked to him for advice and as an example in handling certain difficult situations. On the contrary, I DID NOT look to him for advice on the golf course! His golf swing is not something I wanted to replicate! All kidding aside, I will miss Frank dearly. I was sad to see him leave Hawaii and now I am even more sad that he will not return. Although he is not here in body his memory will forever be kept alive in my heart.

Please accept my condolences and know that Frank Kosich made a difference in my life and career.

Sincerely,
Frank Okimoto

Frank Okimoto - August 17, 2022 at 03:23 PM

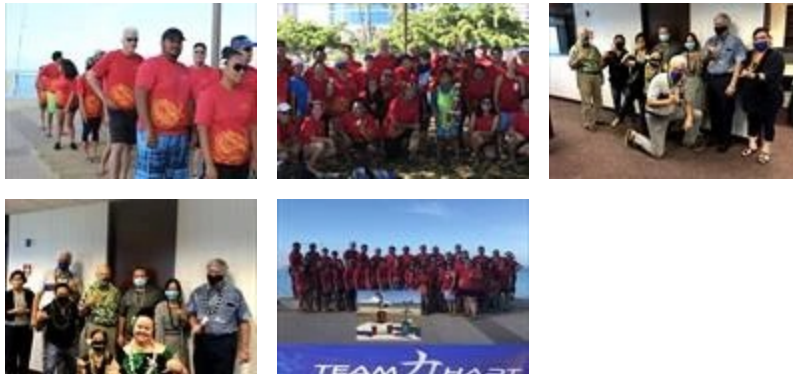
JM

“ We spent so much time as little kids playing army, climbing the tree on Marple and building forts in the back alley' Turns out he was preparing for a lifetime career.. Wiffle ball, wire ball, football using cars as blockers, buck/buck on the lawn walls - such fun. Fond memories of a great friend and the great Kosich crew that made the Sheffield/Marple alley the place to be. Maleys all send their condolences and love..

Jim Maley - August 17, 2022 at 11:49 AM

DD

“ I remembered meeting Frank on his first day at HART I convinced him to participate in our Dragon Boat Races he was excited to sign up. It was a pleasure to work with him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and close friends. He will be missed. Aloha A Hui Hou (Good bye until we meet again) “D”



Dember “D” Domen - August 17, 2022 at 12:51 AM

KN

“ Aloha Frank and family, I was truly saddened by the news this weekend. Frank came to Hawaii in the spring of 2017 to be my boss on the Honolulu Rail project, tough, political project. Staffing had been an issue since it started. Frank, with his wealth of leadership experience, came in to contribute to improving the course of the project. I left shortly after his arrival but enjoyed our discussions of how to make the project better. I remember meeting his daughter Kristen, who we had hoped to swim with sharks (but I think something went awry). I remember our farewell dinner and had hoped to meet up in the future to hear of new project adventures and tales of enjoying family. Looks like travels were planned so I am glad to hear and I'm sure you were enjoying golf. A hui hou my friend, we will meet again.

Kai Nani - August 16, 2022 at 06:06 PM

JM

“ I met Frank in 1979 when we were all new 2nd Lieutenants stationed in Hawaii. I know tough place to be, and it was a fast paced infantry division that was always on the move. But as the story goes someone had to do it, why not us. Frank, a fellow Temple University graduate Joe MacDonald, and I all roomed in what is now a multi-million dollar beach house. Who rents to 3 single service members? Glad they did, the parties and downtime were epic, but we all learned, survived, and grew as leaders and warriors. Frank and I paths crossed several times, and while we didn't stay in touch very well, I know he would have been here for me if I needed him. Frank you will be missed by more than you can remember. Each of us is a better human for knowing you. Rest in peace my brother. Rest in peace.

Jeffrey S Maddy - August 16, 2022 at 04:56 PM

WA

“ Frank was the best boss anyone can wish for. A wonderful person to be around, always happy to share his experiences. He took his tell stories and make sure people understand , truly a remarkable person ! We will miss you !

Wissam "Sam" Akra - August 16, 2022 at 02:34 PM

AF

“ I worked with Frank on Qatar infrastructure program management; he was a first class leader, a great mentor , an extremely nice person a human being one can never forget . He will always be remembered with his leadership, smile and sense of humor ; may his soul rest in peace.

Aly Fahmy - August 16, 2022 at 02:09 PM

AG

“ Frank and I met and worked together in Qatar. We became friends immediately as we shared many interests - music, films, rugby and humour. We spent many evenings together after work enjoying a quiet beer and a cigar, listening to music and putting the world to right.

Frank and his beloved daughter Kristen stayed with us in the UK and were due to arrive this weekend to visit us here in our new home in France.

Frank was a true gentleman, a great friend, such good company and one of the nicest persons I've ever known.

Rest In Peace my dear old friend.

Eileen and I will miss you so much.

Alf Greenwood - August 16, 2022 at 02:02 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mike Donovan - August 16, 2022 at 02:01 PM

AT

“ I worked with him on the 2nd Avenue project at WSP. He was the best boss anyone could ask for, a true leader. I will miss him greatly but I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to have worked with him. He truly was a class act. Will never forget his performance at the passion play. RIP Frank

alexander tarazi - August 16, 2022 at 02:00 PM

JS

“ I met Frank for the first time at Ft. Bragg but really got to know him while in Iraq. A true class act, servant leader and a wonderful guy to be around. Truly sorry for his family's loss and wish all who knew and loved him Peace and Grace. joe schweitzer

joe schweitzer - August 16, 2022 at 01:34 PM