



Frank Kurtycz

July 25, 1923 - August 2, 2018

Frank Kurtycz, age 95, of Canton; passed away peacefully of August 2, 2018. What an amazing man! Frank was born in Detroit at home on July 25, 1923. He was the second of nine children. Frank's journey starts after high school working for Ford Motor Company and after some time he enlisted in the US Navy. He served his Country, stationed in the South Pacific, on the USS Numitor. After serving, Frank was welcomed back to Ford because they had a strong respect for their employees who served in the military. While in the Navy, Frank's brothers would write letters about the girl who moved next door from Corbin, Kentucky. Her name was Canava Farmer "Candy". A romance started through those letters, and they married just months later. Candy preceded him in death two weeks before their 50th anniversary September 5, 1996.

Frank retired from Ford Motor Company in 1994 after 52 years. His career spans from cutting the lawn as a teenager, where the World Headquarter stands today, to becoming a Foreman at Ford Wixom plant to ultimately retiring as a Resident Engineer. His role was representing Ford Motor on major construction projects. When you drive by a Ford factory, office building, research and development center Frank probably had some part in its history. He was known as an outstanding Ford Motor company man and employee.

Frank had a strong conviction of family, health, and education along with a

passion for politics. In addition, he stood for the working class. He was always one to pour positive leadership values into you. He truly believed there was nothing you couldn't accomplish if you focused on your goals.

On hearing of his passing, a family friend said this: "He showed us all how to grow old swinging for the fences."

Frank is survived by his two sons; Dr. Daniel Iyama-Kurtycz and his wife Dr. Christina Iyama-Kurtycz and Pastor Wayne Kurtycz and his wife Renee Kurtycz. Proud grandpa of David Kurtycz, Jonathan Kurtycz and his wife Laura Bernstein-Kurtycz, Hannah Kurtycz-Booker and her husband Seth Booker, Katherine Kurtycz and her fiancé Austin Secor, Claire Kurtycz, Lucas Kurtycz, Zara Kurtycz; great-grandpa of Hudson Samuel Wayne Booker; caring brother of Eleanor Alberts and Norman (Catherine) Kurtycz, as well as many beloved niece, nephew, relatives, neighbors, coworkers, and dear friends.

The memorial gathering will be Thursday, August 9, 2018, between the hours of 4PM until 8PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI 48170 (between Sheldon & Beck).

The Celebration of Life will receive guests at 9AM with the service at 9:30AM Friday, August 10, 2018, at NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The gathering and celebration will be held in the Quest Room, room number 2229.

Inurnment will take place at 2 PM Friday at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly, MI 48442. Military Honors will be under the auspices of the US Navy.

Memorial donations to: The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, P.O. Box 33099, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303 (www.fwsf.org) or NorthRidge Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral home and at the church.

To share a memory of Frank, please click on the 'Share a Memory' tab on this page.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Memorial Gathering

AUG 10. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

NorthRidge Church
49555 North Territorial
Plymouth, MI MI

Celebration of Life

AUG 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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49555 North Territorial
Plymouth, MI MI

Committal Service

AUG **10**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Kurtycz*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Kurtycz.*



August 08, 2018 at 07:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Kurtycz.*



August 07, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Kurtycz.*



August 06, 2018 at 02:30 PM

JR

“ Frank and I were good friends in Hermosillo, Mexico. I just spoke to him on his birthday and he was so glad to have the picture I sent him of the 6 of us in Mexico. I have very fond memories of Frank. Love and blessings,
Judy Robertson

Judy Robertson - August 05, 2018 at 05:26 PM

 Amelia
Murphy

“ I did not personally know Frank but knowing the character and kindness of his son, Wayne, gives me insight on what a remarkable man he was. Frank instilled so very much in his son and his family. What an inspiring man. ♡

Amelia Murphy - August 05, 2018 at 07:54 AM

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“ We loved how he was 'Grandpa Kurtycz' to more than just his own grandchildren. He was Grandpa to our entire family and to everyone who knew him. We miss him deeply and are so sorry for your loss. 95 years is alot of living ... and he did it well. Our prayers are with you all. Ron and Diane

Ron and Diane Pennington - August 04, 2018 at 08:17 PM