



Frank Gerard O'Neill Jr.

April 5, 1969 - September 4, 2020

Francis Gerard O'Neill, Jr. (Frankie), 51, died September 4, 2020, with his family by his side in Spring, Texas.

He was born April 5, 1969, in Catskill, NY to Frank and Carol O'Neill.

Frankie went to St. Patrick's Grammar School in Catskill, NY. He graduated from Klein Oak High School in Spring, TX in 1987. He attended college at the University of Houston where he earned a Bachelor degree in Science; Master of Science in Administration; Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology.

He was a special education teacher for both the Aldine and Spring Independent School Districts. He was a living example to students, that despite their limitations, they could still achieve their dreams.

He was an active member of Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

His interests included family, computers, music, and reading. He devoted much of his time to children, with a special devotion to Joshua, Jessica, Jilliana, Jayci, Hailey, Brooklyn, and Bryson. Family and friends were of great importance to him. He was the bridge connecting all generations of his family.

Frankie is survived by his parents Frank and Carol (Overbaugh) O'Neill; sister, Noreen O'Neill; brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Stacy O'Neill; 2 nephews,

Jack and Luke O'Neill; aunt and uncle, Ann and Adrian McCrea; uncle, Tommy Nixon; uncle and aunt, Larry and Linda Overbaugh; aunt and uncle, Susan

(Overbaugh) and Steve Loughman; aunt, Marion Overbaugh; uncle and aunt, Michael and June Overbaugh; uncle and aunt, Billy and Kerry Overbaugh; 19 first cousins in Ireland and 8 cousins in the United States.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Harold and Marion Overbaugh and Frank and Nora O'Neill; uncle, Joe O'Neill; aunt, Agnes (O'Neill) Nixon; cousins: Eric Loughman, Kevin Rose, and Benjamin Overbaugh (Baby Ben).

Special and loving acknowledgement to doctors, nurses, teachers, and friends who helped him live a long, productive life.

A Celebration of Life open house will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m at his home.

Burial will be held in Catskill, NY when Covid restrictions are lifted.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Gerard O'Neill Jr.*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *I have so many favorite memories of Frank! I moved to CA in 1985 and we stayed in touch for such a long time. Then I moved to Atlanta and he came to visit me in 1994 or 1995 and we had a grand time. Frank was the best friend anyone could ever ask for! He is smiling down on all of us for sure!*

Kimberly Oviedo - September 13, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ *It is hard to pick just one memory of Frank. Frank was a true and loyal friend. He listened, he loved, he told you the truth and didn't pull any punches. He blessed me with the honor of sponsoring him through his confirmation. Since, we have had many hour long debates on religion. He was tough, courageous, kind and generous with his heart. I will miss you Frank & my girls will miss their Uncle Frank ❤️ Love you ~ Maryanne*

Maryanne - September 09, 2020 at 07:59 PM



Well said, "He listened, he loved, he told the truth." Thank you. - Frankie's Aunt Marion

Marion Overbaugh - September 10, 2020 at 10:30 AM

“Your Frankie changed my life. I remember Elizabeth telling me that she had a friend at school that she enjoyed helping in class. He was so smart and simply required her help in writing assignments as he was in a wheelchair and his use of his hands were limited. She told me that she wanted to invite him to our house, but he was very reluctant to come. So I called and assured him we had the perfect set up, with double doors, a flat threshold and his entry was no problem. I made sure the furniture placement would allow him to join us in the family room. Elizabeth invited several friends over, and Frank's coming out party was a success. I thought he was clever and loved his humor. And we bonded immediately.

Frequent visits to the hospital found Frank bored so he would call me and chat for hours as I ironed or cooked, or did chores. We enjoyed taunting and teasing each other. I bragged to Frank that I was the Trivial Pursuit champ in the family. So he challenged me to a game a week later. He beat me handily. But he later told me he had memorized all the answers just to beat me! Lol!

I remember badgering Frank to get his education, and telling him his mind was incredible.

And it was a joy to see him get two Masters degrees, and teach!

My fondest memory is the time he called me in tears. He loved Pat Benatar and had tickets to a concert, which he invited Elizabeth to come to. But on the concert day his Mom and Brian had the flu, the van had a flat, and his electric wheelchair had a problem.

He was devastated. I told him he was going if I had to carry him on my back. I called two kids from choir I knew, Patrick Martin and Geoff Mercurio and asked their help. So Elizabeth and the boys and I picked up Frankie in his manual wheelchair and drove to downtown Houston to see the concert. Pat and Geoff had picked up Frank and got him in my old station wagon. It was a successful evening, and on the way home we stopped at Burger King and all got crowns to wear with our food. The joy on Frank's face has always remained in my heart and mind as one of the greatest memories of Frank.

I talked to Frank a week before his passing. As usual he was in

control, told me he was ready to go and looking forward to seeing his family in Heaven.

Frankie was one of a kind. I will carry that kid in my heart forever.

Chris Garrett

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Beautiful memories, thank you and Elizabeth for being such great friends to Frankie. -Aunt Marion

Marion Overbaugh - September 10, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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“*Frank was my student at Klein Oak, my co-worker (after much persuasion that he would be a wonderful teacher!) at Spring ISD, and a cherished friend. Wherever my career life took me, Frank would find me to see how I was doing and fill me in on his own life changes. After I retired, Frank and I continued talking long distance to keep in touch. I marveled at how intelligent he was, how committed to education he became, and how important he was in many children's lives. I know those special children in his life will miss him tremendously, as will I. To his parents, I believe you were his angels on earth, taking care of him and yet allowing him to follow his path in the many directions he took in his lifetime. He talked of you both so often, and worried about you as much as you worried about him. This world was such a better place with Frank in it, and a bright light has now dimmed. Until we meet again, dear friend, know that you are forever loved and cherished.*

Cathy Stoner

Cathy Stoner - September 09, 2020 at 10:37 AM



*Amen, the world was a better place with Frankie in it. Thank you. -
Frankie's Aunt Marion*

Marion Overbaugh - September 10, 2020 at 10:25 AM