



Frank Gerhardt

March 3, 1941 - June 21, 2025

Frank John Gerhardt, 84, Topeka, Kansas, passed away after a long illness on Saturday, June 21, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Frank was born to John George Gerhardt and Teresa Ann Domme Gerhardt March 3, 1941. Frank attended Topeka Catholic Schools before joining the U.S.S 9th Naval District and served aboard the U.S.S Mount Baker, stationed at Treasure Island in San Francisco, California, in 1958 at the age of 17. (Yes, there is a story that goes along with his age) Frank served for 4 years and traveled to Guam, Hawaii and around the Asian Continent.

Upon his return to Kansas, Frank met a young lady that worked with his sister, Helen, at the Woolworth Soda Fountain in downtown Topeka who had recently moved to Topeka from Herington, Kansas, to attend beauty school. Frank and Jennifer were united in marriage on October 27, 1962, and one year later welcomed their first daughter, Lori Ann, and five years later their second daughter, Staci Ann. They were able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2012 prior to Jennifer's untimely passing the following year in 2013. Frank worked for Jostens Publishing Company from 1962 until 2003 when he retired after 41 years of service. He started out as a pressroom helper and served many years and retired as a pressroom supervisor. Frank had many mentors that he learned from and looked up to throughout his career and he was also a mentor to many others throughout his tenure.

Frank is survived by his daughters, Lori Weakland (Bob) and Staci Bray (Gary) of Topeka; grandsons, Troy Weakland (Sydney) and Connor Bray of Topeka; great-grandchildren, Josie and Atreus of Topeka; spouse, Sheila of Topeka; siblings, Teresa "Sis" Billbe of Topeka, Helen Forbes-Ortiz of Topeka, Patricia Ferrin (John) of Coram, New York, George Gerhardt (Linda) of Topeka, Eddie Gerhardt (Kathy) of Topeka, Regina "Genie" Arreguin (Joe) of Topeka; brother-in-law, Larry Kern of Osage City, Kansas; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Robbie Weakland; parents, John and Teresa Gerhardt; brothers, John and Richard Gerhardt; sisters-in-law, Joyce Kern and Janice Ulferts; brothers-in-law, Robert Taylor, Larry Forbes, Everett Bilbee and Mike Ulferts; and nieces and nephews, Bobbie Taylor, Terry Allen, Connie Ulferts, Todd Gerhardt and Greg Taylor.

Frank enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling until he was no longer able to, owning and taking care of his many antique cars throughout the years and his most recent one being his beloved Red 1949 Mercury. He also greatly enjoyed fishing and going to the gun range with his grandsons.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, June 27, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 312 NE Freeman Avenue, Topeka KS 66616. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Capper Foundation and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

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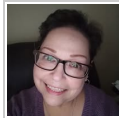
Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Gerhardt



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 25, 2025 at 04:26 PM



Dear Stacy and Lori,
I'm sorry to hear of Franks passing. He was a fun, kind and generous man. He got me my first serious job at Justin's, and I spent countless times at your mom and dad's house, with each of them as well as you both. I'll be thinking of "Big Frank", and your family. Much love from Dallas.

Franchesca Lucero - August 17, 2025 at 03:18 PM

JF

“ Sheila - May you receive God's peace and healing. Love, Judy F.

JUDY Karen FLINT - June 26, 2025 at 10:35 AM

MS

A coworker mentor and friend I learned a lot about printing from him over the years, Prayers 🙏 for the family.

Mark Scott - May 03 at 08:53 AM

TG

“ So sad to hear about this loss! My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Please feel free to reach out should any of you need anything! - John's Granddaughter



Tabetha Gerhardt - June 26, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Gerhardt.



June 24, 2025 at 05:36 PM

DH

“ I worked with Frank at Jostens. He was a great man in his field. If a press broke down he fixed it, and if a press wouldn't run he made it run. He could do about anything that would make the presses run. He was a good man. I know the kids will all miss him. He has no pain now, rest in peace Frank!!!

Dave Hedman - June 24, 2025 at 03:54 PM



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



June 24, 2025 at 10:01 AM

MG

“ Lori and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. It is so hard to lose your last parent. Mike and Cindy Gibbs

Mike and Cindy Gibbs - June 24, 2025 at 09:36 AM

RD

“ Sheila and I were friends since high school but had lost touch over the years. We were reunited at a class reunion. The first time ai went to visit I got to meet Frank. Even though his health was deteriorating I still could see the love and care he and Sheila had for each other. She told me he loved sweets so any time I baked something I'd go visit and share with them. I was happy that two good people had found each other, God does such wonderful blessings.

Ruth J Day - June 23, 2025 at 03:15 PM

FB

“ From (Silver Lake Bank) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Gerhardt.

From (Silver Lake Bank) - June 23, 2025 at 02:17 PM

FB

“ From (Silver Lake Bank) purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Frank Gerhardt.



From (Silver Lake Bank) - June 23, 2025 at 02:17 PM

JF

“ *Lori and Staci, I am so sorry for your loss. Believe me, I know that feeling. We all have fawn memories of Uncle Frank, He'll be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. He'll be able to enjoy heaven with those he has known that have pasted before him and reunite with them all. LY, Jim, Michelle, Leigha, Cody and Family.*

jim forbes - June 23, 2025 at 01:54 PM

GG

Rest in peace brother I will miss you love you frank

George E Gerhardt - June 23, 2025 at 04:21 PM

CB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Connor Bray - June 23, 2025 at 01:07 PM

SD

Love this picture!

shanon Davis - June 26, 2025 at 08:46 AM

SD

“ *Our family is lucky enough to have many years and great memories with Frank. Dalton, Dayci and I are saddened by the loss of such a kind man. Our deepest condolences to Franks family- sending hugs, prayers and love to all of you! Shanon, Dalton and Dayci*

shanon Davis - June 23, 2025 at 12:54 PM

MS

“ *From a press operator to press foreman always a mentor, learned a lot from him over my career at Jostens, prayers for the family.*

Mark Scott - June 23, 2025 at 12:51 PM