



Frank Kapp

July 1, 1945 - December 20, 2025

Frank Kapp, born Francis John Kapanowski in 1945 in Chicago, Illinois, passed away peacefully on December 20, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Collierville, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Catherine Kapanowski and sister, Sue Kapanowski Johnson.

Frank was a graduate of St. Rita High School and attended DePaul University.

A proud Vietnam War veteran, Frank served as a Warrant Officer and completed one tour of duty as a Chinook helicopter pilot. He deeply valued the camaraderie of his fellow servicemen and especially enjoyed attending the annual reunions of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. In 2024, he traveled to Washington, D.C. with the Forever Young Veterans Organization, an experience he held close to his heart.

Frank's professional life was as varied as it was successful. He began his career in the music industry, and later worked as an air traffic controller, bond salesman, and mortgage lender. In 1976, Frank and his wife Gail relocated to Memphis, where they made their lifelong home.

An avid golfer, Frank was a longtime member of Memphis National Golf Club and could often be found on the course enjoying retirement and friendships built over decades.

Frank is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Joan Gail Warner Kapp, daughter Kari Kapp Ware of Collierville and cherished grandchildren Coleman Ware and Carson Ware. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Don Warner and family, Janet Warner, nephews Garret Warner and Kurt Johnson and niece Kristen Johnson.

The family extends special thanks to Fr. Mateusz Wegrzyn of the Catholic Church of the Incarnation in Collierville for his compassion and support.

A lifelong Chicago Bears fan, Frank passed away just moments before their miraculous Saturday victory over the Green Bay Packers - a final, fitting gift for a devoted fan.

Frank will be remembered for his service, his love of family, and the many friendships he treasured throughout his life. The family requests that memorial donations be directed to Forever Young Veterans – 201 S Center St. #200, Collierville, TN 38017

A private remembrance will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Michael Carden lit a candle in memory of Frank Kapp* ”



michael Carden - January 13 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Brenda Nellums lit a candle in memory of Frank Kapp* ”



Brenda Nellums - December 30, 2025 at 02:19 PM