



## Frank Slaby

August 3, 1936 - July 30, 2018

Frank Slaby, age 81, of Rensselaer, Indiana passed away Monday, July 30, 2018, at his home. Frank was born August 3, 1936, in South Bend, Indiana, the son of Frank and Alice (Michalec) Slaby, Sr.

A graduate of South Bend Washington High School, he continued his education at Indiana University receiving his BS in Finance and Economics in 1962 and his MBA in Management and Administrative Studies in 1963. Frank received his PHD at University of Cincinnati.

Frank began his military career in 1954, serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-58, and the Reserves from 1958-1962. In 1963 he was commissioned into the U.S. Navy where he served in the Reserves from 1963-1968, Active Duty from 1968-1970 as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Command; from 1970-1996 he served in numerous Naval Reserve Commands. In 1996 Frank retired from the U.S. Navy with the rank of Captain.

He was a member of the Rensselaer Rotary Club and was a member of the Union Township Advisory Board from 1982-2006. He was a life member of the Indiana University Alumni Assoc., Beta Gamma Sigma, Alpha Kappa Psi and Kappa Delta Rho. Frank attended the First Presbyterian Church in Rensselaer and had been raised in the Catholic faith.

In 1968 Frank was bestowed the honor of Kentucky Colonel and in 1969 was named a Kentucky Admiral. In 1981 Frank was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash.

Frank was employed as a Professor of Business Administration at several

universities, including Mississippi State, University of Cincinnati, St. Mary's in South Bend, IN, Indiana University Northwest, Valparaiso University and St. Joseph College in Rensselaer. Frank was a financial advisor and tax consultant from 1995 to the present.

On May 18, 1978, in Gary, Indiana Frank married Kristi Courtright.

Surviving with his loving wife Kristi are three daughters, Cami (Steve) Slaby-Nail of Atlanta, GA, Keriann (David) Slaby-Martin of Knightstown, IN, and Joy (Leticia) Mendenhall of Long Beach, CA, grandchildren Alix Nail, Tyler Lee, Garrett Lee, Arya Walsh and Jude Walsh, great-granddaughter, Alexis Lee and his siblings, Trudy (Bill) Eissler of Atlanta, and Nancy Garcia and Ray (Darlene) Slaby, both of Indianapolis. Frank was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends will be received by the family at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. CDT. Funeral services for Frank Slaby, will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Rensselaer on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. CDT with a time of gathering from 10:00 a.m. CDT until time of services. Pastor Jeff Cover officiating. Burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 5th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
[info@jacksonfuneral.com](mailto:info@jacksonfuneral.com)  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer  
220 N. Cullen Street  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-7005  
[churchoffice@firstpresrensselaer.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpresrensselaer.org)  
<http://www.firstpresrensselaer.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Slaby*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - August 03, 2018 at 11:23 AM

DC

“ *Mr. Slaby was a Great teacher. Much discipline he bestowed on his students. After graduating from Saint Joseph's College (1992). I was working at Lafayette, Indiana Caterpillar. From the distance. I see Mr. Slaby giving a tour of the plant with several students. I was so happy to see him. Thank You sir. I always did my Best. 95% was an A in his class. I got an A. Thank you.*

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**Daniel Cotton** - March 06, 2025 at 04:57 AM

VS

“ *Our condolences to the entire Slaby family. We remember Frank when he came to our wedding. He reached out to our daughter when she was a reporter at The Lafayette Journal and Courier even though they had never met. May he rest in peace.  
With our love and sympathy, Vince, Helen and MJ Slaby*

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**Vince Slaby** - August 09, 2018 at 02:21 PM

ML

“ Keriann - You will be so proud of your Dad's military accomplishments when you lay him to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. My sister and brother-in-law are buried there and their service was unbelievable! The Caisson, the matching bands, the bugler, the firing party and the flag presentation to your family will be etched in your mind forever! Thanks for his service to our country.

Marty LeClerc - August 07, 2018 at 06:23 PM



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



August 07, 2018 at 11:49 AM



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



August 06, 2018 at 05:30 PM



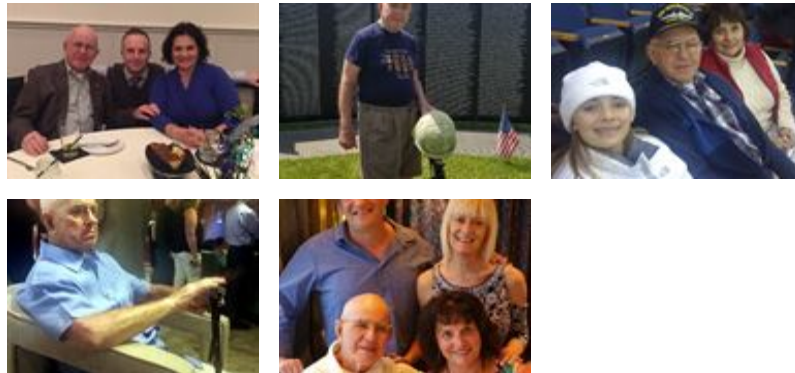
“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Slaby.



August 06, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ 24 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - August 06, 2018 at 10:50 AM

KK

“ *Cami,  
So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My sympathies and condolences to you and your family. This time of life is difficult. May God grant you strength in the coming days. I hope all else is well with you, Steve, and Alex.*

*Love and prayers,  
Kevin Kruggel*

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**Kevin Kruggel** - August 04, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Frank Slaby.*



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August 03, 2018 at 05:54 PM

MB

“ Frank and I had been classmates from kindergarten through high school. He was a wonderful person, always so kind and caring. I always looked forward to seeing him at our high school reunions. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are being sent for his family.



*Marge Drzewiecki Booher*

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**Margaret Booher** - August 03, 2018 at 04:14 PM

JA

“ Cami, I am sorry to read about your Father's passing. My deepest condolences to you and your family. I hope all is well with your Mom. When my parents were alive I often drove pass your house on Miami Street and thought about all of you. My best wishes to all of you and again my deepest condolences. Jim Allen/Naperville, IL

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**James Allen** - August 03, 2018 at 01:23 PM

RK

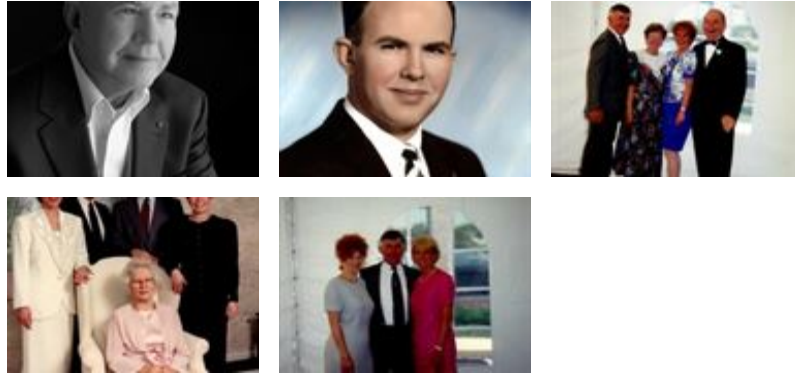
So sorry and surprised to hear of Frank's passing. Just 2 years ago at his 80th birthday party he was so ambulatory and aerobic I was sure he would live many more years. I remember writing him letters when he was in the Air Force on active duty in Korea about 1956. And going "hunting" with him on the Slaby farm with his shotgun sometime in the 50's, we never saw any prey, but fired anyway at targets of opportunity. Then, way back in the 40's when he helped me with my Boy Scout project, we (mostly he) made a bird house using left over wood pieces in his dad's wood storage shed on their "farm". I will miss him. Cousin, Ron Kowalczyk.

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**Ron Kowalczyk** - August 06, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - August 03, 2018 at 09:35 AM

EM

“ *Eli, Deb, Michael and Kelly, Jessica and Mark purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Frank Slaby.*



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**Eli, Deb, Michael and Kelly, Jessica and Mark** - August 02, 2018 at 05:27 PM

BS

“ *Trudy....Sorry to hear about the passing of your brother, Frank.*

*Carl and I will keep you and the Slaby family in our prayers.*

*Barbara & Carl Szymanski*

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**Barbara Szymanski** - August 02, 2018 at 05:12 PM

FP

“ Frank & Marina and Christian & Peggy purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Frank Slaby.



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**Frank & Marina and Christian & Peggy** - August 02, 2018 at 03:34 PM

JH

“ Janice HopkinsMalchow lit a candle in memory of Frank Slaby



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**Janice HopkinsMalchow** - August 02, 2018 at 02:22 PM

DN

“ Frank was an outstanding KDR. He did so much for the Nu Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho. Thanks to friends John Egan ( also a KDR) and Ann Marie Egan I was happy to have gotton requainted with Frank upon moving back to Indiana.

*My deepest condolences to Kay and to the Slaby Family.*

*Sincerely,  
Del Newkirk*

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**Delano Newkirk** - August 02, 2018 at 11:12 AM

KB

“ Trudy, Ray, and your family, my sympathies in the death of your remarkable brother. He and I worked closely at Kappa Delta Rho and his achievement of leading a Rush effort that resulted in a record 50+ pledge class is legendary in Nu Chapter history. As you know, when he set his sights on something, he achieved! (Ken Beckley)

Ken Beckley - August 02, 2018 at 07:02 AM

RN

“ Ray and Darlene, Trudy and Bill, Nancy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Frank Slaby.



Ray and Darlene, Trudy and Bill, Nancy - August 01, 2018 at 08:24 PM

TF

“ The Tice & Martin families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank Slaby.



The Tice & Martin families - August 01, 2018 at 01:08 PM

PW

“ I worked with Frank for a number of years at Saint Joseph's College. He always treated me with kindness even during my first few days at SJC, a time when he barely knew me. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Peter Watkins - August 01, 2018 at 12:40 PM

OF

“ *Ohanis Family lit a candle in memory of Frank Slaby*



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**Ohanis family** - July 31, 2018 at 10:37 PM

HM

“ *Kristi, so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. It was my honor and privilege to serve with Frank aboard ENTERPRISE and have him officiate over my commissioning ceremony in 1988. I will miss him and the wonderful dinners we had in your beautiful home. Howard Marshall*

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**Howard Marshall** - July 31, 2018 at 10:26 PM

BS

“ *He will probably never know the impact he had on a few (many many many) kids they had come out and work for them. He could have kept every penny he paid me, it would have been worth it. Stacking wood, always more wood to be stacked. Haha. Or shoveling out the chicken/sheep poop and wrestling the darn sheep before school. Mowing, chainsawing, and having lunch on the back patio. Frank made me a better person, I could never thank him enough. -Buddy Stoermann*

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**Buddy Stoermann** - July 31, 2018 at 07:40 PM