



## Frank Watkins Jr

May 31, 1956 - January 18, 2024

Frank Watkins Jr., 67 of Worcester unexpectedly passed away Thursday, January 18, 2024. Frank is survived by the family he loves so much, his loving, devoted wife of 44 years, Karen L (Spring) Watkins, his son; Jason L Watkins of Worcester, MA, a son Nathan T. Watkins predeceased him, his brother; Charles Watkins of Worcester, MA, a brother; James Watkins predeceased him, his brother in laws; Donald, George and Jeffrey Spring, his sisters; Linda Watkins of Chiefland, FL, Patricia Watkins-Sports and her husband Jerry of Maryland, Gloria Watkins and her partner Ry of Groveland, FL, Kendra (Clarke) Ofori Amanfo and her husband Kwaku Ofori Amanfo of Worcester, MA, his sister in laws; Donna Spring and Cheryl (Spring) Barnwell, his grandsons; Javon Watkins and Darius Givins, his great grandchildren; Noah, Jaziah, Maelani and Darius Jr., his mother in law; Beverly Spring and his step father in law; Bennie Thornton. Many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Frank was born in Eustis, FL, and was 10 years old when he moved to Worcester, the son of Frank Watkins, Sr. and Anna Mae (Rome) Watkins, his parents predeceased him. He graduated from Holy Name Central Catholic High School in 1975. He attended Nichols College before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force (Reserves) 1977-1988. He was a Lead Finish Inspector and Trucker at Wyman-Gordon Company, before retiring after 43 years of service in 2021.

Frank was a member of United Steelworkers of America, a MIAA & Youth Football Referee, coached Pop-Warner football for the Worcester Crusaders/Worcester Cowboys, Actively played racquetball at YMCA and Worcester Fitness, an avid golfer, he loved to play basketball, football, go fishing, play cards, travel, watch sports and dance. Frank will be remembered as a loving family man, and loyal friend. His presence in the community will be deeply missed, but his impact on others will be fondly remembered forever.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations be made to Worcester Youth Flag Football, West Side Station PO Box 20391 Worcester, MA 01602.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 30. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
14 Hammond Street  
Worcester, MA 01610

## Celebration of Life

JAN 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
14 Hammond Street  
Worcester, MA 01610

## Burial

JAN 30 (ET)

Worcester County Memorial Park  
217 Richards Avenue  
Paxton, MA 01612

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ To Karen and the Watkins family, friends, and the community he touched. I did not know Frank well. When we were teens, I remember Karen introducing me to Frank. As I read the memories left by families and friends, I can't help but feel that I am seeing a glimpse of Frank through the eyes of those who loved him. My dear, loving Karen. I am so sorry for your loss. It means something very special to have been married to Frank for 44 years. It shows the character, respect, and love you have for each other. You have weathered tragic storms, cousin, and worked through them together. Remember to be kind to yourself. I hope the memories of life with Frank shine through.

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**Marcia** - April 14, 2024 at 07:53 PM

MA

“ Marcia lit a candle in memory of Frank Watkins



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**Marcia** - April 14, 2024 at 06:26 PM

RG

“ My deepest condolences to the Watkins family as you move forward in healing and I wish you peace on your journey. When I came to Massachusetts Karen and Frank was the first people I met. As time passed Frank began to call me, Rosie Gal. When I would call Karen, Frank would say who is that Rosie Gal. I'm going to miss hearing those words. As we celebrate his life today my thoughts and prayers are with the Watkins family during this difficult time. Rest easy Frank Watkins Jr 🙏

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**Rosie Gal** - January 30, 2024 at 11:28 AM

JM

“ *My prayers and love is with you all. May God give you the strength to carry on until you meet again.*

*Jacqueline Moore*



**Jacqueline Moore** - January 30, 2024 at 10:05 AM

DS

“ *I'm so sorry auntie Karen and Jason. Uncle Frank was the best and will be missed. Too many memories that I'm thankful for, but especially thankful I had a chance to know him. I love you both so much and wish you well in this healing journey.*

**Danielle Spring** - January 30, 2024 at 08:23 AM

AN

“ *Anika Nailah lit a candle in memory of Frank Watkins*



**Anika Nailah** - January 29, 2024 at 11:08 PM

AN

“ *Dearest Cousin Karen, as you honor Frank's memory and begin your healing journey, in your own time and fashion, may you find rest for your heart, peace for your mind, and all the nourishment your soul requires. In the meantime, I am sending you my love. 💕*  
*Anika*

**Anika Nailah** - January 29, 2024 at 11:07 PM

RJ

*So sad and deeply shocked, My wife and I will miss him Dearly*

**ROBER RYAN JR.** - January 30, 2024 at 06:07 PM



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



January 29, 2024 at 03:31 PM

PS

“ *Karen, My sincere and deepest condolences to you and your family. Frank was a gentle giant and so very pleasant. God bless you all.*



**Priscilla Smith** - January 28, 2024 at 07:26 PM

SM

“ *We are saddened by Frank's unexpected passing. May your tears and grief soon be replaced with fond memories of the love, fun, and joy you shared. Let God's peace and loving kindness support you as you move forward, knowing that one day you'll meet again. Praying for and with you. -Hester and Sonya*



**Sonya Leigh McGee** - January 28, 2024 at 12:56 PM

JO

“ Dear Watkins Family,  
My sincere condolences to each one of you in the passing of Frank.  
He was a great guy, had the pleasure of working with him in many  
high school football games. May He Rest In Peace! Jim Olson

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**Jim Olson** - January 27, 2024 at 02:22 PM

JD

“ Sorry to hear of Frank's passing. Worked and played together in the  
80s and will always remember his jovial manner with all. RIP

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**Jose Diaz** - January 26, 2024 at 06:00 PM

DS

“ Dear Karen , Jason and family so sorry to hear about the loss of  
Frank .  
My deepest condolences .  
I have so many good memories of our life long friendship .  
Frank was a good man .  
May your memories comfort you at this difficult time.  
Love Douglas Safford

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**Douglas Safford** - January 26, 2024 at 10:40 AM

PJ

“ My sincerest condolences along with thoughts and prayers to the  
family in your time of need

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**Philip C Price Jr** - January 26, 2024 at 09:44 AM

OA

“ our love, Walter, Lillian, and Adrienne purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Frank Watkins Jr.



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**our love, Walter, Lillian, and Adrienne** - January 25, 2024 at 03:21 PM

RM

“ My condolences to the Watkins family. I worked with Frank for many years at Wyman-Gordon Grafton plant. He was always so played back but had a purpose. He was very humble and kind. It was a pleasure to know Frank

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**Richard Montigny** - January 25, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Frank Watkins Jr.



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January 25, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Frank Watkins Jr.



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January 25, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ Karen and Jason, Our deepest condolences to you and your family members. Our thoughts are with you during this most difficult time. The Butler family.

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**Janelle Butler** - January 25, 2024 at 10:58 AM

BS

“ God loaned me this wonderful son-in-law, for over 44 years. Frank was a man of few words, and didn't beat around the bush". He loved his family and was always present. With God's help I am learning to walk with my new Crutches down this journey of grief and processing Many Happy Years of Memories. Rest in Peace, MySon  
Beb

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**Beverly Spring** - January 24, 2024 at 02:12 PM

EA

“ Karen and Jason, I am surely sorry for your loss.. I will forever miss his drive by conversations, once I start to complain he would say, "see ya" and drive off.. I will miss his crooked smile and his attempts of a being a true listener (smile) May God be with your family and grant a peaceful transition of love and wonderful memories 🌹

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**Elsie Allotey** - January 24, 2024 at 10:39 AM

PB

“ I started at Wyman-Gordon in the late 70's and met Frank shortly after. Frank was always an exemplary co-worker and an extraordinary man. There were countless fond memories of playing cards, racquetball matches and as we matured, golfing events. Frank possessed the patience of a Saint, which I always admired. He never appeared to be in a hurry for anything, but always moved with a purpose. May God rest your soul, and may God Bless Karen and the entire family. Love always, Paul Bart.

Paul Bartholomew - January 24, 2024 at 10:24 AM

SA

“ Karen my condolences to you and the families Frankie will be missed my prayers are with you all.

Sandra Alafberg - January 24, 2024 at 05:44 AM

SA

“ Sandra Alafberg lit a candle in memory of Frank Watkins



Sandra Alafberg - January 24, 2024 at 05:41 AM

AP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Karen, and Jason, as loss, grief, and pain are certainly not fair. Frank was humble, kind, and gracefully strong. I will always remember a bus trip to the Grand Canyon from Las Vegas. It was a beautiful but long day. The bus stopped for a bathroom break. Frank saw a Popeyes Chicken across the road and bolted from the bus dodging traffic. We laughed so hard and had such a good time.

Ann Pingitore-Spring - January 23, 2024 at 10:12 PM

AS

*Dearest Karen, Jason, Darius, Jevan and all of the children, Aunt Bev, Bennie...*

*We wish we could be with you. We never had enough time to spend with Frank, but certainly remember what a good man he was. He will be missed. We hope to see you all soon, Love Adrienne, Walter and Lillian*

Adrienne Scott - January 25, 2024 at 11:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Watkins Jr.



January 23, 2024 at 08:47 PM

RP

“ Rosita & Patrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Watkins Jr.

Rosita & Patrick - January 23, 2024 at 08:47 PM

PG

“ I first met Frank when I got out of the service and I never found anyone more genuine than him. I admired how he always made everyone feel comfortable around him with that award winning smile. I considered him as my brother from another. He was a good man but a better dad.

He'll be missed 🙏

Patrick Graham - January 23, 2024 at 08:34 PM

PB

*I started at Wyman-Gordon in the late seventies and met Frank shortly thereafter. Not only was he an exemplary co-worker, he was an exceptional man. We shared alot great moments, card games, racquetball matches and as we matured, golf events. He always possessed the patience of a saint, which I always admired. God bless to Karen and the whole family, Love always, Paul Bart.*

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**Paul Bartholomew** - January 24, 2024 at 08:38 AM

BW

*I just found out about Frank's passing and i am in disbelief. His smile lit up the world. He was a great Dad and coach to my son Brandon. Karen and Jason i pray you feel all the love everyone had for Frank . Love always Bev Wallace*

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**Beverly Wallace** - September 07, 2024 at 05:36 PM

GR

“ *The Rodriguez family sends its deepest condolences 🌸 to Frank's wife, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother in law Beverly Spring and the rest of his life long loved ones.*

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**Gladys Rodriguez-Parker** - January 23, 2024 at 04:22 PM

JC

“ *My deepest prayers and condolences go out to Frank and his family. I had the pleasure of learning from Frank during my past position at Wyman Gordon Co. I also received more than one tip on the golf course from Frank (keep your head down,..I'll watch the ball). He was one of my favorite people & coworkers and will be missed. May he rest in peace.*

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**Jeff Carota** - January 23, 2024 at 04:09 PM

TS

“ *Sending my condolences to you and your family, and my prayers 🙏❤️*



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**Tamra Shavies** - January 23, 2024 at 03:46 PM