



Francis "Frank" Kazda

August 10, 1967 - February 5, 2026

Frank Kazda, age 58, of Holland, Michigan—formerly of LaGrange, Illinois. (August 10, 1967 – February 5, 2026)

Frank is survived by his wife of 31 years, Kim; their three children, Nathan Kazda, Audrey Gortsema (Justin), and Aiden Kazda (Sarah); his parents, Tom and Lavetta Kazda; his sister, JoEllen [McDonald] (Gene); and his grandchildren, Jace and Emerson Gortsema. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Tom Keogh (Jackie); sisters in law Nicole Daly (Patrick) and Emily Wasik (Bob/Robert); Nieces and Nephews Marissa Keogh, Trevor Keogh, Charlotte and Henry Wasik, and his mother-in-law, Sharon Keogh. In addition, his friends who became family Kevin and Kim Anderson, and their kids who looked at Frank like their Dad, Lindsey, Tyler, and Zach.

Frank grew up in LaGrange, Illinois, and graduated from Lyons Township High School. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Western Michigan University. He started working for Sun Chemical in Chicago. Kim and Frank then moved to Holland, where he worked for BASF and Sun Chemical before spending the last 16 years at Welch Dry. It was there where he also built deep friendships and took pride in the work he did every day.

If Frank wasn't working, he was with his dogs or other people—family, friends, teammates, or the kids he coached. Frank would be seen throughout the

Holland Heights neighborhood walking his “boys”. Sometimes being pulled by his beloved poodles. He loved sports of every kind and would try almost anything once, usually discovering he was naturally good at it. In recent years, he fell in love with pickleball, where he was known for his relentless energy, his competitive streak, and for strategic placement that sent opponents running back and forth. He also poured himself into coaching his kids in baseball and softball, including several years with Storm Softball and Zeeland East High School, and continued his coaching even after they had graduated.

Frank also loved a good prank. Whether he was roping his family into a harmless scheme or playfully teasing his coworkers, he had a knack for creating laughter wherever he went. He was equally well known for his unique sense of style—or, as his children liked to say, his complete lack of it. Frank often showed up to work or family events wearing mismatched shoes, an inside out shirt, or color combinations bold enough to make his daughter cringe. His unintentional fashion statements became part of his charm and a source of endless stories.

Above all else, Frank’s greatest accomplishment—and the thing he was most proud of—was his family. He and Kim raised three wonderful children, and he never missed a chance to brag about their achievements on and off the field. He welcomed their spouses with open arms and embraced his newest title, “Grandpa,” with joy and tenderness.

Frank will be remembered for his humor, his competitiveness, his loyalty, and the way he made every gathering more fun simply by being there. His absence will be deeply felt, but his impact will continue in the lives of the many people he loved so well.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon (Eastern Time), Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church, 836 E. 8th

Street, Holland MI 49423. Visitation will be 4:30-6:30 pm, (Eastern Time)
Friday, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gift of Life Michigan, 3861 Research
Park Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48108.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Memorial Service

FEB 14. 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM (ET)

Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church
836 E. 8th Street
Holland , MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis "Frank" Kazda*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 13 at 01:29 PM

GI

“ *GiannaGalanti planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis "Frank" Kazda.*

GiannaGalanti - February 21 at 04:34 PM

GI

“ *GiannaGalanti purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.*



GiannaGalanti - February 21 at 04:34 PM

CB

“ Joellen, my old friend, my heart is breaking for you and your family. I just want to hug you so tightly right now, and your parents, just can't imagine.

Watching the video on here is overwhelming. Seeing the beautiful life he built, I truly can feel the love and joy pouring from these snippets of a life well lived! The smiles, the laughter, the pride shown on his face as he held his babies and grandbabies, it somehow makes me grin through my tears. But my favorite thing to see is the goofiness he inherited from your dad! I remember your dad's silly jokes and physical humor, and the best hugs. It's evident Frank built his own family on the very same foundation. To his lovely wife, beautiful children, adorable grandbabies and those blessed to have been in his world...I'm shattered by your loss. But somehow, someday may you find laughter and comfort from the enormous collection of incredible memories you had with him.

-Christi Bryson

Christi Bryson - February 14 at 01:09 PM

LR

“ I am so sorry for your Loss. I have such fond memories of Frank from High School. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Liz Rozanski

Liz Rozanski - February 13 at 09:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Francis "Frank" Kazda.

February 12 at 02:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.*



February 12 at 02:39 PM



“ *Uncle Gene purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.*



Uncle Gene - February 12 at 12:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.*



February 11 at 07:33 PM



“ *Wayne-Kim Wright Chris-Michelle Williams purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.*



Wayne-Kim Wright Chris-Michelle Williams - February 11 at 03:08 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.



February 11 at 02:12 PM



“ WOW! Family & Team Bark purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.



WOW! Family & Team Bark - February 11 at 02:08 PM



“ Love, Rick and Holly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis "Frank" Kazda.

Love, Rick and Holly - February 11 at 12:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.



February 11 at 12:15 PM

GB

“ Grayson Bibee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.



Grayson Bibee - February 11 at 10:51 AM

WS

“ With Love, Your 174 Brothers and Sisters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.



With Love, Your 174 Brothers and Sisters - February 11 at 10:30 AM

DH

“ We will be out of town for the service but wanted to share what a great employee and friend Frank was. He was well liked by all at WelchDry for his humor, wit, and expertise. Condolences to Kim and the family. He will be missed by all.

David Vander Heide

David Vander Heide - February 11 at 10:18 AM

JP

“ Johnny & Lindy Pulliam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis "Frank" Kazda.

Johnny & Lindy Pulliam - February 11 at 09:25 AM



“ Johnny & Lindy Pulliam purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.



Johnny & Lindy Pulliam - February 11 at 09:25 AM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Kazda.



February 11 at 08:35 AM