



## Frank Vogl

January 5, 1943 - September 23, 2024

Frank Vogl, 81, of Minneapolis, Minnesota passed away peacefully on September 23, 2024.

Frank was raised in Dyersville, Iowa and attended St. Francis Xavier High School and then Loras College, where he played on the varsity golf team and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Frank attended law school at Georgetown University Law Center, graduating in 1968. He remained in Washington, D.C. working as an attorney with the National Labor Relations Board working on federal appellate cases. While in D.C., Frank served in the Army Reserves from 1969 to 1974, based in college Park MD.

He later joined Best & Flanagan in Minneapolis, where he practiced for over 30 years, eventually leading the firm's labor and employment law group and being recognized by clients, opponents, and judges as one of the finest practitioners in the Twin Cities.

Frank was beloved by his law partners and colleagues. One of his law partners remembered him as "a model of how decency, kindness and intellect can be a part of the legal profession."

In Minneapolis, Frank met his wife, Julie, whom he married in 1981. Together they had two children, James and Christina. Family was the center of Frank's life. He was a devoted husband and father, coaching sports and spending

summer weekends at their family cabin in Wisconsin. A natural mentor and advocate, Frank was a great listener who inspired his children to value education, to have a strong work ethic, and to explore the world through travel.

After his retirement, Frank golfed, read, traveled, volunteered, and welcomed four grandchildren into the world. His friends and family will remember his genuine kindness, his generosity of time and spirit, his beautiful sense of humor and his contagious laughter.

Frank is survived by his loving family: wife Julie, son James, daughter-in-law Cate, daughter Christina, son-in-law Kavi, grandchildren, brother Joe Vogl, and sister Lynn Bowe.

Many thanks to Frank's neighbors, friends, and family for their loving support and the staff at Amira Choice of Bloomington and Allina Hospice for their compassionate care.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, October 25, 2024 from 2pm to 4pm at The Woman's Club of Minneapolis; 410 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403.

The family requests that donations or gifts in memory of Frank be made to one of the organizations where he dedicated his time as a volunteer after retirement:

- Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, <https://www.cristoreytc.org/>
- Mobile Loaves Twin Cities, <https://www.mobileloavestc.org/>

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ To my cabin family,  
I am heartbroken to hear about the passing of Frank. I have so many wonderful memories with you all especially the 4th of July regattas, Frank teaching me how to drive a boat with patience and a smile on his face, drinking Clearly Canadians or IBC root beer at the K9 club, his willingness to take us tubing ALL afternoon while laughing when we fell off and broadening our horizons with Robin Hood Men In Tights.  
Even though we have lost touch in the last few years I still talk about my time with Christina and her cool dad Frank, her kind and generous mom Julie, and her “annoying” older brother Jim. I will cherish these memories forever and my thoughts are with you all.  
Love,  
Morgan

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**Morgan G.** - October 24, 2024 at 08:48 PM

PK

“ Paul and Roxanne Kuivinen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank Vogl.



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**Paul and Roxanne Kuivinen** - October 23, 2024 at 03:35 PM

KP

“ Frank was a wonderful colleague and dear friend of my father, Frank Walz, who is currently in memory care with Alzheimer’s. Under different circumstances, my Dad would love to be at the memorial to celebrate his friend. I too, was fond of Frank and all of the Best & Flanagan crew and have been lucky enough to attend more than a few happy hours with that gang during my 7-year carpool with Dad. Blessings to your family.

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**Katherine Plueger** - October 22, 2024 at 06:25 PM

RF

“ Dear Julie, James and Christina,  
Our deepest sympathy goes out to you at this difficult time.  
Frank will always be in our memories as a kind and very likable person. A good man. We are sorry for your loss and we miss him too.  
Elizabeth and Richard

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**Richard Franiec** - October 17, 2024 at 11:52 PM

DM

“ Dear Julie and family. I used to work for Frank at Best & Flanagan a number of years ago and that time was the highlight of my career. He was interesting, funny, well loved, respected, and sought out by co-workers. He was great with clients and taught me so much about employment law.

*I worked with him until I had to go on bedrest at Abbott Northwestern while pregnant with my daughters. He and Mr. Carroll came to visit me and they were two of my favorite visitors while in the hospital. I ran into him a few years ago at a bar where he had stopped for a drink, and I realized then how much I had missed working with him.*

*Just know I'm thinking of all of you and take comfort in how much he was loved and admired by many, many people.*

*Deb Michels*

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**Deb Michels** - October 15, 2024 at 04:24 PM

TC

“ Frank was one of the most intelligent, determined, thoughtful and caring individuals I ever met. We traveled thousands upon thousands of miles together, sometimes staying in the same hotel room so we could save the firm money while working on our contingent title 7 case. We were threatened, looked down upon, but with Frank leading the way, we persevered. Peace be with you and your family, and I shall never forget you.  
Tommy Carlson

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**Thomas Carlson** - October 03, 2024 at 06:42 PM

WM

“ Frank's kindness, wisdom and good cheer has echoed in my life through his close friendship and mentorship with my mom at Best & Flanagan. I'll be forever grateful for his joyous influence in my life, even if by extension, and for shaping one of my favorite people into who she is today.

Will Madison - October 03, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ My condolences to the entire Vogl family for their loss. Cherish the memories. Gone but never far from your hearts.

Glenn Frey - October 02, 2024 at 01:11 PM

BL

“ Even though I didn't know him long he will forever be in my memory as a lovely person. He will be missed every Friendsgiving, especially this year, which will be in his honor.

Brenda Lebeda - October 02, 2024 at 10:40 AM

LZ

“ We are so very sorry for your loss.

Laurie Zochert - October 01, 2024 at 10:02 PM

SD

“ Frank, was an incredible person and will be missed dearly. He brought so much to the table and always made you feel comfortable.

Steve DiFiore - October 01, 2024 at 08:59 PM

AH

“ No words Other than my heartfelt condolences to you all. Reading about all his accomplishments and devotion to family made me feel blessed to have him as a cousin. He certainly will be missed by so many

Alice Hanson - October 01, 2024 at 08:55 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The obituary is so full of love and joy. Thank you for sharing this with us. Julie, my sympathy to you and all your family.

Linda (Leary) Bowman

Linda Bowman - October 01, 2024 at 07:04 PM

JS

“ I remember Frank talking about the pancakes that Julie whipped up in Rome, he thought that was so special. Jennifer Stuber

Jennifer Stuber - October 01, 2024 at 06:14 PM

LK

“ Lanny & Carol Kolpek lit a candle in memory of Frank Vogl



Lanny & Carol Kolpek - October 01, 2024 at 06:03 PM

LK

Julie, James, Christina - Frank will be missed greatly by many, many people. We will cherish having the Vogl family as neighbors at the lake in Wisconsin. You all are in our prayers.

Lanny Carol Kolpek - October 01, 2024 at 06:07 PM

HC

“ Julie, Jim & Christina - our deepest sympathy to all of you. We have so many wonderful memories of our times together long ago. We hold you in our hearts.  
Steve & Heidi Caskey

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**Heidi Caskey** - October 01, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ I met Frank in 1975 fresh out of law school at Georgetown and as the newest associate at Best & Flanagan. We hit it off immediately. He was my first friend in Minnesota and one of my dearest friends over the next nearly 50 years. I don't think I've ever laughed as hard and as much as Frank and I did on several occasions. He has left me with many wonderful memories. RIP Pfc. Vogl.

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**Fred Morris** - October 01, 2024 at 05:17 PM

DN

“ So sorry to hear about Frank's passing, he was a friend and really good man. Thoughts and prayers are with the family

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**David Moose Niehaus** - September 29, 2024 at 06:55 PM