



## Frank Norante

March 4, 2012

Norante, Frank Keltz of Edina, MN and Henderson, NV passed away unexpectedly Saturday February 25, 2012, of natural causes. Born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, on October 7, 1956, the beloved son of Nicholas John and Barbara Jennings Keltz Norante, Frank was a graduate of Knoch High School, Saxonburg, PA, and the University of Cincinnati, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Frank had a long and successful career in the insurance and financial industries. Frank prided himself on understanding the details of the technologies and practices of the industries he served, but most valued the friendships he developed with his clients and colleagues. Frank most recently worked for Aon Risk Solutions, an insurance brokerage and risk advisory firm. In 2006 Frank recognized a need to assist Aon in Canada to provide dedicated service to Canadian-based companies that do business in the United States. This initiative was implemented and the "Canada Desk" was born. It has become such a success and an invaluable service that Aon offers to their clients, that in six years the "Canada Desk", starting with Frank alone, has grown to a unit of five within Aon. This was his passion, his baby and is his legacy at Aon. Frank enjoyed his life in Minnesota, especially the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman, treasuring the time he spent on many trips to Canada and in Minnesota on the water and in camp with friends and family. Frank was also proud of his skills in home renovation; he always had a project underway or in planning. He enjoyed entertaining friends and family, who always had an open invitation to visit. Frank is survived by his cherished

wife J.J., his mother Barbara, and brother Nicholas J. Norante, Jr., both of Butler, PA, sisters Christine (Robert) Weyant of Wexford, PA, and Virginia (Tod) Schmidt of Twinsburg, OH, his niece Laura (Ben) Erdeljac, and nephews Robert Weyant and Nicholas M. Norante, his great nephew Lucas Erdeljac, and beloved aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Nicholas, and his mother in law, Hardy Lowe Clay, who made her home with him and JJ in her final years. Frank will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him, but fondly remembered as a generous, loyal friend and a hard worker, always endeavoring to help in any way he could. Services will be held Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home in Edina, Minnesota. A memorial service will be held in Pennsylvania on a date to be announced later. In lieu of flowers donations to the Minnesota Humane Society or charity of choice is preferred. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

# Tribute Wall



“ I'm just now finding out of Frank's passing, shocking to say the least. J.J., may each time you look up to the darkness of the night's sky, you see a single bright twinkling star shining down upon you. Why do I say this? You see, it is an old Eskimo belief which says perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through, letting us know they are okay. May each time you see this shining star, twinkling and flirting with you, you know it is Frank. The warmth, the kindness, the compassion, the companionship and the physical Frank may no longer be present, but he will live forever within your heart, until the day you meet again. Frank was very good to me. He made me laugh, made me feel secure, helped me in many ways all during a time in my life which was anything but secure. My memories of Frank have and always will be very cherished moments in my life. For this, he will remain a part of my heart too. My deepest sympathies to you, J.J. and to all of Frank's family. How devastating for his Mother to lose him first. For this I am especially sending heart felt wishes of condolences to her and his family. May God be with you all. Frank, thank you for visiting me last night and letting me know you are gone. I know you are making the angels laugh and doing what you do best, just being you. You take it easy old friend, thanks for all that you did, all that you were and most of all, for the beautiful memories.

*Minnesota*

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August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

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*MD Walker,*

*Mpls, Minnesota*

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**MD Walker** - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My first encounter with Frank was in the mid-80's when he was an underwriter at Maryland Casualty, and I was a Customer Service Rep at Cleary Agency. Years later, when he joined Aon, we were able to renew our friendship, picking up right where we left off nearly 20 years earlier. Shortly after Frank joined Aon, the office held a "decorating contest" for Christmas. Many of our colleagues spent a great deal of time adorning their workspaces with class and grace. Not Frank and I - we drug some old lawn ornaments (3 wire deer) in and hung blinking dog collars from them - proudly winning a prize for "tackiest holiday decor."They say that some people are like the moon (absorbing light) while others are like the sun (giving off light). Thank you for all the light that you shone on us, Frank.

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*Jennifer Slater,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Jennifer Slater** - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To J.J., Mrs. Norante, Nick, Chris & Virginia - I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Frank's passing. Please know that to this day, I still have the fondest of memories of Frank - he was always so kind. I will keep you in my prayers.

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*Carole Shepard,*

*Wexford, Pennsylvania*

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**Carole Shepard** - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ It was my privilege to have Frank as my next door neighbor for 18 years. He was more than a neighbor, he was a kind, caring and helpful friend and made this world a better place. Since I am many years his senior, Frank showed unusual compassion and understanding in the countless ways he was concerned for my well-being. Dear Frank, I will miss you so much. My love and prayers are with JJ and all your family. Evelyn Duoos, Edina, Minnesota

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March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *May the Lord bless you, keep you, cause his face to shine upon you and give you peace. With deepest sympathy*

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*Dizy Kapalka,*

*Cabot, Pennsylvania*

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**Dizy Kapalka** - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“*Joanne and I were at the service today. It was a beautiful memorial to honor a good friend. Frank was a wonderful person who never had a bad word to say about anyone and was always concerned about everyone else. He could hit a drive farther than anyone i know and captured the longest drive award many times at the DMO. The world is a sadder place with out Frank. He will be missed.*

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*Greg Meyer,*

*Edina, Minnesota*

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**Greg Meyer** - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I had the honor and joy of knowing Frank over the last 25 years. I will always remember most his joyful smile he always wore. Ruthi (Zurich)

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*Ruthi Siegel,*

*Edina, Minnesota*

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**Ruthi Siegel** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ I will miss seeing Frank's smile or hearing him laughing and joking with someone here at Aon. I'm glad I knew him. My deepest sympathy to the family.

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*Grace Zimmerman,*

*Brooklyn Center, Minnesota*

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**Grace Zimmerman** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Nick, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my prayers at this most difficult time

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*Vickie Flinn-Rowe,*

*Butler, Pennsylvania*

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**Vickie Flinn-Rowe** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I was really sad to hear this news. Frank was a good guy, and I am glad to have met him. My sympathies to his family.

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Aashish Chauhan,

Chicago, Illinois

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Aashish Chauhan - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear JJ and Family of Frank Keltz Norante: Please accept our deepest sympathies in regard to the passing of our friend and colleague, Frank Norante. We will miss Frank greatly. He was a wonderful person and professional who lived a good life in the service of others. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest regret, Rod Hood & Family

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March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. I had a few oportuntys to work with Frank, he was a nice man and made me laugh. We will miss him. Debbie Oleskiw, Zurich Canada*

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*Debbie Oleskiw,*

*Toronto, Ontario*

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**Debbie Oleskiw** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *What a great guy! I was fortunate enough to be his fraternity brother and friend at the University of Cincinnati. Frank was always always there for his friends, in good times and in bad. Over the past few years I had the chance to reconnect and he was the same guy. The world needs more Frank Norantes. My deepest sympathy to his family.*

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*Bob Miller,*

*Cincinnati, Ohio*

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**Bob Miller** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Frank was a wonderful person and such a great business partner. He will really be missed. I send my prayers and hope the pain is eventually replaced with wonderful memories of Frank.

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*Christina Bergman,*

*Minnesota*

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**Christina Bergman** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ I was shocked to hear of Frank's passing, He and I had a lot of laughs over the past few years especially when he would start with the Canadian jokes. Because he was working with the Canadian offices one visit to Edmonton we presented him with an "I am Canadian" t-shirt as we definitely felt that he was "one of us". Frank will always hold a special place in my heart and I will miss him. My sincere condolences to his family. Norma Perry (Aon), Edmonton, Alberta

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Norma Perry,

Edmonton, Alberta

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Norma Perry - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I was very sad when I learned of Frank's passing. I met Frank through the Meyer family. He was a close friend of Doug Meyer. Doug and his three brothers - Greg, Jeff and Steve - hosted an annual golf outing (the DMO) every August in Austin, MN. Frank was a regular at the DMO. Frank's personality was larger than life. His fun living spirit and kind heart will be missed. My deepest sympathies to JJ and to Frank's immediate and extended families.

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*Bob Hakes,*

*Edina, Minnesota*

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**Bob Hakes** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Family of Frank, I was shocked and saddened to hear the news about Frank. Even though I have not seen him for many years I will always hold fond memories of time spent with him in my heart. He was such a kind, gentle, generous, and fun-loving man plus a fabulous cook! My thoughts and prayers are truly with you at this time. Always, Laurie (Severson) Ronning*

[Contact Me](#)

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March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a shock and what a sad loss. Frank and his team was the US to his colleagues in Canada and will be sadly missed by colleagues and clients. One favourite memory I have was golfing (I was golfing and his was a walk spoiled) with Frank at the Edinburgh Course in Minneapolis and will cherish the Old Course putter he gave me during his last visit. David Angus, Edmonton, Alberta.*

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February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *I'm shocked and saddened to hear of Frank's passing. My thoughts and prayers are being sent to Frank's family. He will be missed.*  
*Kerri O'Toole, Chartis Insurance*

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*Kerri O'Toole,*

*Chicago, Illinois*

*Contact Me*

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**Kerri O'Toole** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I knew Frank for almost 30 years. He and I were in Dale Carengie together and shared many laughs as we had to do some ridiculous presentations. I also worked with Frank at Aon for many years. Enjoyed it when he shared a bottle of Norante wine. Though an Italian name he was a "mensch."

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*Marty Von Drasek,*

*St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Marty Von Drasek** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *It is a great tragedy to lose Frank. He has been a good business partner to me and to others in my company. On top of that, he was always an entertaining lunch guest. We will miss him very much. Please accept our condolences to his co-workers and his family.*

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*Rich Ramlow,*

*Chicago, Illinois*

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**Rich Ramlow** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Frank always had a story to tell. He was wonderful to work with and will be missed. What I remember the most is how much he loved his JJ. Pat Wright*

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February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *A wonderful person, he will be missed. Always a fun story or a joke to tell. Roslyn Galbo, a friend in the insurance industry.*

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*Roslyn Galbo,*

*Barrington, Illinois*

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**Roslyn Galbo** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Had great times with Frank in college. Great times. Sad to hear such devastating news. My prayers to his wife and family. Phi Alpha Brother.*

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*Luis Gonzalez,*

*Scottsdale, Arizona*

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**Luis Gonzalez** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Frank when he served on the AGC of MN safety committee. He was a good guy.*

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*Tom Moore,*

*Cresco, Iowa*

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**Tom Moore** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of Frank. I worked with Frank and he was a wonderful co-worker and friend. He could always make me smile and could make you laugh. I will miss him....my sympathy to his wife JJ, his mother and all other family members.

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*Paula Larson,*

*Coon Rapids, Minnesota*

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**Paula Larson** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Our sincere sympathy goes out to Frank's family. He will be deeply missed by his many friends.

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*Larry & Marian Bistodeau,*

*Eden Prairie, Minnesota*

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**Larry & Marian Bistodeau** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Frank and I shared fond memories of our home towns in Western Pennsylvania (Johnstown and Latrobe only 30 miles apart). What a small world that we ended up working in the same office in Minneapolis. Conversations about the Steelers, historic towns in the area, and, of course, food were highlights for me when talking with Frank. I will miss him.

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*Clint Rowles,*

*Lakeville, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Clint Rowles** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Frank will be so missed!! I have worked with him for many years throughout my insurance career and he truly was one of the most knowlegable and kind individuals I knew. I know he also loved cooking as I think he had every Pampered Chef item in the book! Will miss him dearly. God Bless to JJ and the entire family.

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*Linda Drager,*

*Aitkin, Minnesota*

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**Linda Drager** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *I had lunch with Frank last Friday, and as usual had a good laugh. His positive influence has made an impact in my life. My sympathies and prayers are with his wife and family. Gary Shipp, Aon*

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*Gary Shipp,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

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**Gary Shipp** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I had the pleasure of working with Frank for 10-15 years. No matter how busy he was he always had time for help or advice. Always possessed an interesting point of view. Whoever said nice guys finish last did not know Frank, cause he had a wealth of friends and associates on both sides of the Border. Will miss you Frank.

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*Dan Niddery,*

*Toronto, Ontario*

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**Dan Niddery** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I worked with Frank at Youngdahl and I was awed by his generosity and kindness to his co-workers, family and friends. Life is eternal, and love is immortal. And death is only a boundary line, and a boundary line is nothing, just a limit of our sight. My deepest sympathies to JJ, the Norante family, his friends and colleagues.

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*Deb Nelson,*

*Richfield, Minnesota*

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**Deb Nelson** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DU

“ Having worked with Frank @ Aon for many years, I will miss his humor and his amazing generosity. My heart-felt condolences to his family!

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*Duraye,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Duraye** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Our sincere sympathies go out to Virginia, Barbara and the entire Norante family. May God take Frank into his loving arms and give peace and strength to his family in the coming days. Virginia, we love you please let us know if there is anything you need. Twinsburg Garden Club Co-President Karen Fullerman and members

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*Karen Fullerman,*

*Twinsburg, Ohio*

*Contact Me*

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**Karen Fullerman** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We are deeply saddened by the news of Frank's passing. Great times in High school, great friend for these many years our sympathies go out to his lovely wife JJ who we met for dinner with Frank when we were in Minneapolis /St. Paul for a family wedding. Our deepest sympathies go out to his mother Barbara, Nick, Christine, Virginia, and their families. John, Sue, and Katey Paul, Butler, PA

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*John Paul,*

*Butler, Pennsylvania*

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**John Paul** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ So sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I went to school with him at Knoch and he was so sweet! My sincere sympathies to his family.

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*Wanda Lawrence Myers,*

*Cincinnati, Ohio*

*Contact Me*

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**Wanda Lawrence Myers** - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. Frank was a friend and classmate. We have missed him being around Penn Twp. for these many years. He could always bring a smile to my face. May the Lord's Spirit and Love bring you peace.

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*Jack Hutchinson,*

*Butler, Pennsylvania*

*Contact Me*

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**Jack Hutchinson** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *The few times I had the pleasure of being in his company, I always found Frank to be congenial, warm and truly interested in the people he would talk to . Lynne and I wish to offer his family and friends the deepest sympathy and may your memories of him always be warm ones.*

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*David and Lynne Gary,*

*Eagan, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**David and Lynne Gary** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Our prayers are with Frank, JJ and his family. Frank's sense of responsibility to his clients and JJ was only exceeded by his kindness and willingness to help at any time. It was a privilege and honor to know and work with Frank.

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*Gale Nordling,*

*Excelsior, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Gale Nordling** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ So sorry to hear. Graduated from high school with Frank, we shared a lot of laughs. My sincere sympathy to the family.

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*Frank Raducz,*

*Austin, Texas*

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**Frank Raducz** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*Frank will be greatly missed by many of us that worked in the company of his genuine kindness and personable manner. I pray God's tender mercies will bring you His comfort, His blessings and His peace.*

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*Jean Rusterholtz,*

*St. Francis, Minnesota*

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**Jean Rusterholtz** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I will miss Frank dearly. He was intensely focused on serving his customers, a great business partner, a man with high standards, and a friend. I will miss his great sense of humor, his genuiness, and the care he had for others. JJ - my heart goes out to you and your family. Jim Ketterson (Bloomington. MN)

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*Jim Ketterson,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

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**Jim Ketterson** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Sincere sympathies to the family, I haven't seen Frank for many years but he was one of the kindest people I knew and had a smile that all noticed. I am sorry. God's peace. Dena Gates Hochbein

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February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I was truly saddened to hear the news. My thoughts and prayers are with JJ, the Norante family and Frank. I will always treasure the wild and crazy times I shared with Frank. The fishing, the skiing, the golfing and the jumping out of perfectly fine aircraft to name but a few. I will miss you Bro but your memory will always live on in my heart and soul.

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*Doug Meyer,*

*Denver, Colorado*

*Contact Me*

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**Doug Meyer** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Thank you Frank for seeing promise in me, and giving me good, honest work. My young family and I will always be grateful for you. I didn't know you long, but it was long enough to know I'll miss you. May God bless and provide for your family.

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*Timothy Johnson,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Timothy Johnson** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Sincerest condolences to the family. I haven't seen Frank since a high school reunion about 15 yrs. ago, but he was a wonderful guy and will be missed. My brother and I were just speaking fondly of spending time at the Norante home during our high school years when we were hanging out with Frank and Chris. So very sorry for your loss. God bless.*

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*Cindy (Maurice) Cabral,*

*New Bedford, Massachusetts*

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**Cindy (Maurice) Cabral** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ To Chris, so sorry to hear of Frank's death. I remember all those years ago, hanging out at your house with both brothers and your sister. My sympathies to your family.

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*Renee (Burdett) Bercury,*

*Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania*

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**Renee (Burdett) Bercury** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM