



Frank Paul Presta

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Frank Paul Presta, 81, passed away peacefully on May 3rd 2018, after a short illness, with his family by his side in his beloved town of Lewes, DE.

Frank was born in the Bronx, N.Y. on May 19, 1936. He graduated in 1957 as a Civil Engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and went on to attend Georgetown Law School where he graduated in 1961. He was passionate about IP law and actively practiced for 57 years. Until his passing, Frank was a partner at the law firm of Nixon & Vanderhye, P.C. in Arlington, VA where he serviced his clients with great care and wisdom. He was loved and respected by his friends and colleagues and recognized as one of the top IP lawyers in his field.

Frank cherished spending time with his family, especially at the beach. He was active in the Lion's Club and his church and enjoyed traveling the world with his wife, Mary, to whom he was happily married for 56 years. He had a passion for food and wine and maintained an impressive wine collection which his family and friends will continue to enjoy in his memory. He loved the arts and was very supportive of local artists, whose work fills his home.

Frank is survived by his wife, Mary, and his four children and 5 grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Children's Beach House to 1800 Bay Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958 or by visiting <http://www.cbhinc.org>.

Please sign Franks online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3 PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018 TO PARSELL LEWES.



Events

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Visitation

- Wednesday**, June 6, 2018
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE



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CO

Claude Ostfeld posted:

I was not aware of Frank's passing. Very competent and very precise. My sincerest (belated) condolences. Claude H. OstfeldPentaware, Inc., Portsmouth, NH

October 20 at 6:12 AM

SZ

Stefan Zankow posted:

Dear MarryWith great regrets and sorrow I learned about the Passing of my very dear friend Frank.I will never forget the great ski trips we took together as well as working with him.I will very dearly miss him.He was a wonderful Man and a great friend.Me and Carmen are sending our very sincere condoloesnce to You and the entire Family.Stefan Zankov.Your Clifton Neighbor

September 3 at 6:02 AM

DB

Duane Byers posted:

Dear Mary and Joe, thank you for sharing your wonderful husband and father with the rest of us. He was a valued colleague and trusted friend whose wisdom and kindness are found in a select few. It was an honor to know him and learn from him for nearly twenty years. Although he will be sorely missed, his impact and calm will remain and be passed along. We can all smile when we think of him. Take care, Duane Byers

June 1 at 4:29 PM

CH

Charlotte posted:

Dear Mary, My sincere condolences to you and your family. I was so shocked to hear of Frank's sudden passing...I know he was "always" the love of your live and rightly so. I remember your excitement when calling me to tell me that you met the man you were going to marry. After meeting Frank, I knew you were meant for each other...what a true gentleman, so kind and caring. I've told you he reminded me of my own dear father who was the most special man in my life. You are all in my prayers and thoughts but I know Frank is a Saint in Heaven who we can petition still! My love to you dear friend!Charlotte Whidden

May 31 at 6:27 AM



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LH

Larry Hefter posted:

Dear Mary and family, Jackie joins me in sending our heart felt condolences to you, Mary, and your entire family. we were so surprised and saddened to learn of Frank's passing. In addition to being a college mate and fellow member of the intellectual bar, Frank was dear friend who I always admired and cherished his friendship. Frank was one of the world's sweet, friendly and respected people who I shall never forget. My great regret is that we didn't spend enough time together. Larry Hefter

May 17 at 6:28 AM

KR

Kamaluddin Abdur-Rashid lit a candle in honor of Frank.



May 15 at 8:21 PM

RS

Ralph Saunders posted:

I am deeply saddened at hearing that Frank passed away and I want to give my heartfelt condolences to his family and co-workers. I was a client of Frank's for 10 years and during that time I grew to respect and admire him, not only as a superb IP Lawyer, but also as a wonderful human being. Thank you Frank for enriching my life and teaching me so much over the short period of time we knew each other. Rest in peace. I am going to miss you.

May 14 at 11:44 AM

PH

Patricia Hersl posted:

Frank and Mary are new friends but greatly admired. It is with much sadness and sincere condolences that I write this good-bye. May he rest in your peace, Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him always. Pat and Chuck Hersl

May 13 at 12:57 PM

PN

Pat O'neill posted:

My mother, Lillian Elkey, worked as a secretary for Frank in the patent office at Atlantic Research Corporation (ARC) in the 60s (and 70s?). She always spoke highly of him, and I was fortunate to get to know him when I worked at ARC, although in a different department. Please accept my sympathy on your loss. Pat Elkey O'Neill

May 12 at 9:13 AM



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DW

Donvay Wegierski posted:

Thank you for your professionalism and ongoing support. Sending condolences to the family and firm. Regards Donvay Wegierski, Werksmans Attorneys, South Africa

May 10 at 10:51 PM

DM

Dave Murphy posted:

Frank and I shared a room in the 50's with three other college fraternity brothers. When Frank's other room-mates and I became a bit rowdy, Frank would politely ask us to lower the noise level so he could study. In the 60's Frank had already earned his law degree, and I was living in Europe supervising the packaging of soap for a large international company. Knowing I needed more education, I wrote to Frank inquiring about intellectual property law. Frank promptly, patiently and completely answered each and every letter. Based primarily on what he told me, I returned to the USA, studied law and was eventually admitted to the bar. In the 80's Frank and I became law partners in our own law firm. Later there came a time when Frank, I and all our other partners voted unanimously to disband the firm. I was very thankful when Frank agreed to continue to represent some of my clients. Throughout his life, Frank was gentlemanly, steadfast, and goal-oriented. I shall miss my fraternity-brother, my law-partner, my mentor and my good friend. My condolences to Mary Beth and to all his many other friends, clients and loved ones. David R. Murphy

May 10 at 10:13 AM

JU

Judy posted:

Condolences to the family of Frank Presta. I was referred to Frank from a contact at the Alexandria Small Business Development Center when I simply had an idea for a product and a ton of questions. He patiently answered all of my questions, encouraged my idea, and was simply a pleasure to work with as we moved from provisional patent to filing for a full patent. I can't imagine a more thoughtful, intelligent, decent person who I could have met and worked with at that stage of my (very) small business. He was a true gentleman and my thoughts are with his family at this time. Judy M.
Flightline Travel

May 10 at 6:25 AM

MS

M&R Stretton lit a candle in honor of Frank.



May 10 at 5:33 AM



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MS

M&R Stretton posted:

Dear Mary and Family, Rich and I were so saddened to hear of Frank's passing. May your cherished memories together sustain you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. M&R Stretton (Fairfax Station VA)

May 10 at 5:32 AM

KJ

Karen Jones posted:

Dear Mary, my heart goes out to you and your family over the loss of your dearest husband Frank. My prayers are with you. God Bless. Karen Jones (Clifton VA)

May 9 at 5:12 PM

SS

Scott Satterfield posted:

Hi Mary & Family -Laura and I are sad for your loss.Regards - Scott Satterfield

May 9 at 10:56 AM

PM

Patricia Marino posted:

Dear Mary and Family,I am so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.God Bless!What a wonderful man!Patricia Marino

May 9 at 8:28 AM

SL

Sheryl De Luca posted:

To Mary and family, you are all in my prayers. I am so proud to have worked with Frank in the office and to have learned from him. He will truly be missed.

May 8 at 10:19 AM

EP

Edie Page posted:

My heart goes out to Mary and family. Frank was a dynamic person who loved his wife and family. I know he will be missed!

May 8 at 6:22 AM



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DB

Diane Barlow posted:

My heart goes out to you, Mary, and to your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

May 8 at 5:48 AM

EE

Eve Ezell posted:

We are better people for having spent many wonderful years cooking, eating, and especially drinking wine with Frank and Mary. We will miss Frank every time we are enjoying a good meal, and we send our condolences to everyone in his family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mary, we hope to you will continue to honor us with your presence as we eat and drink our way through the years to come

May 8 at 4:24 AM

EM

Ed And Mary Lou Moore May 16 at 4:23 AM

Mary and family, We are so sad to hear of Frank's passing. We remember our great times in Clifton thru the Clifton Llons, horseback riding and good friends. Miss those times. Love to family as you will be in our thoughts thru this difficult time. Mary Lou and Ed Moore Harrisonburg, va

AF

Anne Fenner lit a candle in honor of Frank.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences words cannot begin to express the sadness you are going feeling right now. Frank a pleasure if was for me to have know such a great person. He will be dearly missed. Anne Fenner.

May 8 at 1:55 AM



RF

Rosita Fernandez posted:

My condolences to the family.

May 7 at 12:01 PM

DB

Dee Battista posted:

It was a pleasure working with Frank @ N&V. He was a true professional & gentlemen. I had the pleasure of being invited to his home in VA with Mary & enjoyed their company, sense of humor & graciousness. RIP

May 7 at 11:51 AM



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Robert Vanderhye posted:

Frank was a great guy and consummate professional. Every interaction I ever had with him was pleasant and uplifting. He truly will be missed. Bob Vanderhye

May 7 at 11:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Presta family.



May 7 at 10:53 AM



Lucille C Valentino posted:

Our family is so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. We are long time friends. We lived in Fairfax Station, Va. for many years. Frank was a wonderful man. May he rest in peace. Mary and family know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

May 7 at 10:07 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frank by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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