



# Frank Darrell Ratka

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**F**rank Ratka, a beloved father, grandfather, and esteemed District Fire Chief, passed away on March 6, 2023. He was 70 years old.

Frank is survived by his three children; Kimberly and husband John Armentrout, Frank Ratka Jr. and wife Kelli, Carrie and husband James Kidd. Brother, John Ratka and wife Gaye; sister, Teresa Van Cleave. Grandchildren Jake Ratka and wife Celia, Cody Cutright, Thomas Ratka, Tyler Williams, Pryce Ratka, Kennedy Kidd, Reagan Kidd, Madison Kidd. Great granddaughter, Lillian.

Frank was born on March 10, 1952, in Houston, Texas. He served as a firefighter for over 30 years, dedicating his life to protecting and serving his community. His leadership qualities and dedication to duty earned him the respect and admiration of his peers. Frank served as a District Fire Chief until his retirement in 2004.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Frank was a devoted family man. He was married to his wife Donna, and their beautiful life of 52 years was blessed with three wonderful children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Frank loved to travel and often spoke about one of his favorite trips through Montana. He was an avid fisherman who loved to be on the water with his family and friends.

Frank was a respected member of the community, known for his kindness, generosity, and willingness to help others. He was always ready to lend a hand to anyone who needed it, whether it was a neighbor, a friend, or a stranger in need. Frank was a loving man with a servant's heart, a steady hand, and a giving soul. His life was filled with love and joy.

Frank will be deeply missed by his family and friends. His legacy as a dedicated firefighter and a devoted family man will live on in the memories of those who knew him.

Visitation will be on March 14, 2023, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at South Park Funeral home, 1310 N. Main St., Pearland, TX 77581.



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A Mass of Christian Burial to honor Frank's life and legacy will be held at Saint John the Baptist Church, located at 110 E. South Street, Alvin, TX 77511, on March 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.,

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Charity in Frank's name.

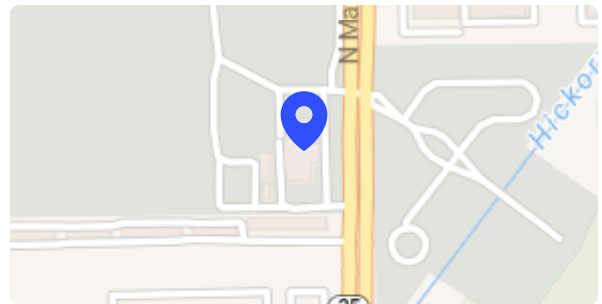


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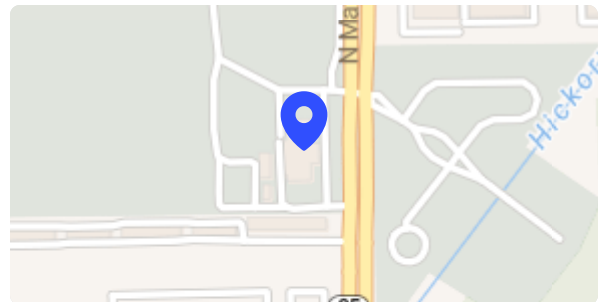
## Visitation

- Tuesday**, March 14, 2023
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- South Park Funeral Home**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581



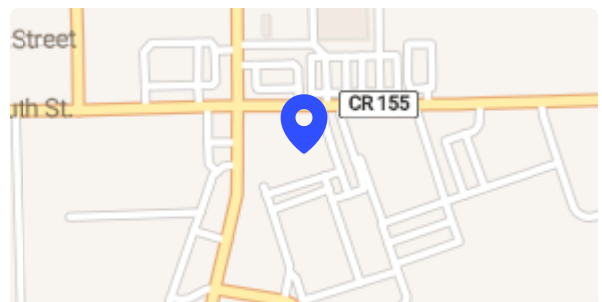
## Rosary

- Tuesday**, March 14, 2023
- 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM CT
- South Park Funeral Home**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581



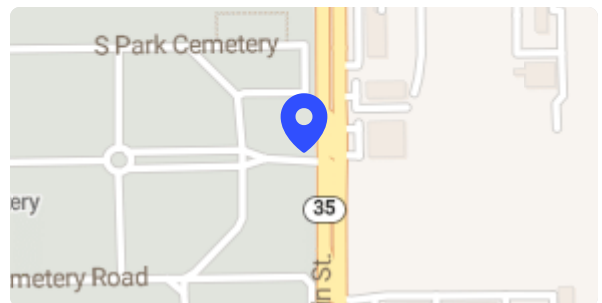
## Mass of Christian Burial

- Wednesday**, March 15, 2023
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
110 E. South Street, Alvin TX 77511



## Committal Service

- Wednesday**, March 15, 2023
- 11:30 AM - 11:40 AM CT
- South Park Cemetery**  
1310 North Main St., Pearland TX 77581




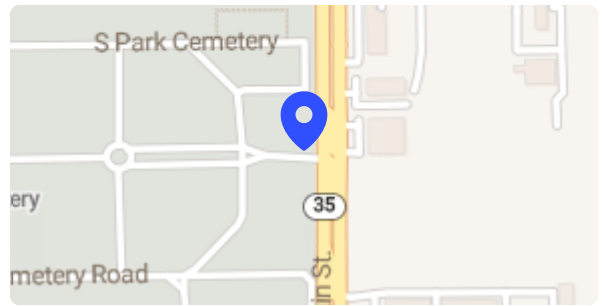


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## Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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**Irma Aguilar McIntyre** posted:

My deepest condolences to the family. I am deeply saddened to learn of Frank's death. I attended ICS with Donna and went to HS with extremely popular Donna and Frank. Even though I moved from Houston 35 years ago, family and friends kept me up with the great Houston Fireman. God comfort and strength this family as they still journey on this earth. Irma Aguilar McIntyre

March 25 at 9:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Ratka family.



March 15 at 8:25 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ratka family.



March 14 at 9:53 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Ratka family.



March 14 at 6:37 AM



LA

**Love Always Kandy, Lou, Major And Max** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Ratka family.



March 14 at 3:39 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Ratka family.



March 13 at 5:59 AM



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**Teresa Vancleave** posted:

I am going to truly miss my brother. I know he lived live to the fullest and loved his family and friends dearly. Frank was very compassionate towards everyone especially his family and help you out as much as he could. Going to miss a phone call or text from him. I know he loved going fishing especially with his grandsons and friends. I love you very much Frank and will see you one day again. Love always Teresa Ratka-Vancleave

March 11 at 9:37 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Ratka family.



March 11 at 9:15 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Ratka family.



March 11 at 5:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Ratka family.



March 10 at 11:37 AM



**Diana Stevenson Foster** posted:

Frank was one of the best men I know. He loved unconditionally, with his whole heart and soul. He taught me about chickens and cows and pigs, even when I didn't want to know about them. Frank was and always be my family. I have loved that man and his beautiful wife since I was 16 years old and they have loved me back with no judgements. Frank will be missed more than words can express but the love he taught everyone he met will never be forgotten. Bye Frank till we me again.

March 8 at 4:18 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Ratka family.



March 8 at 3:52 PM



**Ginny Hilton** posted:

Frank was an outgoing man who never met a stranger. He gave great hugs when meeting a familiar face. His wife Donna and I worked together for about 25 years. She and Frank were always uplifting and supportive of each other and anyone that needed support. Frank will be greatly missed. RIP.  
Ginny Hilton

March 8 at 11:35 AM



**Raymond Radney** March 26 at 12:44 AM

The best times I remember working with Frank in the Houston Fire Department at Fire House 22 on Harrisburg. Frank would often drill me on locations as we would often race each other to fires. I drove the big Ladder and Frank drove the pumper. We laughed all the time, Frank always talked his Beautiful wife Donna his kids and how tall his son was. We raised our kids together. Frank carried Donna's books at Austin high school. Frank was so thrilled for Donna to be his girlfriend back then. Donna was the prettiest girl at Austin HS. Frank was an awesome football player too. Even though I have not seen Frank in years due to me retiring years for another profession. Everyone always said Frank was truly a Good man. I miss his laughter and when I found Frank had made his Heavenly departure I cried for Donna and the kids for there loss, Truly a wonderful family. A friend I will miss forever RIP my friend. Raymond Radney



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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