



## Frank C. Bustamante

October 8, 1938 - August 25, 2020

Frank Carlos Bustamante, 81, of Kansas City, KS, passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Born on October 8, 1938, in Kansas City, KS, Frank was the son of Jesus Bustamante and Guadalupe Contreras.

Frank graduated from Argentine High School and later earned an Associates degree from Pittsburg State University. He served in the U.S. Army for four years, during which time Frank had the opportunity to tour Europe. While there, he played basketball on the U.S. Army goodwill team that helped promote the game in several countries.

On June 19, 1965, Frank married the love of his life, Teresa. The two recently celebrated 55 years of marriage.

Frank spent most of his career working for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and he was based in the Kansas City-area. He retired after 41 years of federal government service.

Besides Frank's passion and talent for playing basketball—he was known for being an excellent guard and shooter—he also participated in other team sports, like softball and volleyball. Just like several of his brothers, Frank was also well known for his billiards and ping pong skills.

Frank enjoyed watching and, when possible, attending college and professional sports, especially KU basketball and K-State football games. He also liked to watch his kids and grandkids participate in competitive sports—from baseball and basketball to swimming and soccer. Frank would often volunteer to help coach teams, support team clubs, or stage swim meets or tournaments. He also liked to attend concerts and other special school events with his wife, children and grandkids.

Frank found great happiness in helping others in the community through his involvement in local organizations or church parish activities. In recent years, he helped organize and promote annual fundraising campaigns to support Sanctuary of Hope and was a volunteer at KU Medical Center, where he worked with cardiac and cancer patients. A cancer survivor himself, Frank also participated in cancer support groups.

As a devoted parent who also developed long-time friendships through work, church and community activities, Frank relished the time he could spend with family and friends. Because many of his extended family members lived in the Kansas City area, he enjoyed being amongst his siblings and others who would gather for family events or celebrations throughout the year—regardless of reason or season. Frank's strong work ethic, sense of purpose and willingness to help were traits that touched many and will be missed.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents Jesus and Guadalupe; brothers Jesus, Sylvester, Joseph and Jesse, and sister Virginia Padilla. Frank is survived by his wife, Teresa Bustamante of the home; sons Frank P. Bustamante, Adrian (Lisa) Bustamante and son-in-law Terry Roblez; daughter Nicole Bustamante-Roblez; brothers Manuel (Sheila) Bustamante and Martin (Ofelia) Bustamante; sister Mercy (Nick) Sanchez and grandchildren Terry Jr., Jon, Kristina, Kennady, Katey and Chase.

Due to COVID, there will be a private family mass and Christian burial on Monday, August 31, 2020. Frank will be laid to rest at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Gate Of Heaven

N. 126th Street & Parallel Parkway  
Kansas City, KS 66109

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank C. Bustamante*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Frank C. Bustamante*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Teresa, we're so sorry to learn only now of Frank's death last month. I saw a brief notice in the Record, and was hoping it was not our friend and neighbor. Frank gave us good advice when we were purchasing the lot to build our house. We've always enjoyed conversations with you and Frank, and watching the children grow into fine young adults. God bless your family in this time.*  
-- *Julia and Frank Magana*

**Julia Magana** - September 17, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *My condolences to Teresa and family , Frank was such a good man , he will be sorely missed. May He Rest in Peace. May the Good Lord Surround You All with His Love .*

**Adela Crystal** - September 15, 2020 at 10:15 PM

MR

“ Dear Teresa,  
I am sorry about the loss of your cherished husband. My family has good memories of Frank at swim meets years ago. And more recently of his kindness at KU support group. My sympathy is with you. Take care of yourself.  
Sincerely,  
Marcia Rinehart

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**Marcia Rinehart** - September 06, 2020 at 03:06 PM

MW

“ Dear Teresa, I was saddened to learn of Frank's death. He was such a gift to the University of Kansas Head & Neck Cancer Support group. He was always willing to offer support and encouragement to people facing the challenges of that difficult diagnosis, which he knew all too well of the side effects of treatment. It was a joy when you could join him at our special celebrations, as well, Teresa. It is my privilege to have known you both. Mary Moody Whetstone

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**Mary Moody Whetstone** - September 05, 2020 at 05:32 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry to hear that Frank passed away.  
He was such a great guy ! I knew him from the head and neck cancer support group and have wonderful memories of him and all the people who were in our group. Sending love and prayers for all of his family.

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**Mary Ann Haynes** - September 05, 2020 at 01:41 PM

PF

“ *Padrino, Aristeo T. Rodriguez & Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Frank C. Bustamante.*



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**Padrino, Aristeo T. Rodriguez & Family** - August 31, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank C. Bustamante.*



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August 30, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Frank C. Bustamante.*



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August 30, 2020 at 02:25 PM

MG

“ *Theresa please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mary Gonzales and John Mendez*

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**mary gonzales** - August 30, 2020 at 11:35 AM

BH

“ One of the nicest persons I have ever met We compared our time while in the services  
He was a member of our "Big Biscuit" coffee group until it was too hard for him to was us eat. Love you brother.  
Bill Hooker - Class of 57..

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**Bill Hooker** - August 29, 2020 at 11:46 PM



“ On behalf of our father, Raymond Medellin, we would like to send our sincerest sympathies to Teresa and your children and grandchildren. Mr. Bustamante was always so nice to my mother and dad and was of course my favorite dance partner at all the basketball tournaments before his daughter and granddaughters came along to replace me! May beautiful family memories carry you through this sad time.

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**April Hages** - August 29, 2020 at 05:16 PM

AH

“ On behalf of our father, Raymond Medellin, and to Teresa from all us (April and Stasi), we'd like to extend our deepest sympathies. Dad phoned me today after receiving the news and asked that we represent him. With Covid limitations, we realize we won't be able to so in person and truly hope that this message reaches the family.

*With love and respect, Raymond, April Hages and Stasi Currie*

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**April Hages** - August 29, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ 104 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - August 29, 2020 at 10:35 AM

AH

*I am so sorry for your loss. Frank was a friend of Mike and I. We enjoyed many years of bowling with him and Teresa. RIP Frank! Love, Angel Harrity*

**Angel Harrity** - August 30, 2020 at 05:24 PM

LS

“ *We met Frank and Teresa at Wyandot Swim Club, wonderful loving family , always had a smile and willing to help out the swim team with anything they needed. I'm so sorry for your loss dear family even though we haven't kept up over the years, know you will always be in our hearts and prayers. Linda and LeRoy Spiess*

**Linda D Spiess** - August 29, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank C. Bustamante.*



August 28, 2020 at 11:36 AM

RR

“ My Dad, Artie Rodriguez, asked me to send his deepest condolences to Teresa and the family. Debbie and I would also like to send our condolences. Dad was Frank's Godfather and speaks of Frank as a wonderful person who helped him in many ways. Frank also helped me by example in my career at HUD. We are only sorry that we cannot show our respect in person.

*With love, Richard & Debbie Rodriguez and Family and our parents, Artie Rodriguez & Benny & Rachel Vargas.*

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**richard rodriguez** - August 28, 2020 at 10:35 AM

LM

*So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bustamante. Deepest condolences from the Marin and Rangel families. May he rest in eternal peace and may God bless and comfort you all at this difficult time, Tony and Laura Marin*

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**Laura Marin** - August 29, 2020 at 06:01 PM

DH

*So sorry to hear about Frank's passing. Frank was a beautiful example at St. John's along with Teresa. I do remember him playing basketball at Argentine. Please know that our thoughts and prayer are with your family. Joe and Donna Harrity*

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**Donna R Harrity** - September 05, 2020 at 12:45 AM

JM

*Teresa:*

*My prayers are with you and your family at this profound time in life. Frank was such an inspiration to so many in our support group at K.U. I firmly believe we did a lot of good to so many who were facing their journey with cancer.*

*Eternal rest grant unto Frank, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him forever, Amen.*

*Joe Meditz*

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**Josef Meditz** - September 06, 2020 at 01:14 PM