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With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Gilbert Frank Kaminski, on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the age of 85.

Gilbert was a man of unwavering faith and quiet strength, whose life was a testament to his dedication to family, his community, and his deep love for animals. A successful entrepreneur, he founded and operated Bayside Drywall and Plastering Company, building a legacy of hard work and integrity. Beyond his professional accomplishments, his true passions lay in the simple joys of life. He found immense solace in the companionship of his beloved dogs, cherishing every moment spent caring for them, a reflection of his kind and gentle nature. He shared a deep affection for all animals, finding comfort and joy in their presence. Watching breathtaking sunsets brought him peace, and sharing meals with family and friends at his favorite restaurants was a cherished pastime. Most of all, he treasured the time spent with his family; their love and laughter were the cornerstones of his life.

Gilbert is survived by his loving wife, Paula Garcia Kaminski; son, Kelly Kaminski and wife Lisa; grandchildren, Kolson and Kailyn Kaminski; and sister, Beverly Knoll. He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Leona Kaminski.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation in his honor on Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. A mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gilbert's memory to The Lee County Humane Society or The American Cancer Society.

Gilbert will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His loving spirit, generous heart, and unwavering faith will continue to inspire us all. May he rest in eternal peace.

The family would like to thank Hope Hospice for their empathy and care during this difficult time.



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Lisa Kaminski shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



To my Dad, As a young boy, I spent my summers with my dad, playing with his Lionel trains. I can still see the excitement in his eyes as we watched them run their course, a simple joy we shared. To keep me busy, he'd empty cans of nuts and bolts onto the garage floor and ask me to sort them—something that, at the time, felt like a game but, in hindsight, was one of his many quiet lessons in patience and hard work. Dad was a worker through and through. From a young age, he understood the value of a hard day's work and carried that ethic with him throughout his life. Moving his business from Wisconsin to Florida so he could work year-round wasn't just a smart decision—it was a reflection of who he was. Work didn't just provide for his family; it made him happy. It wasn't long before he seemed to know just about everyone in Fort Myers, using his charm, wits, and sharp instincts to negotiate construction deals and build the life he wanted. Beyond work, Dad had a passion for his cars and the many dogs he loved over the years. He was a man of strong opinions, never shy about sharing his wisdom. He had a knack for delivering life lessons in the form of lectures, ones that, as a kid, I may have rolled my eyes at. But now, as I find myself repeating those same lessons to my own children, I understand their worth. I hope one day, they'll appreciate them as much as I do now. Dad's legacy is one of determination, resilience, and love—expressed not always in words, but in actions. He taught me that life isn't about waiting for things to happen; it's about making them happen. And for that, I am forever grateful. Dad, thank you for everything. For the lessons, the love, and the memories that will always stay with me. I'll miss you more than words can say, but I find comfort knowing that your wisdom, your work ethic, and your spirit will live on in all of us. Rest easy, Dad. You've earned it. Your son, Kelly

April 1 at 10:28 AM



Mike, Quinn, Cole, Clark Dienes sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Kaminski family.



March 28 at 2:34 PM

LK **Lisa Kaminski** April 1 at 8:58 AM

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to the funeral home in honor of my father. Your kindness and thoughtfulness during this difficult time mean so much to me and my family. Knowing that we have your support brings us comfort, and we truly appreciate your generosity. With gratitude, The Kaminski's



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Gary Lowry lit a candle in honor of Gilbert.

Back in high school, during the summer, my uncle was working on the Edison Theater downtown for Gil. He took me with him one day, and Gil was nice enough to give me a job. Ended up writing me my first paycheck—\$254. First check I ever got to cash on my own. Spent every dollar of it on my girlfriend. You always remember who wrote you your first paycheck, and for me, that was Gil. But it wasn't just about the money—he believed in me at an early age and made them feel like I mattered. And man, he was funny. Always had a joke, always knew how to make people laugh, no matter what was going on. Then we started fishing with Kelly, his son, and my daughter caught her first ever Snook with Kelly. From the day I started my own business, he was there, always supportive, always encouraging. The world lost a good man and I'm going to miss him greatly. Gary



March 26 at 11:36 AM



Lisa Kaminski April 1 at 9:06 AM

Thanks Gary, for everything you've done for us over the years. Also, thank you to you and Turtle for coming to the viewing.



Your Friends At Quality Window Tinting sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Kaminski family.



March 26 at 10:49 AM



Your Friends At Quality Window Tinting planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gilbert.



March 26 at 10:49 AM



Kailyn Kaminski posted:

Simply to "take it easy"

March 24 at 6:35 PM



Lisa Kaminski April 1 at 9:17 AM

Yes! Some of his final words! He never got rattled. Always calm. Remember all of us running around because the water wouldn't stop flowing out of the fridge dispenser and he just calmly walked over and said, "You just gotta press the button."



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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