



## Frank Dulles

June 7, 1961 - December 31, 2024

Francis "Frank" Michael Dulles passed away at the age of 63 on December 31, 2024, from complications of advanced head and neck cancer. He was surrounded by his immediate family and supported by Austin Hospice.

Frank was born in 1961 in York, Pennsylvania, where he was raised until the age of three, followed by a few years in Washington, DC. His family then relocated to Texas, living briefly in both Austin and Dallas, and ultimately settling in San Antonio where Frank graduated from MacArthur High School in 1979. Following graduation, Frank headed to Austin for college at the University of Texas. He became a life-long Austinite, familiar with the city's heartbeat and rhythms, and witness to its growth over his 40 years in the city.

He spent his working life largely in the restaurant industry, including playing a pivotal role in the cafeteria operations at the Texas Association of School Boards, as well as working for corporate restaurant interests such as Mr. Gatti's and Pizza Hut. At every job he held, he was lauded by managers, co-workers and customers alike, all of whom appreciated his hard work, friendly disposition and dedication to serving others. While he notably broke many national sales records managing stores in Austin in his early years, he was best known over his career for his ability to develop close relationships with absolutely everyone he interacted with. Everyone knew and loved Frank.

Beginning when he was a young child, Frank expressed a keen interest and fascination in science, space, innovation and technology. As an adult, he also was a voracious student of politics and the world. He enjoyed long political dialogues and, when not discussing the latest news, could often be found playing computer games with his son. He also spent time with many friends, including the friendships he forged at the Northfield Group.

Beyond his fierce work ethic - and affinity for studying politics and world affairs - was his presence with his family, his vast love for and pride in his son, Francis, and his utter joy in being a grandparent.

He will be forever remembered for his magnanimous nature, unmatched equanimity, spirited sense of humor, and consistent demonstrations of kindness to others. Whether volunteering to fix a friend's computer, or helping a loved one move, he always showed up for people, without a thought of anything in return. In his parenting - and his life's relationships - he consistently modeled humility, patience, and the importance of working to build things up, rather than tear them down.

He is survived by his son, Francis Michael Dulles II (wife Nikki), and grandchildren Blakely and Blaine Dulles; his parents, Judith Dulles and John Foster Dulles; his younger brother John Patrick Dulles (wife Jennifer), nephew Jacob Dulles, niece Jessica Deais (husband Rommy); and his younger sister Jennifer Elizabeth Dulles, and nephews Benjamin and Owen Jansky, in addition to many other aunts, cousins, and loving relatives.

A friend to everyone he met, and deeply loved by family, Frank will be sorely missed by all who knew him. A Celebration of Life is planned for April 19, 2025.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **19** (CT)

Austin Natural Funerals  
3742 Far West Blvd #104  
Austin, TX 78731

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ I worked with Frank at Texas Steak Out, and after work we would meet at his apartment on St. John's and talk about everything and anything.

*He is a great All-American that will absolutely never be replaced.*

*RIP Frank, we had some great fun!*

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**Mike Whitworth** - November 12, 2025 at 06:37 AM

AR

“ Oh Frank, "I got this". I only knew him for a short time but he showed me patience and the art of praise at The Hut. You are very missed. Fly high with The Universe and have fun!

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**Ari** - April 02, 2025 at 12:55 AM

RW

“ I met Frank by accident, in approximately 1998 when I overheard him inviting another man to a volleyball game on Sundays at Shipe park. I had recently moved back to Austin, and had actively participated in volleyball games on the coast. I excused myself and asked Frank if he would mind if I might listen in. He immediately told me to come. From that point Frank and I learned more about each other, and began helping each other with our individual household, vehicle, computer, or whatever issues arose. I met Francis, who at the time, anyway, was the kindest, most well-behaved young man I have ever met.

*Frank always gave back more than he ever received. And then he kept giving. I am 73 years old now, and have yet to meet a person as giving as Frank. I miss him.*

*Robert Williams*

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**Robert Williams** - March 30, 2025 at 02:52 PM

JD

“What a beautifully written obituary and the most amazing photos of the sweetest memories. Rommy and I enjoyed going through them very much. While I wish I had more time to spend with him I will always remember his smile and the way he made people laugh. I’m glad I have the memories I have, and I will always cherish them. I can’t wait to hear more special stories in the near future. Love you Uncle Frank, and all of the love to our whole family.

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**Jessica Deais** - February 17, 2025 at 10:28 PM

Jl

“Thank you Jennifer for your beautifully crafted obituary of our oldest son and your brother, Frank Dulles. It accurately conveys the impact that Frank had on so many persons. His empathy, selflessness, and willingness to help others throughout his life defined him as a special person. Frank was always polite, friendly and kind to others. It was a very special gift that all those who interacted with him appreciated. He had an incredibly strong work ethic and was still going into his job site the week that he died.

Fortunately, we have his son and his grandchildren to constantly remind us of Frank. His son Francis has so many of the same qualities that Frank possessed. He is also kind, empathetic and loving.

Frank had vast knowledge and was curious and anxious to learn about many different subjects including science, history, technology and current affairs. He had many skills that reflected this knowledge. He loved talking about political and world events. He shared a great sense of humor and a humility. His life was tragically too short but his positive impact on others will always remain as the finest and most deserving tribute we could bestow.

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**John F Dulles II** - February 16, 2025 at 02:02 PM

AM

“ Amy lit a candle in memory of Frank Dulles



Amy - February 14, 2025 at 08:14 PM

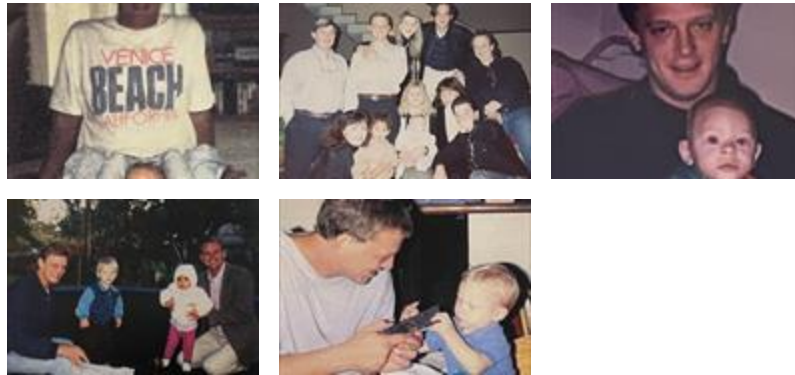
AM

I am so sorry for your loss. Frank left such a special mark and he will be missed. I pray his soul is at peace and that his family and friends find comfort at this sad time.

Amy - February 14, 2025 at 08:19 PM

JD

“ 14 files added to the album Photos of Frank Through the Years



Jennifer Dulles - February 12, 2025 at 10:12 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the album Photos of Frank Through the Years



Jennifer Dulles - February 11, 2025 at 10:35 PM

EC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ellen Dulles Coelho - February 10, 2025 at 10:51 PM

EC

*Jennifer, Frank, John Patrick holding baby Abel, David Avery Wilson, and Peggy Whilde Christmas 1982*

Ellen Dulles Coelho - February 10, 2025 at 10:54 PM

JD

*Thank you for posting this, Ellen. I love you.*

Jennifer Dulles - February 11, 2025 at 10:22 AM

EC

“ Ellen Dulles Coelho lit a candle in memory of Frank Dulles



Ellen Dulles Coelho - February 10, 2025 at 10:31 PM

EC

*When Frank was a small, tow headed seven year old, I went to his family's house in tears due to some silly comment said about me. Frank was the first to help; he pulled up a chair for me to be able to sit at the table where they were having a meal. Before sitting back in his own chair he asked if I was better and offered to get me anything he thought I might need. What a sweetheart! A little boy of seven concerned for his aunt. It's a keepsake I hold in my heart.*

Ellen Dulles Coelho - February 10, 2025 at 10:47 PM

JD

*Thanks for sharing this memory. I have never heard that story before, but it sure speaks to who he was. Love you.*

**Jennifer Dulles** - February 11, 2025 at 10:23 AM

JD

“ *Jennifer Dulles lit a candle in memory of Frank Dulles*



**Jennifer Dulles** - February 10, 2025 at 08:02 PM

JD

“ *I will forever remember my big brother and hold him close to my heart. I sure wish I could call him and talk politics right now; he was so astute and always so informed. I'd love to get his opinion on current affairs. He taught me a great number of things, without perhaps even knowing he did so. And he is so very, very missed. I am very grateful for his son and his son's family; one of the greatest gifts he ever bestowed on our family. Though there were many. I love you, Frank.*

**Jennifer Dulles** - February 10, 2025 at 08:02 PM

LT

*Sending all the hugs and love to the extended Dulles family. So sorry for your loss. This is such a lovely tribute to Frank.*

**Lora Terres** - February 11, 2025 at 08:39 AM



*I did not know your brother, but having lost my own brother too soon, I understand what you are feeling right now. Frank must have been an extraordinary person. You and your family are close in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Deb Hileman** - February 11, 2025 at 09:26 AM

JD

“ 14 files added to the album *Photos of Frank Through the Years*



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**Jennifer Dulles** - February 10, 2025 at 01:33 PM

JD

“ 4 files added to the album *Photos of Frank Through the Years*



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**Jennifer Dulles** - February 10, 2025 at 01:31 PM