



## Frank O. Kozel

July 30, 1928 - August 31, 2015

Frank O. Kozel, 87, of Ghent, passed away Monday, August 31, 2015 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Born July 30, 1928 in Hebron, CT, he was the son of the late Frank and Eva (Misovich) Kozel. He was a graduate of Hudson High School, where he was active in sports, and Hudson Valley Community College with an electrical degree. After graduating from college he went to work for the family business, The Old Post Road Tavern, now known as Kozel's Restaurant.

He served in the US Navy on the carrier USS Valley Forge. He was a member of Emanuel St. John's Church in Hudson, the West Ghent Volunteer Fire Co., the Ghent Sportsmen Club, the Hudson Elks 787, the Hudson American Legion, and the Cornell Co-Operative Extension. In addition, he was a founding member of the Columbia County Liquor Dealer's Association where he served as president. He loved to garden and share the "Vegetables of his Labor" with his family and friends. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He also loved to travel, spend time with his friends and customers at his restaurant, and drink Genesee Light while watching his favorite team, the Boston Red Sox.

On January 21, 1951, he married Elsie Johnson in Germantown. They were married for 64 years.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Elsie; five devoted children, Linda (Brian) O'Reilly of Hudson, Edward "Gus" (Helen) Kozel of Ghent, Joanne (Marty) Feinberg of Huntington, L.I., David (Ellen) Kozel of Westport, CT, and Suzanne (Jim) Rajczi of Staatsburg, NY; seven loving grandchildren, Heidi, Nikolas, Randi, Jordana, Joshua, Geoffrey, and Jason, two great-grandchildren Amya and Avery, his sister, Patricia Cebry of Dallas, TX., and his beloved dog, Molly. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Marian Kozel, and his brother, Edward Kozel.

Calling hours are 4:00 to 8:00 pm Wednesday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Services will be conducted at 11:00 am Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Viewmont Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Columbia Greene Humane Society or a charity of choice.

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ *To Gus & Helen & Elsie:*

*So sorry for your loss.*

*Wally & Mindy*

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**Wally & Mindy** - September 10, 2015 at 03:49 PM

MA

“ *To Gus, Elsie, Helen and the entire Kozel Family. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Frank was a fine gentleman at all times, and has given so many of us wonderful and humorous memories.*

*My sincere condolences.*

*I am out of town and just heard of his passing earlier today.*

*Mady.. Turnpike*

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**Mady** - September 08, 2015 at 07:35 PM

LB

“ *So sorry for your loss, Elsie, Gus, Helen and the rest of the family.*

*Larry and Nora VB*



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**Larry and Nora V B** - September 05, 2015 at 10:41 PM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy to Elsie and the rest of her family. We will always have fond memories of Frank. May he rest in peace!

*Fred and Jean Martin  
Tucson, AZ*

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**Jean Martin** - September 03, 2015 at 07:37 PM

LR

“ Our sincerest sympathies to the entire Kozel family. He was a great man. May he rest in peace. Leslie Lew and Hayden Rubino

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**Leslie Rubino** - September 03, 2015 at 12:09 PM

JM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I will never forget how wonderful Frank, Elsie and the whole family was to my mother, Dee George and her "posse," Betty Hanson, Irene Dupont, and the rest for whom the restaurant was their home away from home. Much love to all. Frank and the whole family are in my prayers.  
Best,  
John Magisano

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**John Magisano** - September 03, 2015 at 10:39 AM

EC

“ Elizabeth Cone lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel



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**Elizabeth Cone** - September 03, 2015 at 09:36 AM

CP

“ *Sending our Deepest condolences to the Kozel Family. Rest in peace Frank. Hold onto the memories.*

*The Peters Family  
Carol, Chuck, Lexi and Ethan*



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**Carol & Chuck Peters** - September 03, 2015 at 08:19 AM

TO

“ *I'm truly so for your loss. Frank was a wonderful man and he will be missed.*

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**Terri Ouellette** - September 03, 2015 at 05:21 AM

ET

“ *May he rest in peace. Your La Salle University Family. (Evelyn Torres*



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**Evelyn Torres** - September 02, 2015 at 03:11 PM

SG

“ *Suzi Geerholt lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel*



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**Suzi Geerholt** - September 02, 2015 at 02:42 PM

AB

“ *Al And Cynthia Bartolotta lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel*



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**Al and Cynthia Bartolotta** - September 02, 2015 at 11:38 AM

SL

“ *One of the greatest men that ever touched my life.*



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**susan lanphear** - September 02, 2015 at 06:53 AM

LN

“ *Louis And Gail LaMont Claverack N.Y. lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel*



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**Louis and Gail LaMont Claverack N.Y.** - September 02, 2015 at 06:39 AM

BY

“ *Our condolences to your family. Frank will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him!*

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**Bob and Gisele Yusko** - September 02, 2015 at 06:33 AM

JO

“ *John & Debbie Hawks, Thanks for the memories.*



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**john** - September 02, 2015 at 06:21 AM

AK

“ *Andrea Kozel lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel*



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**Andrea Kozel** - September 02, 2015 at 04:29 AM



“ *Dena and Jim Pollack send their condolences to the Kozel family on the loss of their beloved Frank. He was a wonderful human being and will be sorely missed.....*



*Dena and Jim Pollack  
Raleigh, N. C.*

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**Dena Pollack** - September 01, 2015 at 11:47 PM

TM

“ *Tracy And Fred Muller lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel*



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**Tracy and Fred Muller** - September 01, 2015 at 08:58 PM

LC

“ *Linda Conte lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel*



**linda conte** - September 01, 2015 at 08:11 PM

LC

*So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of sadness. Linda & Don Conte & family.*

**linda conte** - September 01, 2015 at 08:31 PM

IV

“ *Imre Vilaghy lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel*



**imre vilaghy** - September 01, 2015 at 07:50 PM

RN

“ *My sympathy to the family. Roberta Villanova Nunn*

**Roberta Villanova Nunn** - September 01, 2015 at 05:38 PM

DD

“ *Donna Demarest lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel*



**Donna Demarest** - September 01, 2015 at 10:47 AM

DD

“ Prayers & Sympathy to all of the family. He was a great man. One of the best bosses i ever had...R.I.P. Frank..

Donna Demarest - September 01, 2015 at 10:47 AM

BC

“ Sympathy to Elsie and all the family. Thanks for the memories Frank.

Hank & Babs Croteau

Babs Croteau - September 01, 2015 at 12:42 AM

BO

“ Brian And Linda O'Reilly lit a candle in memory of Frank O. Kozel



Brian and Linda O'Reilly - August 31, 2015 at 08:04 PM