



## Francis, Jack

January 13, 2010

Francis, Jack S., 88, of Robin Drive, New Martinsville, WV, died Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling, WV.

He was born January 30, 1921 in New Martinsville, a son of the late Maurice S. and Liss Morgan Francis.

He was a veteran of WWII, having served in the 1st Army Infantry and later the Signal Corps Intelligence Service. He was employed by Hope Gas Company in Pittsburgh, PA and Clarksburg, WV.

Mr. Francis was a graduate of the WVU Law School and then went on to start Brennan & Francis Law Firm. He was a current partner with Jackson Kelly PLLC.

He was a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers; member and past governor of the WV State Bar Association; member of the American Bar Association; Defense Trial Lawyers Institute; founding member and former president of New Martinsville Rotary Club; and served as legal counsel to the Wetzel County Board of Education for many years. He was also a founding legal counsel to the New Martinsville Building Commission and for many years served as legal counsel to the Wetzel County Hospital Association.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge Wetzel No. 39 AF & AM; Osiris Shrine of Wheeling, WV; Royal Order of Jester Ct. 13 Wheeling; and a member of the former St. John's M.E. Church South in New Martinsville.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Elizabeth R. Francis; two sons, Michael S. (Liu) Francis of Pittsburgh, PA and John M. (Terry) Francis of Salisbury,

NC; a granddaughter, Jennifer Elizabeth (Craig) Alkire; a great granddaughter, Reese Elizabeth Alkire; and a sister, Mary Lou Bishop of Encino, CA.

Family will receive friends on Saturday from 2-5pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Martinsville Public Library, 160 Washington Street, New Martinsville, WV 26155.