



## Frank A. Rusinko

June 7, 1923 - February 7, 2015

Frank A. Rusinko, age 91 of Glen Dale died Saturday, February 7, 2015 at his home.

He was born June 7, 1923 in Glen Dale, WV son of the late John and Mary Von Druckova Rusinko.

He was a college professor of Biology and Chemistry for over 31 years, having taught at West Liberty State College and at Clark College, Atlanta, GA. He assisted in redesigning the Dental Hygiene program at WLSC so the program could achieve national accreditation. He was the recipient of the Rockefeller Foundation Award for Molecular Biology in 1964 and was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, Glen Dale. Frank spent 5 years proudly serving his country with the US Army occupational forces of Germany as a translator and aide while traveling extensively throughout Europe. He always took his favorite Royal Copenhagen Porcelain Seated Pointer Puppy named "Fluffy" after his boyhood dog, who many referred to as his "protector". He served on the first symposium task force for AIDS in Atlanta, GA in 1981 and studied at the Army School of Language in Monterey, CA while in service. Frank was quite articulate, had beautiful handwriting, loved antiques, opera and poetry. Frank will be most remembered for his operatic singing, zest and love of life.

He was preceded in death by four brothers: John, Michael, Joseph Eugene and George Rusinko and four sisters: Anne Grondalski, Helen Buturla, Julia Hannan and Mary Metro.

Survivors include two sisters: Susan Massey of Moundsville and Elizabeth “Betty” Wickham of Louisville, KY; nieces and nephews: Mark, Michael John, Matthew and Melanie Wickham, Jane Krupica, Bob, Tommy, Mary and Marjorie Massey. US Army Chief Warrant Officer John “Anthony” Rusinko, currently serving in Italy.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 4-7pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville with a vigil service at 4:00pm. Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 9:30am at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 610 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville with Fr. That Son Ngoc Nguyen as celebrant.

Interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling where the Moundsville Honor Guard will conduct Military Graveside Services.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude Catholic Church, 710 Jefferson Ave., Glen Dale, WV 26038.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Wheeling, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Liturgy with Mass

FEB 10. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Moundsville, WV 26041

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just found out that Mr. Rusinko passed. He was one of my professors at Clark. I was a student at Morehouse at the time. He was an absolutely great professor and individual. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Robert Tinker** - February 09, 2019 at 06:00 PM

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“ Our sympathy to Mrs., Massey and family. Sorry we didn't make it to the funeral home. We are both under the weather. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



*Chris and Terry McDONald*

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**Christine McDonald** - February 09, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

*May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Frank A. Rusinko, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete.*

*I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family of..... US Army Veteran Frank A. Rusinko, “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - February 09, 2015 at 05:19 PM



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**Grisell Funeral Homes** - February 08, 2015 at 02:29 PM