



Robert Austin Francis

December 15, 1939 - May 3, 2017

Robert Austin Francis, age 77, of Wheeling died Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at Liza's Place, Wheeling.

He was born December 15, 1939, in Wheeling, the son of the late Robert Miles and Martha Virginia Webb Francis.

He was a former employee of Pfizer Company, Brown and Bigelow Company and retired from Ashton Company. He was a member of Wheeling Jaycees, First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Wheeling, and Sigma Chi Fraternity at WVU.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, David "Bill" Francis.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Marla Younginger Jenkins Francis; three sons, Robert M. (Cheryl) Francis of Bethlehem, David E. (Mialinda) Francis of Austin, TX and Gregory A. (Michele) Francis of Greer, SC; one daughter, Michelle Gast of Wheeling; one sister, Sally Jenkins of Wheeling; two step-sons, Gregg N. (Mari) Jenkins of Cleveland, OH and Joel S. (Jackie) Jenkins of Winder, GA; a step-daughter, Tamara Weir of Wheeling; fourteen grandchildren; Elizabeth "Betsy" Francis (William) Knorr, Nicole Francis, Justin Francis, Courtney Francis, Maddie Francis, Zachary Francis, Mollie Ann Francis, Brandon Gast, Ashley Gast, Meredith Jenkins (Wesley) Hardin, Ryan Jenkins, Dylan Prezkop, Mandy Fahey Aquilino, Courtney Fahey Harworth; four great-grandchildren, Renner Hardin, Ryder and Easton Harworth and Joelle Aquilino.

There will be no visitation.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 11am at First Christian Church, 1343 National Road, Wheeling, WV with Rev. Kenneth Hardway officiating..

Memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to Liza's Place, 308 Mt. St. Joseph Road, Wheeling WV 26003.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the staff at Liza's Place for seven months of loving care.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Wheeling\Bethlehem.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Christian Church of Wheeling
1343 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *My sincere and deepest condolences to the family and friends of Bob. Denny Albaugh*

Dennis R Albaugh - May 07, 2017 at 10:52 AM

GB

“ *Marla and family,*

So sorry for your loss. I didn't see Bob that often but always enjoy chatting with him when I did. He was a very nice man! Prayers for Bob and all of you!

Gregg and Tiffany Boury

Gregg Boury - May 07, 2017 at 09:33 AM

JE

“ *Very sorry to learn of Bob's passing. Many pleasant memories dating back to our school days and growing up in Martins Ferry. We were classmates of MFHS Class of 1957. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Jim Everson
Naples FL*

Jim Everson - May 07, 2017 at 06:30 AM



DG

“ *Bob & Michelle,
I am so sorry for your loss. I am sending thoughts, prayers & hugs to you & your family at this difficult time.*

Denise Taylor & Linda Grimes - May 05, 2017 at 09:03 AM

LK

“ *Marla,
It was an honor and a privilege to know Bob, I will pray for comfort
and peace for you.
Lea*

Lea kolakowski - May 05, 2017 at 03:33 AM

MD

“ *Dear Ones --
What a privilege it has been, to stop in and
have prayer with Robert during these past 7
months. He's such a kind and gentle man with
a loving spirit.
May God's peace and blessings be yours during this most tender
season; and, may He give you many lovely memories, so that you
may always have roses in December.*



*Ever hoping . . .
Always in Jesus,*

Maryann (Music Ministry Volunteer)

Maryann Droll - May 04, 2017 at 10:53 PM

SR

*Dear Marla...So sorry for your loss..prayers to you and your family
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sue riffle - May 05, 2017 at 06:34 PM

JF

*Prayers to you and your family. sorry for you loss.
Jim & Ann Fisk*

Jim & Ann Fisk - May 06, 2017 at 01:12 PM

JF

Dear Marla

My heart is sad on learning of Bobs' passing. Bob was a wonderful man, husband, father and brother, and I have many sweet and happy memories to hold on to.

Bob will be welcomed in our Lords loving arms and also closer now again to his brother. Love and prayers to all the family. JoAnne Francis

JoAnne Francis - May 06, 2017 at 09:47 PM

SS

Dear Marla

So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

Sharon (Coulter) Schmahmann Naples FLorida

Sharon Schmahmann - May 08, 2017 at 07:22 AM