



Francis Stephen Adkins

February 14, 1921 - October 26, 2019

Francis Stephen Adkins, 98, entered into eternal peace on Saturday, October 26, 2019, at his home in Lake Wylie, SC. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 66 years, Beatrice Allegretto in 2013 and his brother Edward in 1988. He is survived by and leaves loving memories with his daughter Joyce Rykert, grandchildren Jesse (Berayin), Jennifer (Daniel), Emily (Michael), Laurie (Cuyler), Paul; great-grandchildren Zachary, Michael, Matthew, Samantha, Angela, Clara and Luke; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Frank "Papa" was born on February 14, 1921 in Buffalo, NY, one of two sons of the late Albert and Louise Adkins. He was raised and attended school in Kenmore, NY while also working odd jobs as a teen to help his parents with their day to day living expenses. After graduating High School, he served his country with honor in the US Army during WWII and was stationed in Saipan for several years until the war's end in 1945. After the war Frank married Beatrice in February 1947. He graduated from the University of Buffalo in 1948 and then began his lifelong career at General Mills. Frank and his family relocated to the NYC area where they lived in Freeport until retirement in 1985. Frank was a lifelong, dedicated and faithful Catholic and member of Our Holy Redeemer Church. After retiring, Frank and Bea relocated to the Poconos where they were active members of the Church of St. John the Apostle and their outreach program. In 2004, they moved to the Asheville area where they were members of St. Barnabas Catholic Church. His kindness, gentleness, loving and generous heart are an eternal treasured example to all who knew him. Papa loved golf, football and was a life-long New York Yankees fan. Frank shared his love of traveling with family, especially by car, to theme parks, historical destinations, and family reunions.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 1, 2019 from 7:00PM until 8:00PM at Heritage Funeral Home, Indian Trail Chapel, 4431 Old Monroe Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 1:00 pm at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28277. Interment with military honors will be held on Tuesday, November 5th at 12:00 pm at the Western

Carolina State Veteran's Cemetery, 962 Old US Highway 70 West, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to <https://app.moonclerk.com/pay/kmght8nickd>.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 07:00PM - 08:00PM

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Heritage Funeral Home - Indian Trail Chapel
4431 Old Monroe Road, Indian Trail, NC, US, 28079

NOV **Funeral Mass** 01:00PM

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St. Matthew Catholic Church
8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, NC, US, 28277

NOV **Burial** 12:00PM

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Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery
962 Old US Highway 70 West, Black Muntain, NC, US, 28711

Comments



“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Jesse Rykert - November 07, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ Pop we miss you tremendously and look forward to the time we will be reunited with you in heaven.

Jesse - November 07, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ I feel blessed to have had such a wonderful grandfather. He was such a great example of a Christian throughout his life. Papa was always a positive role model for all of us. I will always remember our road trips to Florida every Easter visiting Uncle Eddie and Aunt Ruth and their family. Papa gave us so many fun memories-taking us sleigh riding, ice skating on the pond, miniature golf, of course, the NY Yankee games, and all of our visits up in the Poconos. I am so proud of his service in WWII and enjoyed listening to his war adventures. He was generous with all of us always. I will miss Pop's funny fish face, his warm hugs, his kind smile, his great stories, and his loving ways. My sweet Papa rest in peace, give Grandma a big hug and kiss for all of us! I know you both will be laughing and dancing with Jesus and all our loved ones in heaven. May God bless your soul. xoxoxo I will never forget you, Papa. I will miss you and love you always, Emily

Emily Rykert Mills - November 03, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ I'm so proud and thankful to have known such a well respected man , a patriot and gentleman. His example will always be one I strive to emulate. I admired his demeanor and always enjoyed his company , especially during our many golf outings and watching baseball over the years. I will remember him as an honorable , kind and spiritual man who loved his family. As we used to say at “ tea time “ , Here's to you Papa , Cheers !

Dan Dean - November 01, 2019 at 07:11 AM



“ Uncle Frank was a brilliant and wise man who I admired all my life. We will miss him so much, but am consoled in the fact that he is now with Aunt Bea in their heavenly abode. God bless them and all of their family. Joyce, you have been blessed with such great parents - and now you and your children are left to carry on their legacy. God bless all of you.

Pamela Allegretto-Diulio - October 30, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ Candace-Ballantyne Chapel lit a candle in memory of Francis Stephen Adkins



Candace-Ballantyne Chapel - October 29, 2019 at 10:53 AM