



Francis J. McKiever

January 18, 1947 - November 28, 2019

Francis J. McKiever “Fran”, 72 passed away on November 28, 2019 at Novant Health Hospice in Charlotte following a courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Born in Endicott, NY on January 18, 1947, he was the loving son of the late Doris Hanlon and Robert F. McKiever.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with a celebration of life service beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Home – Weddington Chapel. Burial will follow immediately in Forest Lawn East Cemetery directly across the street.

Fran graduated from Seton Catholic High School in 1964 and went on to obtain his A.A. in Science in 1967 from Broome Technical Community College. He earned a Bachelor of Technology from S.U.N.Y Binghamton in 1976 and went on to pursue a career as a chemical engineer first working for GAF in Binghamton, NY from 1969 – 1980 and then going to work for IBM where he retired in 2005.

Fran cheered up many residents with his smile when visiting Carrington Nursing Home. His favorite volunteer activity was improving and maintaining the nature trails in the Hunters Point Neighborhood where he was often sighted pushing his wheelbarrow laden with tools down the trail. For many years he enjoyed playing guitar for family and held a deep love of folk and bluegrass music.

His greatest pride in life was his family. A wonderful dad, husband and grandpa, he was always there to lend a helping hand and encouragement. He enjoyed family get togethers , telling hilarious stories and reading books with his granddaughters.

He is survived by his loving wife Martha (Taylor) of 46 years; two sons: John (Katherine); and Thomas McKiever; and two granddaughters: Kaitlyn and Nova. His brother and sisters: Kevin McKiever; Mary Quandt (Thomas); Doris Biga (William); and Joan McKiever and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Doris and Robert, he was preceded by his brother Robert F. McKiever, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Fran’s name to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Cemetery

Events

Forest Lawn East Cemetery **DEC**

3700 Forest Lawn Drive

Matthews, NC, 28104

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Visitation

01:00PM

Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington/Matthews

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Celebration of life

02:00PM

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Comments



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis J. McKiever.



December 02, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Francis J. McKiever.



December 02, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ Martha and family: I was very saddened to hear of Fran's passing. I shared many adventures with Fran and Kevin including Woodstock, driving out to Colorado with Fran to visit Kevin, many camping trips and many, many other great times including Fran's rendition of "Plastic Jesus" on his banjo.

The picture of Fran was perfect and I when I saw it I swore I heard his one of a kind laugh.

May Fran rest in peace and may you be comforted by your wonderful memories

Denny Sullivan
Endwell, NY

Denny Sullivan - December 01, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ Still a great friend over the years. Thank you Denny for the kind words.

Kevin - December 03, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ Kevin: would love to hear from you dpsully@stny.rr.com Sully

Denny Sullivan - January 17 at 10:05 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis J. McKiever.



December 01, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Francis J. McKiever.



December 01, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ Martha and Family,

I read the notice about Fran in this Sunday's Binghamton Press and Sun Bulletin and was shocked and saddened. I'm very sorry to read it and send condolences to you and your entire family.

I worked with Fran at IBM and Endicott Interconnect for over 20 years. He was a great co-worker: smart, hard-working and always ready to help the team. But, what I really remember about Fran were all of his great stories, always told with his wry, sarcastic and overwhelmingly funny style.

We all loved his stories about going to Catholic school and his battles with the nuns, how he and his brothers managed to get into a lot of trouble when they were kids and especially his detailed stories about he and his brother's attendance at the Woodstock festival, including roasting a chicken out in the mud.

Fran was a great person and well loved among all of his co-workers, please know that there are many people up here in New York who are mourning along with you.

Take care and God bless you,

Cheryl Palomaki

Cheryl Palomaki - December 01, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ Thanks Cheryl. He enjoyed working with you and was very fond of his friends at IBM. He had a gift for making people laugh.

Martha McKiever - December 01, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ Thanks Cheryl,
He enjoyed working with you and sharing laughs with coworkers. He told a lot of great stories about work.

Martha McKiever - December 01, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ We are sorry to hear about Fran's passing. Martha, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. We remember all of Fran's funny stories at our dinners together at Pizza Hut in Owego.

Betsy and Lynn Sarver, Pittsboro, NC

Betsy and Lynn Sarver - December 01, 2019 at 08:44 AM



“ Thanks Betsy. Fran always enjoyed the fun times at Pizza Hut back in the day.

Martha McKiever - December 01, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ Thanks Betsy. Fran loved the fun times at Pizza Hut too. You don't live very far away now! I'd love to visit sometime.

Martha

Martha McKiever - December 01, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ Martha and Family--
Our hearts are broken for each of you. Fran was so very special to Skip and I, as well as to our children. We will miss his hilarious stories, his laugh, his smile, so many, many little things. We have such wonderful memories of our trips to Charleston and Savannah. So many great meals together, so many happy times full of laughter and friendship. We will miss him terribly.
We continue to pray for God's grace for each of you.
With love and affection--
Charlotte and Skip Williams and family

Charlotte Williams - November 30, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ Thanks Charlotte and Skip. Fran always treasured your friendship and all the wonderful times we shared. I can still hear Fran and Skip laughing and talking. We needed more time with Fran. There just wasn't enough.

Martha McKiever - November 30, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ Martha and family,

I had the pleasure of working at IBM/EIT with Fran for too short a time. It was a great experience working with him and being his friend. He was always quick with a smile and eager to tell his many funny stories to brighten someones day. My heart goes out to you all.

My sympathies,

Tonya Tucker

Tonya Tucker - December 01, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ Thank you, Tonya. He enjoyed working with you too.

Martha McKiever - December 01, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ Martha, I am so sorry about Fran's passing. Even though it has been many years since you were our neighbors, I still think of you often. Prayers for you and your family. Frankie Bogutsky

Frankie Bogutsky - December 02, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ Martha, When I think of Fran I think of his constant smile and the fun times we had when we all got together and he brought out his guitar with my dad and we would be singing (sometimes to the wee hours of the morning) .Fran was also a great story teller and would have us all in stitches. He was always willing to help - A few years back my dad and Fran fixed the stone entrance of the neighborhood and their was a sign by the road that said "Inmates working". The inmates were picking up trash along the road. He will be greatly missed. Hunters Pointe trails were beautified by his hard work and generous nature. Love you Martha. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Patti - December 02, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ Thanks Patti,

He enjoyed your family and especially projects with Jim.

Martha McKiever - December 02, 2019 at 05:13 PM