



Francis L. McCarthy

February 1, 1942 - February 14, 2020

FITCHBURG: Francis L. McCarthy, 78, of Fitchburg, formerly of Lunenburg, died Friday, February 14, 2020 peacefully at his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. McCarthy was born in Fitchburg, February 1, 1942, a son of William J. and Elise R. (Belliveau) McCarthy and resided over 45 years in Lunenburg before returning to Fitchburg two years ago. He grew up in Fitchburg, was a 1959 graduate of Notre Dame High School and continued his education at Stevens Business College in Fitchburg.

For over 30 years Mr. McCarthy owned and operated Associated Data Concepts, Inc. in Fitchburg, retiring in 2012. Previously, he held positions with the Boy Scouts of America as District Scout Executive in the Greenwich (CT) Council and Nashua Valley Council in Lancaster.

He was a former member of Oak Hill Country Club and served as Trustee to Camp Split Rock in Ashburnham, MA. He was a longtime member of the Lunenburg-Townsend Rotary Club and was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He had coached in the Lunenburg Little League Program and volunteered his time to the Lunenburg High School Scholarship Drives. He attended Our Lady of the Lake Church in Leominster.

Through the years he enjoyed traveling including spending several special summer vacations in Boothbay Harbor, Maine and wintering in Naples, Florida. He was happiest when he was spending time with his family and friends. Fran was admired and well respected by all that knew him for his kindness and compassion. He was particularly well remembered for wearing a bow tie.

He leaves his wife, Doris E. (Allain) Clow; two daughters, Robyn K. Thibodeau of Belfast, ME; Kelly K. Kurtz and her husband, Jeff Turcotte of Leominster; a son and daughter in law, Christopher W. and Kim M. McCarthy of Holden; six grandchildren, Nicholas J. Thibodeau, McKenzie E. Thibodeau, Connor L. Kurtz, Kelsey M. Kurtz, Madeline R. McCarthy, Katherine E. McCarthy; two great grandchildren, Lily Grace Thibodeau, Julian J. Thibodeau; his sister in law Alice McCarthy of West Boylston; his cousin, Sister Mary LeBlanc PBVM of Leominster and his son-in-law, Wallace L. Kurtz, Jr. of Lunenburg.

In March 2011 he was predeceased by his first wife of 47 years, Vera A. (Ingemie) McCarthy and his brother, John W. McCarthy in 2018.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main Street, Leominster. Burial will be private. Mr. McCarthy's family will receive family and friends at calling hours from 4-7PM Friday at the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. For additional information or to leave an on line condolence, please see their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Mr. McCarthy's family would like to extend their thanks to the VNA Hospice for the care given to Fran over the past few weeks.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Lake Church Food Pantry, 1400 Main Street, Leominster, MA 01543 or to the Sisters of the Presentation, 99 Church Street, Leominster, MA 01453

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
316 Clarendon Street
fitchburg, MA 01420
brian@andersonfuneral.com

Funeral Mass

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Lake Church
1400 MainSt.
Leominster, MA 01453

Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis L. McCarthy



Anderson Funeral Homes - February 17, 2020 at 02:26 PM

CC

Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. Blessing to you and the family. Fran is free and will always live in your heart and memories❤️

carol claflin - February 17, 2020 at 10:34 PM

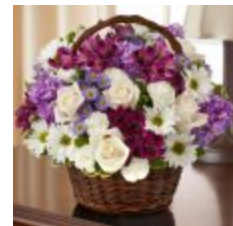
AM

I will always have fond memories of John & I spending many holiday and birthday celebrations with our children and Vera and Fran's family. Of course Elsie was the anchor of the family and she raised two loving and caring sons with her husband Bill. Fran was always friendly and caring and between him and John there was always plenty of laughter and good times. I am glad that he found Doris to share his life with as well. She is a wonderful and loving person and will always be a member of the "McCarthy Clan". My sympathy goes out to Doris, Robyn, Kelly, & Chris. Love Alice McCarthy

Alice McCarthy - February 18, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Francis L. McCarthy.



February 20, 2020 at 07:14 PM

SB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Pa was the ultimate patriarch. He was a man of such dignity and grace. We are so honored to have him in Lizzie's life as part of her family. His legacy will leave an indelible mark on his generations of family. Sending love and healing prayers of comfort and peace.

Sarah Bizier - February 20, 2020 at 11:20 AM

JP

“ Kelly,

I was just visiting my dad, Ralph Goguen in Florida, the first week of February and asked him about your dad. He told me that your dad was not well so i began to pray for him that very day. I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was such a wonderful man and you were blessed to have him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

*Regards,
Jackie (Goguen) Pascucci*

Jackie Goguen Pascucci - February 19, 2020 at 05:34 AM

SR

“ *Lpve and condolences to all.It was an honor and pleasure to have known FranI have the pleasure of sharing two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with him. May he rest in peace, Shirley Thibodeau*

shirley rhibodeau - February 18, 2020 at 06:33 PM

JP

“ We will miss that guy, Fran. He was so much fun to be with. He made you feel special and he had such a wit, charm, and outgoing personality about him. He always made a point of knowing everyone’s name. He has a wonderful family Chris, Robyn, Kelly and Doris . He was the best. He had a good life. We all loved him.. So sorry for your loss. Our sympathy goes out to all of you.

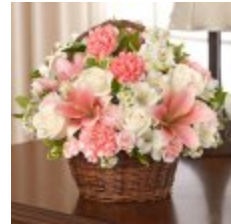


*Bill and Julie Palioca
Friends*

JULIE and BILL PALIOCA - February 18, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Francis L. McCarthy.*



February 18, 2020 at 01:56 PM

MO

“ *Mike Oringer purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Francis L. McCarthy.*



Mike Oringer - February 18, 2020 at 11:10 AM

LO

“ Linda and I are sorry to hear about Fran's passing. The photos are a beautiful tribute to Fran and your family. I still remember the wonderful times when your father and I coached your Little League team. Many fond memories of a great man. We will keep ypu and your family in our prayers.

Linda and Howard Oringer

Linda and Howard Oringer - February 17, 2020 at 05:37 PM

KR

“ Fran was one in a million. He was a full participant in any task or cause that he supported. Karen, Torri, Jason and I , are proud to have shared our many, many good times with Fran and family. Whenever we see a Bow Tie, Fran's smiling face will flash back to the good times that we shared during our 50 years of friendship. We are all better people becaue we could call Fran McCarthy our friend.

Karen, Torri and Dave Rodgers - February 17, 2020 at 05:37 PM