



Francis J. Walder

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If you were ever in need, one of the first people you would reach out to would be Francis “Frank” Walder, of Milton, DE. With his dedication to St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, the Lord knew exactly who to reach out to for help. On Friday, November 26, 2021, Frank received his final request and has taken on a new role: answering calls from Heaven.

To know Frank, is to know the gift of laughter. His humor, wit, and timing will remain unmatched. His love of the Lord, his family, Karaoke, Amazon, and items that are As Seen On TV, will forever be engrained in the hearts and minds of his loving wife and children.

Frank Walder was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. He graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting and Finance from LaSalle College. After serving almost 6 years in the Army and Air Force as a Cryptographer, he married his bride, Eileen J. Walder and enjoyed 64 years of wedded bliss. Frank’s career in a managerial role in many companies took him from Philadelphia to Canada to Delaware, and many other states in between. Frank and Eileen created an amazing family along the way, consisting of four very lucky children, who were blessed with his guidance and their love, for so many years.

Frank was 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a proud Veteran. He was very active with St. Vincent de Paul, and served many years as their President, with his sidekick Eileen as his Vice President. Coordinating food pantries, Thanksgiving and Christmas drives, fundraising through Car and Craft Shows, as well as spending many months researching grant opportunities to provide even more aid to the needy, was truly a passion and an honor for him.

Frank made a difference in the lives of many, and his presence here on earth will truly be missed. We know Frank was greeted in Heaven by his dad and mom, Luke, and Elizabeth Walder; as well as his sister Bernadette Walder. He leaves behind his wife, Eileen; his four children and their



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spouses: Joe Walder (Jodi), Theresa Donnelly (Brian), Dan Walder (Nancy) and Trish Barnyak (Mark); his seven grandchildren: Matthew, Kate, Charlotte, Thomas, Cole, Reagan and Pearce; and his sister Elizabeth Rehmann, to continue his life's work of charity, loving the Lord, and making people smile.

In true Frank style, he would ask that we remember him through laughter.

Please join us in our celebration Mass of Christian Burial, on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at 11:00 AM, at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends are invited to visit beginning at 10:00 AM. A burial will be held privately for the family at a later date.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, social distancing and masks are recommended.

In lieu of flowers, Frank would appreciate memorial donations to St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Knights of Columbus.

While his presence here on earth will be greatly missed, we urge you to continue to reach out when you are in need. Frank will always answer the call.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

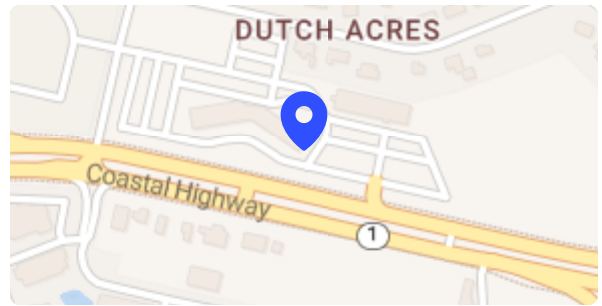


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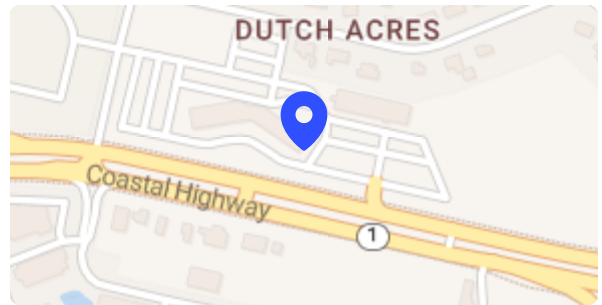
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- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
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BP

Bill Pritchett posted:

Dear Walder Family,I wanted to extend my sincere condolences to you after the passing of Frank. I had the honor and pleasure of working with him for about four years while at the Masten Lumber Corporate office in Milford. He always supported me and was truly my mentor at my Millwork operation. As you so accurately pointed out, Frank had a never ending sense of humor and my fondest memories of him were the two of us sitting in his office with tears of laughter rolling down our faces as we discussed Lord knows what.Frank's family and friends have lost a dear guy and a real gentleman, but those who are with him in Heaven will see their happiness and laughter on the increase!May God bless you.Warmest regards and love to all,Bill Pritchett

December 8 at 2:33 PM

KH

Kevin Hammond posted:

Frank Walder was a very friendly and loving kind of man. He truly could make you laugh. He enjoyed his family and friends. My wife, Ruby and I had the privilege and honor to know him and the Walder family. There was never a time when we saw him that he didn't share a joke or some kind of humor. He will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

December 5 at 7:39 AM

KH

Kevin Hammond lit a candle in honor of Francis.



December 5 at 7:29 AM

JM

Jerry Mccafferty posted:

Frank was a good friend and my mentor when I first started with Saint Vincent de Paul. He and Eileen were both leaders in the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and devoted much of their lives to helping the poor.Frank also ran some fundraisers for his church. Bonnie and I were blessed to have such good friends as Frank and Eileen. Frank is probably up in heaven now trying to organize a fundraiser for the poor people in purgatory. May you rest in peace my friend.Jerry McCafferty

December 3 at 9:39 AM



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JP

Judy Purcell lit a candle in honor of Francis.

St John the Apostle Parish were very lucky to have Frank and Family part of our parish for many years. We could sit and laugh at all the times we spent writing Lent letters to the parish and playing liturgical celebrations. Frank was a great man and was always there if someone needed help. Rest in peace my friend. Judy Purcell

December 3 at 5:57 AM



TF

The Purcell Family sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Walder family.

December 3 at 5:53 AM



LS

Lynne Betts, Svdp posted:

Frank was a dear, dear Vincentian family member. He answered the call to serve, and did so with love and a smile. Frank embraced the Charism of our Society by participating in our 5 day intensive servant leadership training when he agreed to serve as VP for our southern district of the Council of Wilmington. What an honor to serve with him and to call him friend.

December 2 at 8:18 PM

CR

Christine Rust posted:

I'm so sorry to hear this I worked with Frank at Masten Home center corporate office in Milford. He was so much fun to work with and always made us laugh and smile. Rest in peace Frank.

December 2 at 1:55 PM



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JM

Jennifer Mcconomy posted:

I will always remember Uncle Frank as a witty and funny guy! He was so smart and fast with his jokes.....even as recently as a month or so ago, he left some pretty funny comments on my social media feed. Since learning of his passing, I have gone back and re-read them and they still make me laugh!As a kid, I remember when he would visit Nan and Grandmom in Philadelphia, and the rest of the Rehmann family would come over to visit! It was such a big deal when Uncle Frank was in town, and no one wanted to miss an opportunity to see him and his family!! I have not been able to see Uncle Frank in recent years, and feel sad for that. But I feel blessed to have reconnected with his children, and that our kids are now the bestest cousins ever! Being the family man that Uncle Frank was, I know that would put a smile on his face! Because aside from all the humor, wit, all the great things Uncle Frank was involved in throughout his life...first and foremost, it was all about family!Sending all my love and support to the Walder family!Rest in Peace Uncle Frank....now go find Nan and Pop-Pop and tell them I said... HI! xoxoxo

December 2 at 12:40 PM

RL

Rachel Lynch lit a candle in honor of Francis.

I'm so very sorry for your loss.

December 2 at 11:49 AM



NG

Normand & Louise Guertin posted:

We never met a man with so much enthusiasm and knowledge to help someone in need. A great lesson that you taught us was, when you have physical pain, you don't say "Why me", instead say "St. Vincent please take away the pain so I can serve the poor". Sincere Sympathy to Eileen & Family Rest in Peace dear friend Normand & Louise Guertin

December 2 at 8:51 AM



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Alice Hinderliter lit a candle in honor of Francis.



December 1 at 11:31 AM



Larry Magerko December 2 at 11:51 AM

Frank lived the life of Saint Vincent DePaul here on earth. He was so compassionated and giving to those less fortunate. I will miss him dearly. May he finally rest in peace. Larry Magerko

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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