



Francis "Frank" Lorentz

July 21, 1927 - July 29, 2020

The Mass of Christian Burial for Francis "Frank" Lorentz, of Wadena, will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 3, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant.

Visitation will be held at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena on Sunday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m., with Prayers at 6:00 and Knights of Columbus Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena followed by a meal at Sunnybrook Park.

For those in attendance to any of these events, face masks and social distancing are required.

God called Francis "Frank" Joseph Lorentz home on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Eight days after his 93rd birthday, he passed peacefully with his family by his side at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, Minnesota.

Frank was born to Joseph and Anna (Hopp) Lorentz on July 21, 1927, in Wadena Township. He grew up on a farm with his 13 siblings, attended Wadena Public Schools, and graduated with the Class of 1946.

After serving in the US Army during the Korean War, Frank was united in

marriage with Leona Vandenberghe on May 4, 1954, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Butler, MN. He and Leona took over the family farm south of Wadena and made a livelihood as dairy farmers. They lived at the homestead and raised seven children there. In 1997, they moved to Bluffton, MN, where they resided until late 2018.

Frank was a devoted husband for 66 years and a loving father. He shared his love of the outdoors, fishing and hunting, music and dancing, sense of humor, and positive energy with his family. He was a great role model for his children and grandchildren by being tolerant, supportive, and affectionate. He was very proud of his children and liked to tell people that he had the best kids in the world!

Frank was also a fun-loving and funny guy who was always ready with a joke (or ten). In his younger days, he and Leona liked to go out dancing and socializing with friends. He enjoyed many games of backyard volleyball with his children and always loved playing cards, especially whist.

Frank was very helpful and generous to family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers seeking a tow out of the ditch, a tank of gas, or a bite to eat.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Aid, the American Legion, and served for many years as a Wadena Township Supervisor.

Left with loving memories of Frank are his wife Leona of Wadena; children Marsha (David) Karam of Nevis, Linda (Duane) Dockter of Grand Rapids, Gregory (Bev) of Alexandria, Anthony (Rachel) Lorentz of Dent, Kurt (Michelle) of Sauk Rapids, Lisa (Tim) Klaphake of Nashwauk, and Brian (Cindy) Lorentz of Medina; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and siblings Janet Wright of Bluffton and Ruth Ann Theriault of Plano, TX.

Preceding Frank in death were his first born daughter at birth; his parents Joe and Anna; and his siblings Leona Hallauer, Phyllis Winger, Isabelle Kresky, Joann Lorentz, Irene Johnson, and Isadore "Nibs," Mark, Michael, Jerome, Ralph, and Benedict Lorentz.

Serving as pallbearers will be grandchildren Terry Lorentz, Steven Maroney, Jacob Karam, Brooke Klaphake, Luke Lorentz, Austin Lorentz, and Ellen Lorentz.

Honorary pallbearers will be grandchildren Nicole Weaver, Andrew Lara, Todd Lorentz, Jamie Evans, Shelby Schweigert, Gabriela Kiesel, Hannah Lorentz, Joe Lorentz, Matt Wacker, Ryan Wacker, Nora Lorentz, and Lillian Lorentz.

Military honors provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Prayers

AUG 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Rosary

AUG 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

AUG 3. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

AUG 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 31, 2020 at 08:11 PM

DS

What a life. Thank you for everything.
Sib

David Sibit - August 01, 2020 at 05:57 AM

TZ

What a wonderful memory for you to have of the family. 🙏🌈

tammy ziegler - August 02, 2020 at 09:03 AM

DM

“ Dear Leona and family.
Read of Frank's passing in the Pioneer Journal just today. We live in Lombard, IL
Just want you to know that we have many fond memories of visiting and playing cards with you, so want to send you our heartfelt condolences.
Hedvig and Dieter Meister

Dieter and Hedvig Meister - August 12, 2020 at 10:27 AM

MP

“ *Morris And Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



Morris and Karen Priebe - August 03, 2020 at 07:22 PM

DS

“ *Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



Dan and Deb Sweere - August 03, 2020 at 06:30 PM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



Dan Kern - August 03, 2020 at 04:59 PM

SH

“ *Sharon Heinen lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



Sharon Heinen - August 02, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Lorentz.*



August 02, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Lorentz.*



August 02, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ *You were the best Father-In-Law a gal could ever want❤️ May you Rest In Peace Frankie! We all Love you❤️❤️*



Bev Lorentz - August 02, 2020 at 02:45 AM



“ *Love, Paula, Shawn and Steven Whitacre purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Francis "Frank" Lorentz.*



Love, Paula, Shawn and Steven Whitacre - August 01, 2020 at 09:56 PM

RM

“ Frank was a special kind of guy, who had a little sparkle in his eyes. He will be missed by everyone who ever met him. We will miss him at Tony's parties.

Memories of Frank will live on forever...

Sending our love,

Mike & Rosemary



Rosemary Mehl - August 01, 2020 at 12:13 PM

SI

“ Sib purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Francis "Frank" Lorentz.



Sib - August 01, 2020 at 09:31 AM

PC

“ Pat And Terri (Lorentz) Czech lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Pat and Terri (Lorentz) Czech - August 01, 2020 at 08:48 AM

JB

“ *Joan Brauch lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



Joan Brauch - August 01, 2020 at 06:33 AM

PA

“ *My heart and prayers go out to the Lorentz family at this time of great loss. Frank was such an awesome man. He loved his family so much! He would light up when he talked about his wife and children and he talked about Tony quite often. Thank you for sharing this precious man with us.*

polly anderson - August 01, 2020 at 05:16 AM

PA

“ *Polly Anderson lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



polly anderson - August 01, 2020 at 05:12 AM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



Esther and Alan Freitag - July 31, 2020 at 11:58 PM

MF

“ Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Marie Fraune - July 31, 2020 at 10:02 PM

LB

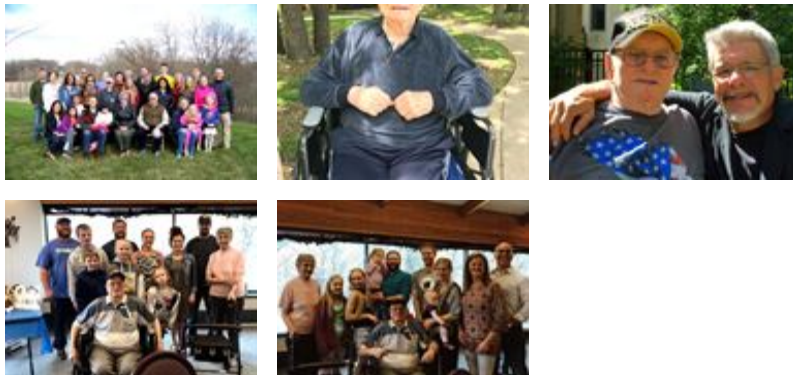
“ Love, Ross and Steph Beckstrand purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Francis "Frank" Lorentz.



Love, Ross and Steph Beckstrand - July 31, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 31, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Lorentz.*



July 31, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ *Earl and Deb Munkelwitz and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Francis "Frank" Lorentz.*



Earl and Deb Munkelwitz and family - July 31, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ *Leona and family: I missed seeing you both at Fair Oaks when we couldn't have Mass out there. I saw how much the family loved Frank when his daughter came from time to time. He will be missed . May he rest in peace and may God give you all the comfort and love you need.*

Rose (Kern) Johnson - July 31, 2020 at 01:27 PM



*Frank,
I know you are holding the boat for me down on the dock.
Sib*

David Sibit - August 01, 2020 at 05:44 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Lorentz.*



July 31, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Jack & Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



Jack & Lucille Belch - July 31, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Karen And LeRoy Haman lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



Karen and LeRoy Haman - July 31, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Frank was "one of a kind". Rest in Peace.*

Sharon and Tom Kimmes - July 31, 2020 at 07:46 AM

SK

“ Sharon And Tom Kimmes lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Sharon and Tom Kimmes - July 31, 2020 at 07:43 AM

Alan Schumacher

“ Alan Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Alan Schumacher - July 30, 2020 at 11:37 PM

BB

“ Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Bruce and Barb Brown - July 30, 2020 at 10:41 PM

BD

“ Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Bob and Kathy Derby - July 30, 2020 at 10:18 PM

EW

“ *Ellen And Steve Wallgren sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz*



Ellen and Steve Wallgren - July 30, 2020 at 09:10 PM

DR

“ *Sympathy to the Lorentz family. He was a good neighbor, a good man ,a funny man, with a good wife, and wonderful family!*

Donald P Rentz - July 30, 2020 at 08:09 PM

ME

“ *Dear Leona and family, We extend our deepest sympathy to all of you. God bless and be with each one as you go through this difficult time. Margaret & Peter*

Margaret & Peter Van Erp - July 30, 2020 at 07:17 PM

LH

“ *Sincere sympathy to the Lorentz family.*



Larry and Jodi Hackler - July 30, 2020 at 06:11 PM

KL

“ Ken & Nancy Lawson lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Ken & Nancy Lawson - July 30, 2020 at 05:51 PM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Jon Johnson - July 30, 2020 at 05:49 PM

KL

“ Kelly Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Kelly Lorentz - July 30, 2020 at 04:26 PM

LH

“ LEO HAISMAN lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



LEO HAISMAN - July 30, 2020 at 02:08 PM

CG

“ Cary & Diana Goeden lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Cary & Diana Goeden - July 30, 2020 at 01:04 PM

MH

“ Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Marladene Heinen - July 30, 2020 at 01:03 PM

RK

“ Rich & Mavis (Holmquist) Kendall lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Lorentz



Rich & Mavis (Holmquist) Kendall - July 30, 2020 at 12:32 PM

JB

“ Leona and family, We are so very sorry. You were such wonderful neighbors to mom and dad in Bluffton. You know how dad loved to visit! Frank, may you rest in peace.
Joyce (Roggenkamp) and Bruce Boyne



Joyce Boyne - July 30, 2020 at 11:09 AM