



Francis Patrick McGann Jr.

July 14, 1940 - June 22, 2018

Francis Patrick McGann Jr., age 77, of Libertyville, IL passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2018. Francis was a devoted Conventual Franciscan friar dedicated to promoting the witness and life of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Prior to taking his solemn vows, Francis shared 37 years of marriage with Lois McGann who he had known since grade school.

Born and raised in Moorestown NJ, Francis was the son of the late Francis P. McGann Sr. and Margaret "Mog" Galloway.

A member of the Moorestown High School Class of 1959, Francis was best known for owning Towne Line Liquor and Lounge from 1971 to 1993 when he converted the store into an Irish pub called McGann's Food and Spirits.

Additionally, Francis entered the Deaconate Program and in 1983 became an ordained Deacon, serving at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish in Moorestown until he decided to pursue his lifelong vocational calling by beginning his Postulancy.

Francis will be remembered for his devotion to God, love of family and for the way he "Seemlessly" worked in "spirits" all way around.

A loving and lively jolly soul, Franny was everyone's go to guy, who took pride in being Irish!

Francis is survived by his best friend and former wife, Lois (Ravikio) McGann, their three daughters Kathleen McGann (Peter Wienewski) of Merchantville, Kelly Hébert (Marc) of Bow Bog, NH, Karen McGann-Smith (David) of Moorestown, their son, Kyle Francis (Margaret 'Peggy' O'Leary) of Baltimore MD, his beloved five Grandchildren Logan Smith, Harrison Hébert, Adian McGann, Connor McGann and Rowan McGann, his sister Margaret "Peggy" Aeillio and five nieces and nephews. Francis was predeceased by his parents and sister, Patricia 'Patsy' McGann Conway and granddaughter, Olivia K. Hebert. Funeral mass of Christian Burial for Friar Francis McGann, OFM Conv. will be held at The National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Marytown in Libertyville, Il on Saturday, June 30th at 12 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Graveside Interment will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2018. in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Moorestown, NJ.

Guests are invited to join family and friends for the and a luncheon P.J. Whelihan's Pub in

Maple Shade beginning at 11 a.m.

Should family and friends desire, Fran requested contributions be made to support the Mission at Marytown - The National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe (<https://kolbeshrine.org>)

Cemetery Details

Mt. Carmel Cemetery

Camden Ave
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

The National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Marytown
1600 W. Park Ave
Libertyville, IL 60048

Graveside Service

JUL 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Carmel Cemetery
Camden Ave
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Tribute Wall



“ Francis Patrick McGann Jr.

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ Francis Patrick McGann Jr.

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear family, We met Br. Fran (as we always called him) when he was in Lostant, IL assisting Fr. Luke. He was very special to our family and always encouraged our children, especially our two youngest boys, who had the most opportunity to spend time with him, to grow in their faith. He even sewed Franciscan habits for them to wear. He will always have a special place in our hearts and our deepest sympathy to all of you for your loss. Allen, Joanie Morse and family

Joan Morse - August 09, 2018 at 04:46 PM



“ Our condolences to the family for your loss. Fran was a kind and gentle soul. I particularly enjoyed when he found something funny- it was such a contagious laugh! I worked for Fran as did my husband, Herb, (it's where we met in '81- we married in '83). We will be in attendance for the service as well as our friends Jimmy Dignam and Scott Jones who also worked for Fran during that time. We look forward sharing memories.

Donna Lokan - July 08, 2018 at 12:48 PM



Donna! How are you? Thank you for your kind words. Such a huge part of my childhood memories, our lunch at the Mall. Best wishes to you. (Kelly McGann)

Kelly McGann - July 11, 2018 at 01:17 PM

TO

“ My name is Terry O'Shaughnesy and I grew up a block away from Franny. When he was a senior and I was a freshman at Moorestown High, we walked down Third Street every morning, me trying to keep his pace. He was funny, kind and giving.

When my Aunt Margie (Staub) died, he gave her eulogy. It put a smile on our faces as he remembered her as one of the sweetest girls to walk down Third Street. He was in touch with my Mom, Marion Rauffenbart, long after he left Moorestown. He even sent her a rosary that he had made, which I now have.

Sending my condolences to the entire family. He was such a kind soul.

Terry O'Shaughnesy and all her siblings (Colleen, Pam, Chris and Joe)

Terry O'Shaughnesy - July 02, 2018 at 07:32 AM



On behalf of my Mom (Lois) and myself, THANK YOU! Such a lovely tribute to my Dad. He truly had no idea how many lives he touched. Thank you for taking the time. (btw Mrs. Staub's was the coolest. Penny Candy Forever!)

Kelly McGann - July 05, 2018 at 02:18 AM

RL

“ Deacon Fran's family,

I am sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.

Richard Litak
(former postulant of St Bonaventure Province)

Richard Litak - June 28, 2018 at 04:26 PM



Thank you for your condolences on behalf of my family.

Kelly McGann - June 29, 2018 at 12:40 PM

LK

“ Had the blessing of ministering with / working along side Fran at Good Counsel. He was so gentle, friendly, caring, and kind. Loved his smile and warmth to others. He knew his Moorestown history ... and was a pleasure to chat with him. Prayers and love to the family.

Laura Kowalick - June 28, 2018 at 02:25 PM



Thank you for remembering my father. It was people like you who kept his faith alive and strong.

Kelly McGann - July 05, 2018 at 02:23 AM

JM

“ I am very sad to hear the news of Fran’s passing. I met Fran working for him at Towne Line Liquors. Fran created a welcome atmosphere for the community and a fun place to work! Fran was an employer, manager, mentor and friend. I have not seen Fran in many years since (as he said) he was honored to be a Deacon in my wedding. I have thought of Fran over the years and will continue to have memories of a very giving person as well as the good times shared by friends and colleagues at Towne Line! My condolences to the family, John McDonald

john mcdonald - June 28, 2018 at 08:45 AM



Thank you, John. A lovely heartfelt post, I trust you know my Dad thought the world of you.

Kelly McGann - June 29, 2018 at 12:42 PM

TM

“ Remember all the good times at your restaurant with family and friends

Tom McElwee - June 25, 2018 at 06:58 AM



Thank you for your kind words. Good people like you made those 'good times' possible. ~k

Kelly McGann - June 25, 2018 at 05:39 PM

SS

“ Ohhhhhh Yeah, these are simply divine” Francis McGann, Jr.

Suzy Schmigel - June 24, 2018 at 07:36 AM



“ Don't let the Turkeys get you down Uncle Franny! Love and Miss you! - Wootsie

Kristian Jacobi - June 23, 2018 at 01:53 PM



*xo Wooties!
Love "Smelly Kelly"*

Kelly McGann - June 25, 2018 at 05:37 PM

DR

“ First met Franny when he was delivering papers in Moorestown long ago. He was indeed a special person. Years later saw him again when he was assisting on the alter at my mother's funeral at OLGC in Moorestown.

The circle of friends has lost another.

Dot Rollo MHS Class of 1960

Dorothy Rollo - June 23, 2018 at 01:20 PM

KM

Thank you for your words. My father would be moved to tear. Best Regards.

Kelly McGann - June 24, 2018 at 04:16 AM

DJ

Knew Franny from age 5. He was a lot of fun. Always a deeply spiritual person. As kids, we pretended we were celebrating Mass. He was the priest and I the altar boy.

A great loss. Will miss him. My condolences to his family.

- Dan Steinmetz

Daniel Steinmetz, Jr. - June 24, 2018 at 02:03 PM

MJ

We will never forget Fran's cheer and kindness when he was a Eucharistic Minister @ OLGC. Following a severe injury, Fran not only brought Communion to my husband, but but a bottle of Jack Daniels as well.

R.I.P. Fran.

Mary Lou and Jack Janney - June 25, 2018 at 09:30 AM

KM

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Janney. You just brought the biggest smile to my face. xo

Kelly McGann - June 25, 2018 at 04:24 PM

JA

Rest in peace Fran, you will be missed by many. Great memories working at your bar/liquor store.

janice amstutz - July 08, 2018 at 09:08 AM