



Francis Michael Clark

July 17, 1930 - September 20, 2023

Francis Michael Clark, 93 of Freehold, New Jersey passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at Mattison Crossing in Freehold.

Born Thursday, July 17, 1930 in Vailsburg, New Jersey, Francis was the son of the late Joseph and Frances Clark.

Francis grew up in Vailsburg, and was a graduate of Seton Hall Prep High School. He would go on to graduate from Seton Hall University. It was during this time he would meet the love of his life, Margaret (Peggy). The couple would marry and start a family of their own.

Francis was a member of the Army ROTC while attending Seton Hall University. After college he would enlist in the US Army Reserves. He volunteered 28 years of his life to his country, earning an Honorable Discharge, retiring as a Colonel. Francis worked for many years in the insurance industry as a Broker.

Francis and Peggy would soon settle in Old Bridge in 1959. They raised their children in Old Bridge and were active members of the community. Devout Catholics, Francis and Peggy would be instrumental in forming St. Ambrose Parish. Francis volunteered a lot of his time there, as a usher, member of the St. Vincent dePaul Society, serving on the bereavement group, and working the church Bingo. Francis was also a member for the St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus.

When Francis wasn't volunteering his time he enjoyed golfing and traveling with Peggy. After retirement he looked forward to spending time with the family during their annual vacations to the Outer Banks of North Carolina where he treasured being surrounded by his loved ones. Francis was a caring and loving man who will be missed by all those that love him.

Francis was predeceased by his beloved wife, Peggy, and by his caring siblings, Mary

Cain and George Clark.

Francis is survived by his loving children, Mark Clark and his wife Terry, and Denise Edgeworth and her husband Adam, by his caring sister Margaret Bundas, and by his cherished grandchildren, Ryan, Sean, Kevin (Shannon), Brenden, and Caleigh.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, September 25, 2023, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday at St. Ambrose Church located at 81 Throckmorton Ln Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

In lieu of flowers the family would prefer a donation be made to:

St. Jude's Hospital
262 Danny Thomas Place
Memphis, TN 38105
(800) 822-6344

<https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 25. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service

3377 US Highway 9

Old Bridge, NJ 08857

(732) 679-4422

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<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

Service

SEP 26. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ambrose Church

81 Throckmorton Ln

Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Interment

SEP 26 (ET)

Holy Cross Burial Park

840 Cranbury South River Rd

East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Tribute Wall

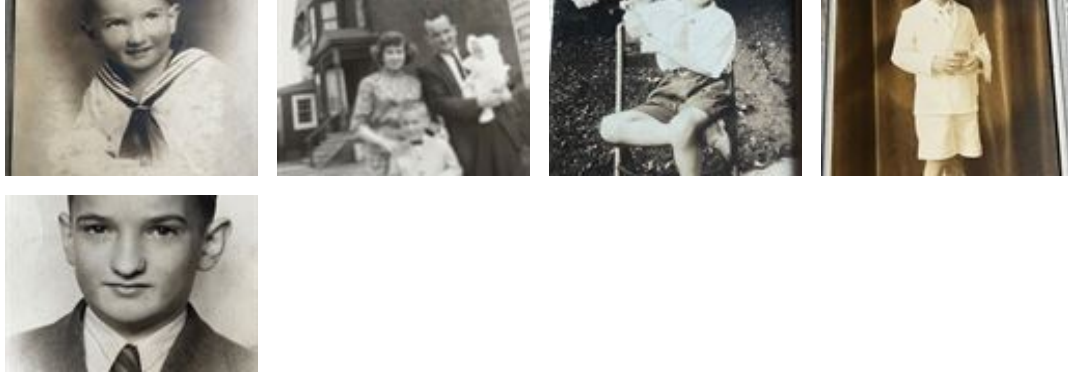


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Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - September 24, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *I met Colonel Clark while visiting my wife at Mattison Crossing. I always got a big smile and greeting from him and a firm hand shake. I asked Denise if it was alright if I gave him a caramel candy when I visited and she said he would love it which he did along with jelly beans. He was a beautiful person and I will miss his daily hand shake.*

Howard Adams

Howard Adams - September 24, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Mr & Mrs Joseph Clark & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Francis Michael Clark.*



Mr & Mrs Joseph Clark & Family - September 23, 2023 at 05:20 PM