



Mr. Francis J. "Fran" Naeger

September 3, 1939 - July 5, 2016

Francis J. "Fran" Naeger died peacefully on July 5, 2016 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Fran should always be remembered for his quiet acceptance of the cancer and the dignity with which he handled his journey.

Fran is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jo Ann; his sister, Catherine; his brothers, Ken and wife, Ann and Bob and wife, Melanie; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, John and Elizabeth Kelly; nieces, Beth Engels (Matt), Sarah Naeger, Catherine Naeger, Rosemary (Nate) Maher and daughter, Lydia Rose, Cheri Paradise (Dewey) and daughter, Catie, Tami Colter (Scott) and sons, Jesse and Dylan and daughter, Lauren; nephews, Joey Naeger (Hope Cowan) and Mark Kelly (Jill) and Lilly and Will and many friends.

Fran retired after a long career as a real estate appraiser with Duckworth, Jacobs, Naeger, Swicegood and Thrash. He was a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, the Asheville Board of Realtors and Knights of Columbus Council 11191. He enjoyed being able to spend time in his yard and working on many handyman projects.

Fran may be honored by memorials to Blue Ridge Honor Flight, PO Box 18057, Asheville, NC 28814 or the Buzz Tenant Scholarship Fund in care of the Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation, PO Box 5305, Asheville, NC 28802

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 10:00 AM, Friday, July 15, 2016 at St. Eugene's Catholic Church with Father Pat Cahill officiating.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Eugene Catholic Church
72 Culvern St.
Asheille, NC 28801
<http://www.steugene.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Francis J. "Fran" Naeger*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Fran was not only a commercial appraisal mentor to me, he was a friend, and even a bit of a father figure. I visited him quite a bit, whether at Mission, the Brian Center or the Laurels of Summit Ridge. I was so impressed with how he approached his situation, not complaining, with quiet determination to make the best of his circumstances, and hard work to get himself strong enough to go back home. I am definitely going to miss him. Sincere condolences to JoAnn and the rest of the family - Fran was indeed one of the truly good guys, and I know you will miss him a lot.*

Mike Kryzanek - July 13, 2016 at 08:44 AM



“ *JoAnn,
We are so sorry to hear of Fran's passing. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sue and Sandi


Sandi Peterson - July 13, 2016 at 06:58 AM

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“ On behalf of the NC Department of Transportation I would like the family to know Fran was not only an excellent resource for us in our Right of Way acquisitions but a true gentlemen and a scholar. His work was always superior and he was a pleasure to be around. We at NCDOT will miss him and are grateful for his willingness to help us when needed. This man was a great example of how Christ wants us to be. He may have not been southern born, but he was a "Southern Gentlemen" through and through. He will be missed.

*Norman Medford
NCDOT Asheville Appraisal office*

Norman Medford, NCDOT - July 12, 2016 at 10:53 AM

 Jayne
Bray

“ Oh, Joann, I am so sorry to learn of Fran's passing and illness before then. You all were two of my absolute favorite people while I was at DJNS&T, and I should have done a better job of staying in touch. Please know you are in my prayers. Jayne Bray (from California)

Jayne Bray - July 11, 2016 at 11:07 PM

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“ Jo Ann,

I was very sorry to see Fran's obituary in the paper Sunday. I had not heard about his illness until I found out he was in the Brian Center. Since I passed his door every day visiting my mother, I tried to always take a moment to speak to him.

I always considered myself lucky to have made his acquaintance when I first came to Western NC as an appraiser in 1989. He was helpful to me, and I will always be grateful for the help he provided me whenever I asked.

He and I were on the Board of Directors for the WNC Chapter of the Appraisal Institute for many years. His wise counsel and participation was always appreciated and respected by the other board members.

The appraisal fraternity was enriched by Fran's presence, and we will miss him greatly.

May God keep you close during this difficult time.

*Jerry Cody
Jewel Hill RE Services*

Jerry Cody - July 11, 2016 at 10:53 AM