

Francis J. "Fran" Hartigan



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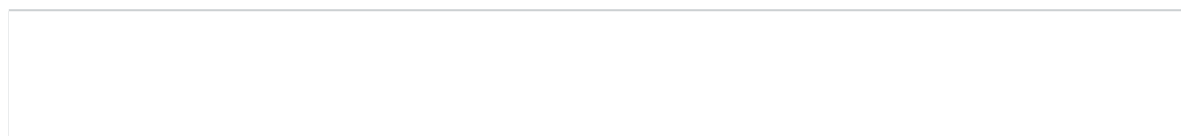
Hartigan, Francis "Fran" J. ALBANY Francis "Fran" J. Hartigan passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2016. Born July 7, 1936, in Albany, he was the youngest child of John and Harriet (Barnes) Hartigan. He attended St. Patrick's grammar school and was a 1954 graduate of St. Joseph's High School. Fran entered Mater Christi Seminary in Albany and graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1960. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest for the Albany Diocese in 1964 and was stationed at St. Ambrose Church, Latham; St. Peter's Hospital as chaplain; St. Mary's, Clinton Heights; and as pastor of St. Anne's Church, Waterford. He also taught at Maria College. Following his service in active ministry to the church, he received a master's of library science from UAlbany. Fran retired from state service in 2002 after 26 years, most recently as the head of the periodical library. He worked part time for many years at Swinburne Skating Park and Bleecker Stadium, where he spent many happy days playing as a child. In November 2005, he suffered a stroke and a month later a heart attack. After undergoing open heart surgery on Christmas Eve, to the amazement of all, Fran recovered fully and four months later danced at his son's wedding. Over the next 11 years, he saw

all three sons married and welcomed six grandchildren into the world. He cheered with the Cameron Crazies at a Duke basketball game, took a helicopter ride into the Grand Canyon, saw the lights of Las Vegas and witnessed the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. In his younger days, Fran loved playing sports. His nickname was "Tank," and when his sons were growing up, he could be found coaching Little League or taking them to Albany Twilight League games. He embodied the word "Father," in earlier years bearing witness to parishioners in their times of sorrow and joy, and later as a tireless example of love and devotion to his wife and children. Fran loved and embraced all people, and his smile, warmth and spirit will be missed by all who came into contact with him. No one within arm's length of him was ever a stranger. No matter where he traveled, he always ran into someone he knew. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, the former Kathleen Poli; his cherished sons: Jeremy (Holly) of Ithaca; Jason (Rebecca) of Colonie; and Justin (Mary) of Yonkers; adored Poppa to: Tyler, McKenzie, Addison, Colin, Brendan and Maxwell Francis; brothers William of Manhattan and John (Jean) of Albany; father and mother-in-law Humbert and Ellen Poli; in-laws Michael, Terri, Mark, Patty and Matt (Lisa) Poli; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister and her husband, Joan (Jerry) Dombrowski; niece Jessica Voltz-Donadio; and brother-in-law William Commerford. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Fran's family Wednesday, August 31, 2016, 4 to 7 p.m. in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany. Funeral services Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 8:45 a.m. in the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 9 a.m. where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Interment will be held at Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont immediately following the Mass. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send memorial contributions to the [Alzheimer's Association](#) of Central New York, 441 W. Kirkpatrick St., Syracuse, NY 13204, or Blessed Sacrament, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.



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September 10, 2016

From his time introducing me to basketball at St. Ambrose (in third grade) to his support during the years I taught his sons, Mr. Hartigan was a kind and thoughtful man. My condolences to the whole Hartigan family. Your father will never be forgotten by those whose life he touched.

Bryan Dailey

September 1, 2016

My apology for not knowing that Fran had died. He was a great person and very dedicaed to assist everyone that needed assistance. He was a wonderful friend and always willing to be their to work with the poor and most needy.

Father Young

August 31, 2016

To Kathleen and Family: We were very sorry to learn of Fran's passing. Fran was my roommate during my first year at Mater Christi. He was a great guy and obviously a wonderful family man and friend. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Ellen and Bob Elie

Venice, Fl.

Ellen and Bob Elie

August 31, 2016

I worked with Frank years ago at the State University. I am very sorry for your loss. He was a very kind man and I never will forget him.

Judith Mccabe

August 31, 2016

I am so sorry for your loss, I had the privledge of knowing Francis when I worked at Nationwide Insurance at the Grieco Agency. He was a great story teller & wonderful man. God bless his wife & sons & family
Mary Cunningham-Rougia

August 31, 2016

So very sorry for your loss. I worked with Frank at UAlbany many years ago, and remember him as a kind, wonderful man. May he rest in peace.

Jean Guyon

August 30, 2016

Hartigan Family, I have so many great memories of your father. From my earliest memories of sitting on the benches at Blecker Stadium to the ballpark down at West Albany. He was an amazing person!! I loved the

stories he always told. He was always so easy to talk to. He always had a smile on his face (unless we were not behaving at Swinburne Park Ice Skating Rink...and we deserved the feedback!!). I am so grateful that I was able to know him my entire life. He was always a great voice of reason and a positive light!! Please be proud that you had him as your leader in life. The community will greatly miss him!! Rest in peace friend...

Richard Barrett

August 30, 2016

My sincere sympathy to Franks family your loss. I knew Frank from University at Albany and as I read his obituary it had so much I did not know. I do know that Frank was a special, kind, generous and good man. RIP Frank

JoAnn Hale

August 30, 2016

Cathy and family I'm so sorry for your loss . My thought, prayers and hugs are with you at this sad time.

Patricia Beany

August 30, 2016

So sorry for your loss. I worked with Frank years ago, at the University at Albany University Libraries. I will miss his kind spirit.--Carol

Carol Jewell

August 30, 2016

My deepest sympathy to Fran's family on his passing. I remember him from St Patricks. I served his first mass there. he was a gentle and loving soul. May he rest in the peace of christ forever.

Chuck Hughes

August 30, 2016

Forever in our hearts Fran. We all love you and will miss all your stories and laughter.

Love, Matt, Lisa, Camerron, Logan and Kaiden

Matt and Lisa Poli

August 30, 2016

To Fran's family, please accept my eepest condolences in Fran passing. I worked with him at UAlbany.

David Long

August 30, 2016

I am so sorry for your loss. Your husband/father was a good man. I would see him in Stewart's and of course at 10:30 mass. He always stood out to me as a loving family man. I will remember him and your family in my prayers.

Mary Wasserbach

August 30, 2016

I remember Fr. Hartigan from St. Ambrose, where he was engaging, involved, and had a wonderful sense of humor. He was a wonderful man, and I am so pleased that he found true happiness with his family. My condolences to them, but I am sure you are sharing many happy memories.

Mary Vinciguerra D'Ambrosio

August 30, 2016

It was a pleasure to know Frank from the University at Albany. He was such an out going and caring person. He would always speak about his family. He truly was a unique and understanding human being. Frank, you will be missed by all.

Mary Ann Simard

August 30, 2016

So sad to hear of Frank's passing. I worked with Frank at the University at Albany during his tenure at the University. He was a good man and friend. Condolences to his family.

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