



Francis X. Dalton

January 25, 1924 - March 20, 2020

Francis X. Dalton, 96, of Avalon, NJ (previously a longtime resident of Bonita Springs, FL and Cinnaminson, NJ) passed away peacefully on March 20, 2020. He was born in Bronx, NY to the late Maeve (née Murphy) and Richard Dalton.

Francis grew up in the Bronx and attended St. Ann's Academy. He attended Fordham College prior to joining the Air Force in February 1943. He was a member of the 19th Tactical Air Command supporting General Patton's third army during WWII. He was awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars. Upon completion of his service, Francis resumed his studies in business at Virginia Tech, UC Berkeley, Stanford University and Iona College from where he graduated in 1948. He married Ann Stephens on September 18, 1948 and they spent 63 happily married years together until her passing in 2012. They raised four children and were blessed with 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

For 37 years, Francis was employed at Crown, Cork and Seal Company of Philadelphia, where he served as Treasurer, Vice President of Crown Financial and as a member of the Board of Directors until his retirement in 1989.

Francis was a member of St. Brendan the Navigator Parish (Avalon, NJ), St. Leo Catholic Church (Bonita Springs, FL) and St. Charles Borromeo Parish (Cinnaminson, NJ). He was a faithful member of his parishes teaching religious education to the youth. He spent many years teaching English and Mathematics on the Indian Reservation in Immokalee, Florida.

Francis could be found every morning at the kitchen table reading the newspaper. He liked to invest in and follow the stock market daily. A sports enthusiast, Francis loved his Phillies and Eagles and watching big 5 college basketball, especially Villanova. He was an avid tennis player, enjoyed his rounds of golf, and relished the countless games of horseshoe on the Avalon beaches with friends and family. His devotion to his children and later to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren was evident in his enjoyment of all things family.

Francis is survived by his children Kathleen Flannery and her husband Steve of Voorhees,

New Jersey; his son Frank and his wife Dana of Tierra Verde, Florida; his son Brendan and his wife Sandra of Medford, New Jersey; his son Terence and his wife Kerry of North Andover, Massachusetts. He leaves behind his cherished grandchildren Bridget, Courtney, Meghan, Kayleigh, Kyle, Andrew, Maura, Nicole, Matthew, Alyssa, Molly and Jack along with his adored great-grandchildren Lily, Wyatt, Meara, Emma and Charlotte and Zoe. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Francis was predeceased by his wife Ann E. Dalton (née Stephens), his sister Elizabeth Werner, his sister Faith Cristiano and his brother Vincent Dalton.

A Memorial Mass will be held at a future time to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Relief Service, 228 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3441.

Comments



“ I was honored to be Frank's Florida neighbor for five years. Loved his spirit and his stories! He'll be missed.

Darcy Eikenberg - July 17, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Rita and I are so sorry to learn of your father's passing. The only consolation is knowing that he had a long and very productive life and wonderful family. As next door neighbors for many years we knew that his character, wisdom and friendship were a blessing to all who knew him.

Tom Healy April 7th, 9PM

Tom Healy - April 07, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ Brendan,
Our Prayers go out to your Family. Greatest memories of your Dad at the Mil. Frank always had wise advice for my Brothers and I. Our Family is fortunate to call him our Friend. God Bless Frank.

Paul Villari III - April 03, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Brendan;
I am very sorry to hear of your fathers passing. He was a great mentor to us as we were growing up in Cinnaminson and he had an impact in many of our lives. May he rest in peace. Tim

Tim Fox - April 02, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Brendan, Sandy and family- Very sorry to see the notice and our condolences so late. God bless him and you.

Bobby Slattery - April 01, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ Sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jeff and Carla Kuni

Jeff Kuni - March 30, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Francis X. Dalton.



March 30, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ The Donovan Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Francis X. Dalton.



The Donovan Family - March 27, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ Frank and Ann were such good people and so much fun. I remember them from Riverton Country Club. They were always gracious. My condolences to all the family. Peace and prayers,

Kay Stuckey Mufalli

Katherine J Mufalli - March 26, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Frank was a great neighbor. My first memory of him was when we asked him if he would join us at our annual block party. He was so enthusiastic and asked what he was to wear...I laughed and said "anything, Mr. Dalton, you can wear a bathing suit or..even a tuxedo if you like". Well, he came to the party alright and guess what he was wearing? A top hat and tuxedo! What a guy. We will miss him on our street in Avalon. He made life so much better for us. He was a kind and happy man, who shared his joy so easily with everyone.

Love,
Eric and Suzanne Sennhenn

Eric and Suzanne Sennhenn - March 26, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis X. Dalton.



March 25, 2020 at 08:18 PM