



Francis X. Gallagher Sr.

May 10, 1947 - May 17, 2024

Francis Xavier Gallagher of North Wildwood by way of the Swampoodle neighborhood of Philadelphia passed away peacefully on May 17th at the age of 77. “Only his mother called him Francis”, so Frank is survived by his Daughter Alisha Bielecki (Walter), son Frank Jr (Jaclyn), and the lights of his life, his grandchildren Alexandria, Gavin and Athena. Frank leaves behind his siblings Eileen Dwyer (Vince “Bud”), Mary Kaye Ellis (David), Gerry, Joseph, and many loving nieces and nephews. Frank is preceded in death by his parents Bernard Hugh “Frank” and Catherine Gallagher, his siblings John, Cecilia, Patricia, Kathleen, James & Daniel. A self-proclaimed “Warm and Wonderful human-being”, Frank attended St. Columba's Parish as a child and was proud to have attended North Catholic High School. Outside of his family, Frank was most proud of being a Combat Army Vietnam Veteran where his service extended long after in helping fellow veterans obtain benefits; later in life Frank worked as a warehouse-man at

Acme Markets. As a proud Hibernian, Frank served as a past President of AOH 87, and was later active with the AOH Division 1 in North Wildwood. In the summer you could find Frank on the inlet beach in NWW, sharing old neighborhood tales at the Elks club, spending time with family and friends, or watching a Phillies game. Frank loved Notre Dame Football, Philly Sports, Motown Music, and Traveling around Florida in the winter months visiting family and friends. Never having the easiest life, Frank was a true fighter until the very end. He'll be missed by many whose lives he touched, but his legend will live on. Family and friends are invited to a viewing Tuesday evening, May 21st, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Givnish Funeral Home of Cinnaminson. Located at 1200 Route 130 North , Cinnaminson, NJ, 08077. There will be another viewing held the following morning, Wednesday, May 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., also at the funeral home. Following the viewing there will be a funeral mass Wednesday, starting at 10:30 a.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Cinnaminson. Located at 2500 Branch Pike, Cinnaminson, NJ, 08077. Following mass burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Philadelphia, PA. Located at 3301 West Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19150.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Veterans Multi-Service Center on 4th Street in Philadelphia PA.

<https://www.vmcenter.org/>

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Cheltenham Avenue and Easton Road
Cheltenham, PA 19150

Previous Events

viewing

MAY **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Cinnaminson
1200 Route 130 N
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
(856) 829-8000
info@givnish.com
<https://www.givnish.com>

viewing

MAY **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 22. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church
2500 Branch Pike
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077-3798
(856) 829-3322

Burial

MAY 22 (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Cheltenham Avenue and Easton Road
Cheltenham, PA 19150

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis X. Gallagher Sr..*



May 21, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *FCI Fort Dix Executive Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis X. Gallagher Sr..*

FCI Fort Dix Executive Staff - May 21, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Francis X. Gallagher Sr..*



May 20, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *Such fond memories of us at the shore after we returned from Vietnam. Frank was always there if you needed advice. He will be missed greatly. Pat Murphy*

Pat Murphy - May 19, 2024 at 12:01 PM

BR

“ Wonderful memories of us playing football. Hanging at Joe’s and also 15 yrs.at the Elks in N.Wildwood were he could always be found and we always shared a drink and memories of the old Swampoodle neighborhood.
Rest in peace Frank, till we meet again. Bruno Bear. As frank never forgot to call me Bear.

Bruno Rosica - May 18, 2024 at 01:00 PM

LS

Frank you were like a brother to Eddie, Michael and me. You were always family to my mom and dad. You will be missed having touched so many lives. My condolences to your family. Rest in peace Frank.
Linda Slavin

Linda Slavin - May 22, 2024 at 06:06 PM

KP

Hey Frank! Kevin Powers here. Frank lived on Garnet less than a block around the corner. Oh! We had a whole lot of fun growing up in Swampoodle. Changing , challenging times & Vietnam split the old neighborhood into unknown stratospheres. I landed in California in 1969 & stayed after Vietnam but Frank always made the effort to connect on my rare visits home. We were childhood mischievous seeking neighborhood wanderers. Then reality intervened and overrode any sane humanitarian choices. Thanks for your friendship, love & the support you never ceased to extend to your to family, friends, fellow veterans and community. Ya did Swampoodle proud!
Kevin Powers

Kevin Powers - May 22, 2024 at 11:12 PM

LC

“ When I was a kid Frankie was my favorite cousin. I had such a crush on him. I kept up with him on Facebook. He was so proud of the grandkids. I was sad to learn of his passing. I know he braved a tough battle with health issues. I worked at Fox Chase Cancer Center and saw him a few years ago. Of course he was making inappropriate jokes to the nurses. I believe my mother Dot was his favorite Aunt. Rest in Peace cous you will be missed.

Lorraine Crozier - May 18, 2024 at 12:33 PM

DC

Was I was a regular at the club why back I went there for a new years eve party and frank was our bar tender for the night ..he showed up with black pants no shirt on and a black bow tie around his neck ..I still have the picture he was a hoot funny man. My daughter that passed really liked him a lot..he was a really nice and funny man I'm so happy to have been in his life!

Donna Cannon - May 18, 2024 at 01:20 PM

EC

Frank Gallagher, Billy Trampe and I were all drafted in the army on the same day. We took the train to Fort Jackson, South Carolina but we had a three hour layover in Washington DC where it was legal to drink at 18 years old. For 59 years Frank and I still laughed at me yelling to Asian people walking down the street, I remember Pearl Harbor. I told him I was writing a book does he want me to put his name in the book? He said just say I went to the 4th Infantry and he made it home from Vietnam and I am now living in North Wildwood...and that is exactly what I put in my book, "Just a Kid from Swampoodle to Vietnam". RIP Frank, I am going to miss laughing and talking with you.

Edmond J Cabbage - May 18, 2024 at 05:24 PM

JM

I think about all the times I printed the News Letter for AOH 87 and Frank drove down to my house in North Wildwood from Philadelphia to pick it up. We had some good times a couple years ago in Clearwater Fl. You fought a hard battle. now it's time to Rest in Peace old friend. You will surely be missed at the Elks. Till we meet again.

Joe McDowell

Joe McDowell - May 20, 2024 at 09:36 PM