



## Francis R. Pfeiffer

August 7, 1934 - January 8, 2021

Francis “Sonny” R. Pfeiffer passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Friday, January 8, 2021. Born in Roebing, NJ to Francis and Violet Pfeiffer, Francis was 86 years old. Francis eventually settled in Cinnaminson, New Jersey. Francis graduated from Florence High School in 1952, Rutgers University with a BS in Organic Chemistry in 1958, and Temple University for a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry in 1965. Beloved husband of 60 years to Kay Marie Pfeiffer (nee Webb). Loving father of Patricia Pfeiffer, David (Anina) Pfeiffer, and Ann (Jeff) Vaughan. Adored Pop Pop of Elle, Gillian, Paige, Brooke, Brian, TJ and Scott. Brother of the late Bob (late Catherine) Pfeiffer and Lorraine (late) Bushnell. Son-in-law of the late Newton Webb and the Flora Mae Webb. Francis leaves behind many brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

Much of Fran’s professional career was spent in the pharmaceuticals industry at Glaxo Smithkline Pharmaceuticals as a research chemist. He also was VP of Research at Drug Screening Systems in Blackwood, NJ, and spent over 20 years working until fall 2020, as a toxicologist and expert witness for alcohol and drug legal cases as owner of F. R. Pfeiffer Associates. Francis was considered to be one of the top expert witnesses on the East Coast for legal cases for accidents involving alcohol.

Francis was an exceptional and gifted athlete, and played varsity baseball at Rutgers, as well as basketball and baseball for base teams while in the Army. Francis also played in a variety of competitive baseball, fast-pitch softball, and slow-pitch softball teams throughout the region before and after obtaining his Ph.D. Francis was a dedicated youth sports coach, coaching his children in soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, and golf. A 40-year member of the Riverton Country Club, golf was a passion for Francis. Francis worked hard to excel at golf, and enjoyed playing with his friends, children, and grandchildren. Francis also loved to hunt and fish; a sport he shared with many family members and friends. He followed his interest in fishing throughout the United States.

Francis taught himself how to use personal computers in the 1980s, and became a “go to” source of computer knowledge for his similarly-aged friends who were computer

challenged. He always loved having the latest technological phones, watches and gadgets, and his knowledge today could rival even that of his grandchildren. Francis developed a love of fast cars beginning at an early age and loved working on them and especially “racing” anyone off the line. He drove a manual transmission car well into his later years.

Francis and Kay enjoyed time at the beach at their home in Manahawkin, New Jersey, as well as going on cruises, and other travel. The importance of family to Francis was evident to all. He loved to coach and watch his children and grandchildren in their sports and activities, as well as spend time with all at family gatherings. He will be missed by so many.

Services will be private at THE GIVNISH FUNERAL HOME OF CINNAMINSON.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research <https://www.fpwr.org/donate>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis R. Pfeiffer*



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**Givnish Funeral Home** - January 11, 2021 at 12:29 PM

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*Such a beautiful tribute to your father. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time and in the days ahead.*

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**Lisa Sorantino** - January 13, 2021 at 06:36 AM



“ *Francis R. Pfeiffer*

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September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM

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“ *I wanted to share a quick story about Fran. I am Fran's son Dave's good friend from high school and beyond. When I was recently graduated from college in 1985 I was thinking about getting a new IROC Camaro. My dad had moved to Texas and even if he had still been in Jersey he probably would not have taken me anyway. So Fran jumped in and took me over to northeast Philly as I recall to test drive the gleaming new Camaros. i needed someone like Fran to vouch for me so they would let me test drive it. I didn't end up getting one but 35 years later I remember that day and more importantly the kindness of Fran. Somehow I don't think that day was a fluke. Fran set an amazing example for Dave and the Apple has not fallen far from the tree. Love and peace and great thoughts of Fran to the Pfeiffer family. Thanks again for a special memory.*

*Gary Mendelow*

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**Gary Mendelow** - January 24, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ 131 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Givnish Funeral Home** - January 11, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Francis R. Pfeiffer.*



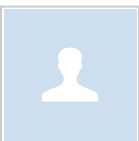
January 10, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *Rich Edge lit a candle in memory of Francis R. Pfeiffer*



**Rich Edge** - January 10, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis R. Pfeiffer.*



January 10, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields Deluxe Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Francis R. Pfeiffer.*



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January 10, 2021 at 01:46 PM

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“ *My condolences to the entire Pfeiffer family. I will never forget the very interesting conversations, and hospitality, always shown by Fran, and his family, when I was invited, to his home, for Thanksgiving dinner. May God be with you all, in this time of sorrow.*

*Hank Salaga*

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**Henry Salaga** - January 10, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Francis R. Pfeiffer.*



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January 10, 2021 at 08:31 AM