



Francis D. Abad

March 11, 2024

Francis “Frank” Delphine Abad, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family, on Monday, March 11, 2024 at Baystate Medical Center after a brief illness, at the age of 97, just shy of his 98th birthday. Born in Portsmouth, VA at the Naval Station Norfolk, son of the late Saturnino and Kathleen (Roper) Abad, he was raised in Bremerton, WA. A proud US Air Force veteran, he served twenty-two years active duty, achieving the rank of Master Sergeant. Frank is a veteran of WWII (having served in Germany and France), and while in Europe, his weekend duties included performing music in various Air Force bands. Towards the end of his tour in Europe, he participated in the Berlin Airlift. He is also a wartime veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam. Frank had an incredible love of music and was an exceptional guitarist with a beautiful singing voice. He enjoyed watching old movies, Newfoundland fishing, bi-yearly trips to Las Vegas, and many trips with family to Rhode Island beaches. He always looked forward to attending his son’s live music performances. Frank loved classic cars and driving around in his 1985 red Corvette. His greatest joy was attending sporting events, school functions, and playing guitar with and spending quality time with his treasured grandchildren. Frank was predeceased in 1995 by his beloved wife of forty-three wonderful years, Mary Elizabeth “Betty” (Brennan) Abad. Frank is survived by his loving children, Sean Abad and wife Betty, Brian Abad and wife Donna of Chicopee, Francis F. Abad of Longmeadow, Paul Abad and wife Karen, David Abad and wife Susan of East Longmeadow,

and Eileen Garvey and husband Richard of Chicopee; fourteen cherished grandchildren, Shannon Messier, Kimberly Bourque, Kyle Abad, Megan, Daniel, Caroline, David Abad, Devin Abad, Ryan Garvey, Kelsey Plotnikiewicz, Frankie Abad, Brendan Abad, Connor Abad, and Patrick Abad; and seven treasured great-grandchildren. Frank also leaves his sister-in-law, Joan Murphy and husband Kevin of Victoria BC, Canada; and many nieces and nephews, who were very fond of their "Uncle Frank". In addition, he is survived by several stepsiblings in the Bremerton, WA area. A Mass of Christian Burial for Frank will be held at 11AM on Saturday, April 6th, in St. Rose de Lima Church, Chicopee. Burial in St. Rose de Lima Cemetery will be held privately for family. Donations in Frank's honor may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation. <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org>

Cemetery Details

Ste. Rose de Lima Cemetery

Christopher St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ste. Rose de Lima Church
600 Grattan St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Eileen and family. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to all of you for the loss of your precious father. My favourite memory of your dad is captured in a photograph that my father took during the Brennan reunion in Newfoundland. It's exactly how I remember him. He was always so kind and gentle. A true gentleman. I remember him singing with my dad. They both loved to sing so much! I think my dad took him fishing sometimes. I think in Frank my dad found a kindred spirit. My father spoke so fondly of him. I have few memories because we moved away so young and I wish I had known him better. I know if dad was here today he would be very sad at this loss and also a proud brother-in-law of an incredible man. How proud you must be for all he has given in service to his country and community and family of course. I did not know a lot about his war service, and that he participated in the Berlin Airlift is so remarkable. Thinking of you all and sending love. Colleen Brennan. PS I had posted a longish message on here a couple of days ago but it has disappeared so if it shows up again please excuse this duplication as they may be slightly different!

Colleen Brennan - March 24, 2024 at 06:00 PM

CB

“ Eileen and family, you are in my thoughts at this time of sadness at the loss of your beloved father. His obituary tells the story of a gentleman who put his life on the line in service of his country. I did not know that he participated in the Berlin Airlift. You must all be very proud of your dad and all that he accomplished, and all that he did in service of others. My memory of him is the Brennan reunion in Newfoundland. There is such a beautiful photo of him and it is exactly how I remember him. I remember him loving to sing and I remember that my dad thought the world of him. I believe your dad and mom were up in Stephenville while my parents were in Corner Brook. It is wonderful to know that he lived such a full and interesting life and cared so much about the things that really matter. I wish I had known him better, but I guess with my dad being the second youngest, we didn't really have that opportunity. I'm grateful for the times that I did meet him. I know he will be missed by all his loved ones. Thinking of you. Colleen Brennan

Colleen Brennan - March 24, 2024 at 12:45 AM

AS

“ To all of the Abad clan, my deepest condolences on the loss of your father, grandfather and great-grandfather. I'll always remember Uncle Frank with a smile on his face. He was such a gentle soul who was kind to everyone. I have fond memories of our family trips to Chicopee and his visits with your mom to Nfld. I remember he loved to go fishing while there and we joked of his fishing trips with the 3 Alex's...dad, brother Alex & cousin Alex who lived 2 doors down from us. You are lucky he passed along his love of music and singing to all of you. And we will not forget the beautiful Over the Rainbow duet with Eileen and Uncle Frank (& other siblings at times) which was always a treat. Sending my love to all of you as you remember and celebrate a wonder life!

Anne Strain - March 21, 2024 at 08:29 PM

SM

“ I’ve no doubt if you look up “true gentleman” in the dictionary, Uncle Frank’s picture is there. On every visit, he treated me like I was one of his own children and I loved him like he was my own dad. I will miss that dear man. Very grateful we had a visit last summer. I thought Uncle Frank would live forever! The world has lost a wonderful man but so nice to know that Aunt Betty has her arm tucked into his once again. Love to all the Abad’s and Garvey’s. RIP Uncle Frank!

Sheila (Pulcine) and Jack Moran

Sheila Moran - March 17, 2024 at 08:07 AM

MB

“ My condolences to all the Abad family on the passing of Uncle Frank. How blessed you were to have such a gentle man in your life for so, so many years. Your obituary evokes many fond memories of Uncle Frank playing guitar and a very special memory of our Erin and he doing a duet of Somewhere Over The Rainbow on one of his many trips to Newfoundland. He was welcomed with a warm embrace by his beloved Betty. He was an honorable man. You will miss him I know. Hugs to you all, you are on my heart

Mary Walsh Butler - March 16, 2024 at 12:51 PM

JW

“ Wonderful, warm memories of Uncle Frank. He was a wise and gentle soul who garnered so much respect from all of us nephews and nieces. I felt like I knew him well yet like many us I only spent time with him a dozen times over the years due to him living in the US. He was a model of a life well lived. My condolences to the Abad family. Jim Walsh

Jim Walsh - March 15, 2024 at 07:11 AM