



Francis C. Ponti

April 17, 2014

Francis C. Ponti, Educator-Tennis Coach

June 8, 1925-April 17, 2014

Mr. Ponti was born in Philadelphia, PA and lived in Salem County since 1962. He was Principal of the Grant Grammar and John Fenwick Elementary schools in Salem from 1964 until 1987. He was a tennis coach for Salem and Woodstown High schools. Formerly he was Principal of Daretown, Monroeville and Upper Pittsgrove schools until 1964 and was a Teacher and Administrator at Estell Manor and Mays Landing Schools in Atlantic County until 1957. He was a graduate of Glassboro High School and received a B.S. in Education from Glassboro State College and a Master's Degree in Education from Rutgers.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1944 and served as a Tail Gunner on a B-24 Liberator outfitted as a Weather reconnaissance aircraft in Guam/Pacific Theater during WWII.

Involved in many pursuits including coaching, Boy Scouting, teaching tennis, canoeing, poker, building projects and he was a volunteer for the Salem Co. Humane Society and the American Cancer Society and was a Member of Chorus of the Brandywine in DE.

Francis was married to Dorothy Long in 1946 and to Elizabeth Hoke in 1971. He is survived by 5 children; Francis C. Ponti, of Elmer, NJ, Ricci Ponti of Woodstown, NJ, Lisa Peak (Dusty) of Tucson, AZ, Marcia Kaselaan of Haddonfield, NJ and Diva Lynch (Patrick) of Leesburg, VA. Francis is predeceased by his sister, Anna Rush of Pennsville and by his Parents Leo Ponti of Pitman and Angelina Arena Ponti of Philadelphia. He is missed by his Sister, Gloria Fekete and by his Grandchildren; Scott Ponti and wife Bryn, Amber Ponti, Courtney Ponti, Colin Lynch, Sonja Kaselaan and Amelia Kaselaan, and one Great-Grandchild, Belle Catherine Gordon, as well as favorite Nieces and Nephews. He leaves behind his beloved pets Dunkin, Skye and Simon.

Visitation will be held at the Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad St, Woodstown, NJ 08098 on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 11am until 1pm. A celebration of life will begin at 1pm. Interment will be held at Finn's Point National Cemetery at a future date. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations in his name be made to: Salem County Humane Society, North Game Creek Road, P. O. Box 214, Carney's Point, NJ 08069. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home (Woodstown)
64 Broad St.
Woodstown, NJ 08098
(856) 769-2220

Service

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Tribute Wall

PF

“ My Uncle Frank was a kind caring hard working man.....When i was younger i spent time with him playing tennis oh how he loved tennis..lol i remember on one family get together we spent alittle time talking about motorcycles harleys it was a pretty cool conversation one i will never forget.....This pass saturday my mom Gloria Marie Ponti Fekete his sister passed away the loved each other very much oh though me and my family are very sad iam glad that he and her are now in heaven just as God promised Well Mom and Uncle frank God Bless you and someday our long lost family will reunite in heaven won't that be a beautiful day oh iam so sorry aunt anna i know you are there too!.....Paul Joseph Fekete

Paul Fekete - November 02, 2016 at 07:45 PM

MF

“ He was Uncle Frank to me, and my Godfather, he spoke in a raspy voice like my mother does who is still alive, and laughed as if he was losing his breath. He was a very funny man, and practical. My son Ethan (who was 5 at the time), and I saw him last year in May, he was in good spirits.

He lived 5-6 years after his stroke, suddenly the life of the party could not speak, but his mannerisms, and personality never left him. My Mom Gloria Marie Ponti Fekete will miss him and loved him very much.

Everyone in my family loved when he visited us. He was a joker, one time for Christmas he gave me a clothing box full of tissue paper and underneath all the paper was a check for me.

My fondest memory of him is when he took me at the age of 13 or so from my home in Deptford, NJ, to upstate Pennsylvania to visit family and stay in a cabin. I sipped eggnog for the first time, and felt the warmth of a wood burning stove. Also Dugan's head (his rust colored dog) layed on my lap on the way up.

I wish I spent more time visiting him, while he was here.

Love Michael Anthony Fekete

Michael Fekete - April 22, 2014 at 07:53 PM

IC

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JD

“ Remembering a man who is truly a part of the fabric of my life and childhood. A dear friend...your sense of humor and laughter will surely be missed!
Jen (Cooke) D'Ostilio

Jennifer D'Ostilio - April 19, 2014 at 08:40 PM

DE

“ Frankie, Ricci, Lisa, Marcia and Diva,

Sorry to see of your Dad's passing. You got to enjoy him for a long time. He was a fun and thoughtful guy with all his students. I always remember the "open sledding" on your backyard hill.

May you find solace in the Lord's presence with you at this time of your loss.

*Sincerely,
Don Elwell*

"Christ is the resurrection and the life. Believe in him and you will have life everlasting, starting now and continuing with him forever in heaven."

Don Elwell - April 19, 2014 at 06:18 PM

CH

“ *Our deepest condolences to Frank's family. Candy worked for Frank and we both knew him fairly well. He had quite a temper, but he was consistently fair, very supportive of, and loyal to, his teachers. I am proudest of the time that Frank called on me to be his representative at a board meeting.*

Candice and Burt Hopkins - April 19, 2014 at 01:31 PM