



Francis E. Dunbar

August 7, 1934 - October 6, 2012

Mineral Point – Francis E. Dunbar, age 78, of Mineral Point died at home on Saturday, October 6, 2012, after a short battle with leukemia.

Francis was born in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on August 7, 1934, the only son of C. Earl and Rose (Flynn) Dunbar of Clyde, Wisconsin. In 1952, Frank graduated from Lone Rock High School and entered the work world. In 1955, he began work at John Deere Dubuque Works in Dubuque, Iowa, where he worked in the foundry as a core finisher, until the foundry was torn down. He then transferred to work in the main factory, where he continued until his retirement in 1992.

On July 23, 1966, Frank married his wife and true love of over 46 years, Darlene Ariss, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They lived briefly in Dubuque, Iowa, before moving to Mineral Point, where they have resided ever since. Frank's life was focused on family, friends, and faith. He prided himself on working hard and providing for his family. His family was the joy of his life, and his happiest days were when his children and grandchildren were at home. Spoiling his grandchildren was something he relished, especially taking them for a ride on his riding lawn mower. Frank was a very giving man, and was involved in the local community, often behind the scenes; he volunteered for the Iowa County Commission on Aging, donated blood regularly, helped with the Red Cross blood drives, helped with church fundraisers, and was a

member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of St. Mary's / St. Paul's Catholic Church in Mineral Point. Frank charmed all those he met; he truly had an innate, Irish "gift for the gab" and loved striking up conversations with anybody about anything, always with a big smile on his face and a wonderful sense of humor.

Francis is survived by his wife, Darlene, of Mineral Point; three children, Ron (Julie) of DeForest, Wisconsin; Don (Sandy) of Evanston, Illinois; and Wendy (John) Ondande of Oak Park, Illinois; nine grandchildren, Katie, Kemunto, Jacob, Sagana, Michaela, Ian, Cullen, Moruri, and Misiani; several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law and father-in-law.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, October 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point with Fr. Monte Robinson officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm until 8:00pm on Tuesday, October 9, at the GORGEN FUNERAL HOME in Mineral Point, and also on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at the church. A Parish Rosary service will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The family wishes to thank all the extraordinary neighbors of Frank and Darlene, and all the wonderful health care professionals who helped during Frank's illness, with special thanks to Dr. Gordon Grieshaber and the nursing staff of Upland Hills Home Health and Upland Hills Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Francis E. Dunbar*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *May the Lord give you comfort and peace and hold you close.
You are in our prayers.*

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“ *Deepest sympathy and caring love to Darlene, Don and all the family in the loss of Francis
.....remembering, with thanksgiving, his exemplary and wonderful life. Helen and Clayton Strider*

Helen & Clayton Strider - April 28, 2018 at 02:32 AM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My deepest sympathy is with you and your family.
Sincerely,
Nathan Bongey*

Nathan Bongey - April 28, 2018 at 02:32 AM



“ *Condolences*

Dr. David and Bonnie Downs - April 28, 2018 at 02:32 AM

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“ Ron & Don,
I extend my deepest sympathy in the passing of your Dad. May you
always hold his memories close to your heart.
Take care,
Tammie (Loken) Engelke

Tammie (Loken) Engelke - April 28, 2018 at 02:32 AM

JM

“ To The Dunbar Family:
We share in your grief at the loss of Frank. We want you to know
how sorry we are for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers
during this difficult time. With our sympathy, The John Foht Family

Janice Foht Morgan - April 28, 2018 at 02:32 AM

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“ He was a great and awesome grandpa-Misiani

Misiani Ondande - April 28, 2018 at 02:32 AM

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“ Francis Dunbar was my grandpa. He was the best. He always made
me laugh. And happily and sadly, I only remember some details
about him. I remember every Christmas at his and my grandma's
house, whenever we made cherry wink cookies, he would always
come to steal one when my grandma scolded at him that there for
Christmas, and Christmas Eve. If you didn't know him very well, I
wish you did. He never every got mad, frowned, or cried. Thanks
Grandpa.

Misiani Ondande - April 28, 2018 at 02:32 AM

RA

“ dear frank dunbar family, he was a good man always had the humor when he came to culvers to eat he was always friendly, no one will take his spot like he was we will miss him alot, he will be missed by the crew darrow, serena, amber, kris, debbie, and jim and judy nonn our store owners, of culvers, darleane we want to have you come and visit us again, frank is free of pain now. my deepest symaphty to all of you, fro the dreger family, bob-kris- kyle and amanda ,

ROBERT AND KRISTINEDREGER ,KYLE AND AMANDA - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We were sorry to hear about the passing of your husband and father. It is never an easy time, but keep in mind that he is in heaven with many family and friends. He is watching over you all and guiding you through your daily challenges. May you find peace in this very difficult time.Rick, Laurie (Ruppert), Nicholas and Brandon Winslow

October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM