



Frank C. Ackley

March 12, 1936 - November 7, 2022

Frank C. Ackley, a long-time resident of Springfield, Virginia, died Monday, November 7, 2022 at Inova Alexandria Hospital at the age of 86. Frank was born at home in Whitneyville, Maine on March 12, 1936. Frank was a hard worker whose favorite childhood job was driving a tractor hauling logs for a lumber mill.

He was a good student and was determined to attend college. After graduating high school, Frank joined the Army, did his training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and was stationed at Fort Richardson in Alaska. After leaving the Army Frank attended Husson College in Bangor, Maine, where he met his future wife, Sandra.

They were married for 57 years. After graduating from Husson, Frank and Sandra moved to the Washington, DC area in 1961. Frank was employed by what was then called the General Accounting Office (GAO). They moved to Springfield, Virginia in the mid-60s when it was still “the boonies” and watched it change dramatically over the years.

Frank was a member of Franconia United Methodist Church in Alexandria for over 50 years. He served the church on many committees over the years and was the church treasurer for nearly two decades. Frank was always willing to help those in need. He also served as a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts for many years.

He was predeceased by his wife, Sandra; his parents, George Ackley and Olive Pennell Ackley; a sister, Norma Haynie; and half-brother George Ackley, Jr. He is survived by his son Anthony, daughter-in-law Rhonda, daughter Suzanne, grandchildren Rose and Nick, two sisters Beulah Stymiest and Annie Schencks, brother Dale Ackley and sister-in-law Patricia, and more nieces and nephews than we can list. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at Franconia United Methodist Church at 6037 Franconia Road in Alexandria on Saturday, January 28 at 11AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Franconia United Methodist Church in his name.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Franconia Methodist Church
6037 Franconia Road
Franconia, VA 22310

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Frank was a dedicated auditor at GAO. I enjoyed working with him. Called himself a maniac (from Maine) Frank was a dedicated servant of God who respected and helped others. To his family, my condolences. We all lost a great friend.

Dan Blades - November 22, 2022 at 05:27 PM

MB

“ Frank was such a wonderful man. He would always take the time out to speak to you. I saw him at Roy Rogers a lot, and jimmy Johns. I would sit with him and eat and have a conversation. He will truly be missed. RIP Frank

Marlo Brown

Marlo Brown - November 18, 2022 at 03:27 PM

KC

“ My family moved in to Frank's neighborhood in 1991 when my children were a toddler and a kindergartener . Frank and Sandy were among the first people we met. They were always very friendly and helpful. We borrowed Frank's truck several times over the years to move things that didn't fit in our van. Frank started mowing the yards "for exercise" following a much earlier heart attack and after a while we were joking that we should re-name the street Frank's Place. He will be missed.

KATHERINE L CROW - November 11, 2022 at 04:20 PM

ML

“ *Frank grew up in my hometown. I remember him delivering the paper. He will be missed by his family and friends. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Marie Huntley Lagerstrom - November 09, 2022 at 12:46 PM