Edward E. Francis

Ed was a social studies teacher and later a guidance counselor, primarily serving Eastchester High School, in Eastchester, N.Y. After retirement in 1983, he gained certification in marriage and family counseling from Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., and spent nearly two decades in private practice.

He was active in church affairs in the First Presbyterian in New Rochelle and later in the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Syracuse.

Throughout his life, he loved traveling, particularly by car. He enjoyed fine dining and family gatherings, and spent his leisure time attending football games at Colgate University, enjoying the Syracuse Symphony and working on his house and yard.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Anne Fischer and Francis of Syracuse; three sons, Charles P. Francis of Stinson Beach, Calif., Scott E. Francis of Baltimore, Md., and Clayton A. Francis of Grinnell; three grandchildren; one brother, Robert Francis of Acton, N.H.; and one sister, Mary Francis of Clarksville, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James and John Francis.

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