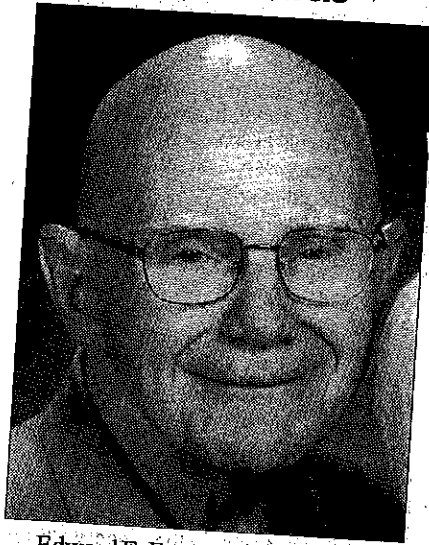


Edward E. Francis



Edward E. Francis, 82, of Syracuse, New York, died on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at the Mayflower Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m., Thursday, June 9, at the Plymouth Congregational Church, 232 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, New York.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions made in Ed's name be sent to the Plymouth Congregational Church; to the Boys and Girls Club of Syracuse, 2100 East Fayette Street, Syracuse, New York 13224, where donations may be specifically directed to Education and Career Development; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell is handling arrangements.

Ed was born on Sept. 17, 1928, in Oneonta, N.Y., to James and Emma Ellsworth Francis. He served with the United States Army from 1946 to 1948 and was stationed in Alaska, where he gained a lifelong appreciation for the beauty of the Alaskan landscape. He attended Colgate University, in Hamilton, N.Y., and Columbia University in New York, N.Y., obtaining bachelor and master's degrees from the former institution.

He was married to Betty Anne Fischer on June 8, 1952 in Atlantic City, N.J.

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 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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