



## Francis E. Pfunter

September 21, 2020

Francis E. Pfunter

Byron: Passed away peacefully Friday, September 18, 2020 at age 87. Predeceased by his parents, Martin and Helen Pfunter; siblings, Doris Miles, Paul Pfunter, Marian Curtin, Richard Pfunter, Eileen King, Virginia Lay and James Pfunter; son-in-law, Bill Zwerka Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Jeanette Pfunter. Survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Loraine; children, Linda (Craig) Curley, David Pfunter, Donald (Nicole) Pfunter, Mark (Bonnie) Pfunter, Kathy (Lance) Alexander, Scott (Milissa) Pfunter, Wanda (Carl) Greenfield, John (Deirdre) Pfunter and Karen (Shane) Zwerka-Snyder; 24 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; sisters, Barbara Frey and Beatrice Robinson; sisters-in-law, Shirley Edmunds and Betty Cook; several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Francis served in the National Guard and became a father of 9 children, 24 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. He built his first home on Bowen Rd. in 1957 (where he raised his family) and also his retirement home in Cohocton, NY. Francis was the top salesman at Johnny Antonelli Firestone and won multiple trips, including Paris, Jamaica, Bahamas and Hawaii. He

was a passionate golfer with a low handicap and excellent bowler with above 200 average.

Francis was more commonly known by family and friends as Fran. He was a Godly man with a gentle soul and outstanding values which he passed on to his family. His smile was contagious and lit up a room which made you feel like you were the most important person in the world. He was a great story teller and his sense of humor would cause even the most serious person to belly laugh. Fran was a man of great wisdom. He always had an endless list of projects going. He could build or fix anything. Most of what he built was super-sized and if you asked him how to do something, he'd give you a brief overview and finish with bump, bump, bump, making anything seem possible.

He was a loyal friend and a devoted dad. He had an uncanny ability to love unconditionally. In the family's view he was and will always be a super hero. He helped and supported each of them through the toughest times in their lives. He groomed his children to love each other and work as a cohesive unit to achieve anything put before them, making them the best people they could be. Fran's work ethic was impeccable, he worked hard to play hard and passed this on to his children and grandchildren. One of Fran's greatest traits was his respect for others. Because of this he was highly respected by everyone. He was an amazing salesman and negotiator. He could sell ice to an Eskimo or fire to the Devil. Fran was a fighter right to the end and inspires each of us to strive to be half the person he was.

Family and friends are invited to call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Thursday 4-7PM. Private interment at Mt. Rest Cemetery, Bergen, NY.



# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Lorraine,  
It was so nice to see you last time in Florida! Candy and I had a great visit with you and Fran. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Sandy Heyer** - September 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *I had the pleasure of seeing Fran at a family gathering last summer! Such a warm, wonderful supportive family! He will be greatly missed! Our thoughts and prayers to Lorraine and your whole wonderful family! Love the Curtice and Hughes Family*

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**Cyndy Hughes** - September 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *Fran was one of the best friends I ever had. His friendship was an unforgettable gift. We worked together running the "Over the Hill Gang" golf league the past 28 years. My brother, Gerald and his wife, Florence were also close to Fran over the years. Fran was an inspiration to all who know him. He was highly respected and touched so many lives in a positive way. I will dearly miss him. May his loving spirit remain in the hearts of his family guiding, guarding and protecting them in God's light and love. With my heartfelt sympathy, Nubby*

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**Norbert Haefner** - September 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the family. May Fran's spirit guide, guard and protect you in God's love and light. Fran was one of my best friends and will be dearly missed. His friendship was a gift and inspiration. We assisted in running the Over the Hill Gang golf league the past 28 years enjoying many rounds of golf. His family remains his legacy as well as his positive influence on so many.

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**Norbert Haefner** - September 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ So sorry for the loss of Fran, A very special man, who raised a beautiful caring family. Will be missed.

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**Hazel Saikkonen** - September 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Rest in peace Francis. My thoughts & prayers go out to your family. May they find comfort during this difficult time.

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**Shirley Kensek** - September 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Gramps,  
As much as my heart longs for you to be here with us, I am so happy that you in the presence of pure love and greatness! I am giving you a big hug, a kiss on the cheek and I will see you next time! Thank you for being my inspiration and a beautiful example of what Christ's love looks like! Tell everyone up there I said hello! I luv you Gramps!!! Samara

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**Samara Disidoro** - September 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ This is a wonderful obituary. I stayed with Uncle Fran and Aunt Lorraine many summers growing up and I was as close to them and my older cousins as I was my own family, perhaps closer. I learned what a supportive and loving family was like. I learned to swim. Going to the Catholic church on Sunday so different from my family's Episcopal Church. And the family clam bakes where we listened to country music and did the limbo. I am so glad I made it to NY last summer and got to spend time with uncle Fran. I always enjoyed the spring reunions in Ocala FL at Aunt Barb's. It's a blessing to have such wonderful memories. R.I.P.

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**Nancy Ryan** - September 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ A really great man that worked with my husband at Antonelli tire. Was great knowing Fran and Lorraine. Best wishes to Lorraine and family.

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**Elsie Patmore** - September 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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**Cyndy Hughes** - September 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Rest in peace Francis. As in Jewish tradition, people that die on Jewish New Year are considered virtuous.

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**Peg Baltz** - September 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM