



Mr. Francis T. Duke Jr

April 23, 1943 - May 7, 2025

Francis Thomas Duke, Jr, 82 of Lenox died peacefully on May 7, 2025 at Berkshire Medical Center with family by his side.

Born on April 23, 1943, in Worcester, MA, to Margaret (Melia) and Francis T. Duke, Sr. He attended St. John's High School and Anna Maria College where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Frank joined the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1965.

Early in his life he worked in construction. He joined the Massachusetts State Police in 1968 and served 32 years as a State Trooper, retiring as a Captain in 2000.

Frank enjoyed skiing, golfing, and annual golf trips to Myrtle Beach and Lake George. One of his greatest joys was following his sons' sporting activities. When his kids were younger, he coached Lenox little league baseball, basketball, and youth soccer.

He and his wife, Jessica Camp, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 24, 1974, in Great Barrington, MA.

Besides his wife Jessica Duke of Lenox, Frank is survived by his son, Christopher Duke (Rachel) and grandsons CJ and Anderson, all of Greensboro, NC; his sister, Sister Mary Duke of Worcester; brother in laws, James Camp (Lydia) and John Camp; sister in laws, Roberta Duke and Maureen Duke; Cousin Patricia Damon, and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Frank is predeceased by his sons Daniel and Michael Duke, siblings John, William, Thomas, and Margaret.

The funeral for Mr. Francis T. Duke will be held on Friday, May 16th at 11 AM at Trinity Church in Lenox, with Rev. Michael Tuck, officiating. Burial will be private in Corashire Cemetery in Monterey. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory may be made to the Daniel Duke Scholarship Fund, in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox MA 01240.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Trinity Church
8 Walker Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

MF

“ Growing up , we lived just up the road fom Mr and Mrs Duke and their sons.. I have fond memories of going over in the summer to hang out with Chris and Dan, playing baseball in the church park across the street.. such a nice man Mr Duke was , very kind and encouraging to all of us that played sports . He was at all his sons games right there in the front. On behalf of my family... I'm sorry for your loss. May he rest peacefully.

Michael fox

Michael fox - June 30, 2025 at 09:52 AM

FK

“ condolences to the Duke family "Frank was a Trooper among Troopers,a true professional in all aspects,you will be truly missed RIP my friend Frank Kozaczka

Frank Kozaczka - May 16, 2025 at 09:55 AM

PC

“ My former Troop Commander, he was a good and fair man who led from the front. He was a leader to be emulated and admired. They unfortunately don't make them like him anymore. My condolences to his family.

Peter Carbone - May 15, 2025 at 05:42 PM

TB

“ Condolences to the Duke Family- My First Troop Commander. A man of courage who led his people from the front. A good man and a great Trooper.

Timothy Babbín - May 14, 2025 at 01:07 PM

JE

“ My condolences to the family. May the fond and loving memories be a comfort and always be with you.

John A. Bernardo Esq. - May 14, 2025 at 10:37 AM

MG

“ Dear Jessica and Family,
My prayers and sympathy are sent to you. (I met you when my mom was at Providence Care. Daniel will always have a special place in my heart.) I am sure you have wonderful memories of your husband that you will hold close in your heart. What a wonderful reunion must have taken place. Amen

Marie Gormalley - May 14, 2025 at 07:10 AM

RG

“ A great Trooper, co-worker and friend. RIP Frank.

Ronald J. Guilmette - May 11, 2025 at 06:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis T. Duke Jr.



May 11, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Francis T. Duke Jr.

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“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis T. Duke Jr.*



May 11, 2025 at 01:30 PM