



Mr. Francis "Frank" J. Vahle

September 16, 1934 - August 16, 2024

Francis "Frank" Joseph Vahle of Lenox, MA died Friday August 16, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Frank was born at home on West Road (now Under Mountain Road) Lenox, MA on September 16, 1934. He was the eldest son of the late Franz and Anna Smith Vahle.

Frank was a graduate of St. Joseph High School (Pittsfield, MA) in 1952. He was employed at New England Telephone as cable splicer, lineman, toll and special services technician, retiring as a Central Office Manager after 39 years. He achieved the rank of Sargent in the MA National Guard; was highly skilled in marksmanship; and loved the outdoors.

Frank married Virginia "Ginger" Sullivan on May 30, 1956, at St. Francis Church in North Adams. Ginger predeceased Frank twelve weeks prior on May 24, 2024.

Survivors include daughters Mary Ellen Rennie (Gregg) of Madison, CT, Kathleen Harrison (Brian) of West Newbury, MA; Virginia Goggins (Thomas) of Pittsfield; Margaret Colwell (Kevin) of Mechanicsville, VA; sons Francis, Jr. (Tabitha) of Lenox and Paul (Edwina) of Birmingham, AL; Brother William Vahle (Diane) of Becket; Brother-in-law William Sullivan (Elizabeth) of CA; 14

grandchildren Matthew (Jennifer) Rennie, Daniel Rennie, Meghan (Thomas) Harrington, Peter (Maya) Vahle, Kristopher Vahle, Kallan (Erich) Yee, Connor (Amanda) Harrison, Elizabeth (David) Aitoro, Timothy (Bridget) Goggins, Virginia (Max) Roehmholdt, Nora Colwell, Sean (Alicia) Colwell, William Vahle, Ansel Vahle and 7 great-grandchildren Thomas and Anthony Aitoro, Cameron and Harriet Yee, William Harrison, Otto Roehmholdt, and Fiona Harrington. He was predeceased by his brothers Joseph and John Vahle (Monica) and sisters Ann Vahle and Martha Maturevich (Nick).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Ann Church Friday, August 23, 2024, at 10 am by the Rev. Monsignor John J. Bonzagni, Pastor. Burial will follow in St. Ann Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Thursday, August 22 from 4-7 pm at the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME. In lieu of flowers donations in Frank's memory may be made to either St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Sisters of St. Joseph in care of Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0699
eroche120fh@gmail.com

Service

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Church
134 Main Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Burial

AUG **23**. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AN

“ Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis "Frank" J. Vahle



anonymous - August 26, 2024 at 06:58 AM

JM

“ Janice M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Francis "Frank" J. Vahle.

Janice M. - August 21, 2024 at 05:14 PM

SE

“ Sue E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Francis "Frank" J. Vahle.

Sue E. - August 20, 2024 at 06:07 PM

TF

“ Tom's Siblings and their Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Francis "Frank" J. Vahle.



Tom's Siblings and their Families - August 20, 2024 at 11:51 AM

DK

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I enjoyed working with him many years on the St Ann Finance Committee. He always had a great perspective and provided awesome historical input.

David Keator - August 20, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis "Frank" J. Vahle.



August 20, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis "Frank" J. Vahle.



August 20, 2024 at 08:48 AM

DB

“ Darlene B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Francis "Frank" J. Vahle.

Darlene B. - August 19, 2024 at 08:16 PM

MP

“ For 31 years Frank 'Handy Andy' was the best of next door neighbors to me and his brother John. So many events stand out in my mind, but the most memorable of them was Feb 4, 2004, the day his beloved tractor arrived.



Monica Pattangall - August 19, 2024 at 02:19 PM