



Francis J. Jirousek

September 6, 1935 - November 23, 2024

Francis J. Jirousek

Age 89, of Custer Park, IL died comfortably at his home on Saturday, November 23, 2024. Frank was born September 6, 1935 in Braidwood, IL to the late Frank Jirousek and Kate (Vaira) Jirousek. He graduated from Reed-Custer High School and received a Business Degree from Joliet Junior College. He worked most of his life at Roper Corporation in Kankakee as the Director for the Data Processing Department, leading the cutting edge of the first Computers in the United States, back when they were as big as your living room. He was always surprised to see the capabilities of the Smart Phones today in comparison!

Frank was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church and an Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus, both in Braidwood. He began as an Altar Boy when he was in 4th grade and always enjoyed “getting out of school” when he was asked to serve during the week for the occasional funeral with his cousin Hugh “Chewy” Mulligan. He lived his life to serve others and was a visionary for his children and the community by serving as President of the Grade School Board of Custer Park, he also helped to create the Custer Park Volunteer Fire Department in 1964 and had many an adventure in our tiny community with occasional fires and the Railroad Bridge Train Wreck of 1969, in which he was the first on the scene. When he retired from Roper, he was able to travel with his wife to Europe many times, but his favorite times were his annual trips to Hawaii with his wife and daughter,

Kathy and Son-in-law Stan. They tried to go every year and made it there 35 times. He loved his 2 Grand Sons and felt a “second wind” when they were born, as he had more time to spoil them. He attended all of their soccer games and because of his passion for music, his heart burst when they both joined the School Band. Nothing in the world made him happier than spending time with “The love of his life”, his wife Diane and his family. Surviving are his wife, Diane (Campbell), whom he married April 17, 1957 in Braidwood; three daughters, Karen (David) Soberski of Orcutt, CA, Pam (Pat) Mullandy of Limestone, IL, and Kathy (Stan) Anton of Custer Park, IL; two grandchildren, Peter and Keith Mullady; and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Tony Jirousek. Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 from 4-7 p.m. Family and friends will meet at Immaculate Conception Church on Wednesday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m. for Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will follow in Braceville Gardner Cemetery in Braceville. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to Home Helpers of Kankakee, Lightways Hospice or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

NOV **27**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Church
110 South School Street
Braidwood, IL 60408

Tribute Wall

MH

“ We have had the privilege of knowing Frank and Dianne for over 30 years so hearing of his passing is truly sad news. They were always kind and welcomed us into their home as if we were part of their family and had known them forever. I was always amazed at his passion for Christmas decorating and the amount of boxes he had to get down from the attic. I never got to see it in action, but the results were always amazing. I'll always remember him as a caring, loving husband, father and friend to all who knew him. He will be missed by many.

Mike and Teresa Hanson - November 28, 2024 at 09:46 AM

SV

“ Kathy and Family sorry for your loss. Sherry Kinkin Varner

SHERRY VARNER - November 27, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Francis J. Jirousek.



November 26, 2024 at 08:12 PM

PH

“ Diane, I fondly remember Mom talking about you and "Frankie". May the many happy years you shared grant you peace.
Pam Heavens

pam heavens - November 26, 2024 at 05:11 PM

JD

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We’ll miss you today as we have a scheduling conflict, but will be rethinking of you all. Our prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Joe Davito and family

Joe Davito - November 26, 2024 at 02:50 PM

CA

“ *Rest in peace.*

Carrie - November 26, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - November 26, 2024 at 01:05 PM

NH

“ *The finest people in the world live in Custer Park, Francis and Diane are some of the best, exemplifying small town caring. From service to community to the best popcorn balls at Halloween; their legacy for caring will last generations.*

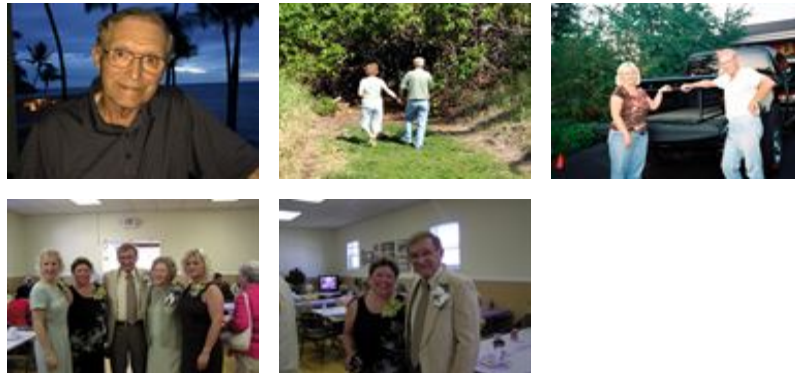
Prayers for peace, with a heavy heart.

Nelson and Sylvia Van Haelst

Nelson Van Haelst - November 26, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - November 26, 2024 at 09:31 AM

PC

“ Peggy & Jimmy Cole lit a candle in memory of Francis Jirousek



Peggy & Jimmy Cole - November 25, 2024 at 08:55 PM

MC

Diane, We are so sorry for your loss. I am also sorry that we missed the services for Frank but I didn't see the notice of his death until a few minutes ago today when I read yesterday's Joliet Herald News.

Matt and Teri Chinski

Matthew Chinski - November 27, 2024 at 12:38 PM