



Mr. Francis J. Rivers

September 27, 1916 - May 7, 2017

Mr. Francis J. "Frank" Rivers, 100, of Florida, MA, died early Sunday morning, May 7, 2017 at his home.

He was born in North Adams on September 27, 1916, a son of the late Joseph and Anna (Brothers) Rivers, and attended the former Notre Dame Elementary School and Drury High School.

He was a Veteran of World War II, serving with the 167th General Hospital Detachment of the US Army in the European Theater, including Normandy, from 1943 until his Honorable Discharge as a Staff Sergeant in 1946.

Frank worked as a Firefighter with the North Adams Fire Department from 1946 until his retirement in 1972. Earlier, he had worked at the former Sprague Electric Co. and Hoosac Cotton Mill, both in North Adams.

He was a communicant of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, North Adams, and earlier, of the former Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur Church, North Adams.

He was a member of Frank R. Stiles Post 125 American Legion, North Adams, and was one of the charter members of North Adams Local 1781 of the International Association of Firefighters.

In his spare time, Frank also enjoyed woodworking and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of over 77 years, the former Agnes N. Guertin, whom he married on July 16, 1939;

one son, Gary F. Rivers of North Adams;

two grandsons, John G. Rivers and his wife, Nancy, of Washington, DC; and Christopher D. Rivers and his wife, Jennifer, of Clifton Park, NY;

six great grandchildren, including Brice, Andrew, Lauren, Hayley, Nicholas and Derek Rivers; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his daughter-in-law, Joan (Lubowicz) Rivers, on Jan. 13, 2015; by his brothers, William and Edmond Rivers; and by his sister, Edith Brule.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, May 11th, at 9:45 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, North Adams. Burial will follow in Florida Church Cemetery, Florida, MA.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Our condolences to Mr. Rivers family. I will always remember him as a kind and generous man.*

Kenneth Cote - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

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MP

“ *Gary, Deepest sympathies on the loss of your father. Mark*

Mark Plaat - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

VP

“ *Our thoughts are with you and your family.*

Vincent Pesce - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

GM

“ *We will miss Frank he was warm, kind and wonderful man. Our sympathy and thoughts are with his wife and family.*

Gene Messenger - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

BH

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Hold fast to the memories.*

Bruce Hake - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

ER

“ *Our sympathy in your loss Gary . Your father must have been a wonderful man to have a son like you.*

edith & John Root - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

TM

“ *This world would be far better off if it were filled by men like Mr. Rivers. Always kind, always soft spoken. A true gentleman. Our condolences to the entire Rivers family.*

The Morins - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ *Prayers to you and your family Gary. Find peace soon!*

June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

DB

“ *Gary So sorry for loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Dave and Rosemary*

David Benoit - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

DB

“ *Such a special man who lived a very special long life who touched the lives of many people with his kind-heartedness. You will be missed by many and I will never forget you. In Memory of one of the most caring persons I have ever known. I was proud to call you Uncle and to have you as my Godfather. RIP Uncle Frank*

Dawn Brady - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

RR

“ Gary, My belated condolences to you, on your loss. To reach such an advanced age, he must have had a lot of interesting stories to tell. Rob

Rob Roest - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

ME

“ We sure will miss our dear friend (Fran). Our sympathy and prayers go out to Agnes and Gary and family. From the Harry Embry Family, Mae, Buddy and Chris and their families. God Bless you all.

Mae Embry - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM