



## Francis D. "Fritz" Kennedy

July 30, 2023

Age 97, of Monroeville, passed away on July 30, 2023. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Elaine "Pat" (Kurey) Kennedy; his beloved sons, Thomas and Michael Kennedy; and brothers, John Paul and Robert Kennedy. He is survived by his sister-in-law Mary Jane Dvorsky; granddaughter Holly Kennedy; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Fritz began his career as an Operating Engineer in 1947 after having served our country in the Navy in World War II. In addition to being a gunner and ordinance specialist attached to Fleet Air Wing 6 stationed in the Aleutian Islands, Fritz also ran equipment while deployed, including cranes, while loading ordinance onto patrol bombers. Soon after returning home Fritz found a job as a laborer working on the original Parkway East. Before long, because of his strong work ethic, he was given an opportunity to become an Operating Engineers and over the next 44 years operated just about every piece of equipment on every jobsite imaginable. He was a member of Local #66 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, celebrating 75 years of membership in 2023. His service to others didn't end upon retirement. From his retirement in 1991 all the way up to the Pandemic of 2020, Fritz volunteered his time to interact and advise every apprentice class throughout that period of time. If you were fortunate to have had Fritz related his jobsite experiences, you were much better off because of it. His selfless services to others throughout his lifetime is a model for all of us to follow. He will truly be missed by all that loved him and knew him. Family and friends will be received

on Thursday, August 3rd from 6-8 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 4, 2023, at St. Agnes Church, 11400 St. Agnes Lane, North Huntingdon. Interment with Military Honors will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, North Versailles.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

1443 Lincoln Highway  
North Versailles, PA 15137

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.  
4335 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412) 372-2100  
ghcorl@comcast.net  
<https://corlfuneralchapel.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church  
11400 St. Agnes Lane  
Irwin, PA 15642

# Tribute Wall

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“ A wonderful neighbor who always waved when he was working in his yard. We will miss his smiling face.  
In recent years, Fritz lost his beloved wife and two sons. He certainly had his share of heartaches, but God is taking care of him, now. Rest easy, Fritz.

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**Elaine Marinclin (neighbor)** - August 06, 2023 at 08:41 PM

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**Josh Kennedy** - August 04, 2023 at 08:03 PM

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**Josh Kennedy** - August 04, 2023 at 12:44 PM

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“ Lisa Lyon lit a candle in memory of Francis Kennedy



Lisa Lyon - August 04, 2023 at 09:23 AM

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“ Thank you for all the life lessons you have taught us! We will truly miss all the amazing stories you have shared. We promise to work hard and save for those rainy days. Love and miss you Uncle Fritz  
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Tina - August 01, 2023 at 09:55 PM

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Thank you Fritz for being a great neighbor and great friend. We will miss you so very much, love you my dear friend. We will see you again someday 🙏

Lisa Lyon - August 04, 2023 at 09:21 AM

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I was just alerted to this. Wish I had known.  
The first home I lived in after my father came back from the war was a renovated old chicken coop next to the Kennedy garage on Fairview drive. Fritz and my father were friends because of military camaraderie I guess. His father Dean was like a grandfather to me and we would visit him and Agnes long after we built our home in Export. Memories of his father's garden decorated with military projectiles and other ordinance is firmly etched in my mind along with Dean's old engineer's hat. The whole family was very pleasant and helped my mother and father as newlyweds. Back then we picked strawberries where the high school is currently. I remember Fritz better than anyone in my youth and would wait for a pleasant greeting when he came around even at five years old. I guess he never lost that smile. I am glad he had a long life. God bless him.  
Carl Paesano, son of Albert and Hazel

CarlPaesano - February 11, 2024 at 11:43 PM