



Mr. Albert A. "Al" Francis

August 16, 1958 - June 19, 2026

SCHUYLER – After a valiant seven-month journey with cancer, Mr. Albert A. “Al” Francis, age 67, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 19, 2026, reuniting with those who went before him.

Born in New Hartford on August 16, 1958, Al was the son of the late Albert F. and Loretta M. (Marchione) Francis. He attended Whitesboro Central Schools and graduated from Whitesboro Senior High School in 1976. Al then attended MVCC, where he pursued drafting and architectural studies, which prepared him for his life’s work.

On August 29, 1987, Al was united in marriage with the former Margaret E. Cioch. They were immediately drawn to one another, and their incredible love was evident from the very beginning. A blessed couple, Al and Marge shared an enduring commitment and worked side by side in an everlasting relationship. He was protective, thoughtful, and patient, and they made a great team as they supported one another through life and countless projects. They were best friends, and theirs was a true love story.

Al began his working years at Marcy Food Center and later entered the heavy highway construction trade. His accuracy, strong work practices, and attention to detail were always evident. Throughout the 1990s, his craftsmanship became widely recognized. A talented finish carpenter, Al often worked

independently as a “one-man show,” specializing in reconstruction and remodeling, particularly kitchens and bathrooms.

Al brought great finesse and meticulous care to every job, and his distinctive touch could always be seen in the finished project. Honest, timely, and considerate, he made sure each customer received exactly what was expected.

Al was a passionate golfer, and Holland Heights became his second home. An excellent player who was often at the top of his game, he achieved his first hole-in-one at the age of 16. As an accomplished golfer, Al drew the attention of many younger players, who frequently welcomed him to join their foursome. He learned much about the game from his father, Albert, who coached him along the way and father and son often teamed up on the course.

Known to many as “Albe”, Yahtzee was his game of choice, especially when played with his dearest friends. For 20 years, he also organized a uniquely styled football pool, and the group enjoyed their camaraderie together.

Productive, kind, and thoughtful, Al possessed these and other unique qualities that drew people to him. With his charming ways and compassionate personality, he was a warm and seasoned conversationalist, and someone who was well loved and respected by his multitude of friends.

A believer, Al was a quiet man when it came to his faith, but he shared in the Lord through the way he lived his life. He practiced his faith at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church.

Al is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret; sisters, Concetta M. “Connie” Francis and Tagrid “Tag” Maher, and Tammy M. Francis and her fiancé, David Buskey; nieces, Gloria, Stephanie, Carrie; and many cousins. He further

leaves to cherish his memory his in-laws, Frank and Susan Cioch, Sharon Fisher (the late Richard Fisher), and Gloria Cioch; as well as the many meaningful friendships he cultivated throughout his life. Al was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Helen (Maciewicz) Cioch; brothers-in-law, Steven Cioch, and Richard Cioch; and many aunts and uncles.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Atul Butala for his compassion and care; to nurse, Becky Dean, for the kindness and attention she so graciously provided; and to the staff of the Regional Cancer Center for their outstanding care and support. Their kindness, professionalism, and compassion will always be remembered and deeply appreciated.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 28 2026, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Albert's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home and at 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Upcoming Events

Funeral Service

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Visitation

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Tribute Wall



“ Tammy and family, so sorry to hear of Al's passing very talented carpenter and great guy may he rest in peace.
Pete Huckabone

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