



## Mr. Francis H. "Fran" Renwick

November 19, 1926 - January 7, 2016

Mr. Francis H. "Fran" Renwick, age 89, a native of Whitesboro, passed away on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at the Presbyterian Home for CNY, Inc. with the support and prayers of his family.

Born in Whitesboro on November 19, 1926, Francis was the son of the late Charles A. and Rose (Besig) Renwick. He was a graduate of Whitesboro High School. A proud veteran of the United States Army, he honorably served his country during World War II stationed in Okinawa in the Pacific Theater of Operations. On June 6, 1953, he married the former Doris J. Schaub whom he affectionately addressed as "Dolly". Theirs was a perfect love story that spanned 56 years until Doris' passing on February 11, 2010.

Fran was a dedicated employee of the General Electric Company serving at all their locations but primarily at the French Road site. He excelled in his position as a Stock Clerk and everyone agreed that "You couldn't find a better man for the job". Fran retired from the workforce in the late 1980's after many years of service. As a member of a large family, Fran developed a deep respect for traditional values, a gift from his parents that stood the test of time. He was very celebratory during holidays and special occasions and cherished his family at his table. He was rock solid and determined, and he held fast to his beliefs. He was meticulous in his appearance, the maintenance of their home and summer house, and everything he held dear. He was passionate about gardening and was proud of the fruits of his labor at harvest time. He loved birds, the glory of nature and animals, and time spent outdoors which

brought him peace of mind. Fresh air fragrant with cedar and pine cleansed his soul each summer at his camp at Otter Lake, a beautiful, remote area at the foothills of the Adirondacks where generations of family members made their homes for many years. As a couple, Fran and Doris shared a close and inseparable relationship with his in-laws, Mary and Tom. They did everything together and especially enjoyed their many travels; he loved their children as his own. Fran found pleasure in playing cards, particularly solitaire and friendly games of pitch and 31. He will also be remembered for his wonderful wit and dynamic delivery that was so entertaining. In his spiritual life, Fran was a God-fearing man with a reverence for the teachings and rites of the Catholic Church.

Always close to Fran's heart was the memory of his daughter, Linda, who passed away in infancy in 1960. Francis is survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mary and Tom Eck (his best friend); his nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging those who were also his godchildren, Mary and Gene LoParco, Edward and Christine Eck, Laura "Bell" Eck and Karen Kane, Brenda "Bee" and Christian D'Avolio; his beloved great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, great-great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Gladys Renwick. Francis was the surviving child of 11 siblings who preceded him.

The family extends their appreciation to the staff of the Cedar Wing at the Presbyterian Home for CNY, Inc. who cared for Francis with love.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Fran's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday evening at 7:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Sister Elizabeth Giarrusso, CSJ officiating the ceremony. He will be laid to rest alongside his wife in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking of Uncle Fran , I remember good memories, all good memories. So many words come to mind when I think of him, dedication; he very dedicated to all that he did and everyone around him. He meant what he said & said what he meant. He stuck by his word , and always rang true. He taught us kids many values , "old school " values I will never forget. He showed us the meaning of family, respect and love. He showed us what true love was, unending love, by the way he took care of his "Dolly" and his family. He always greeted you with a smile and a scruffy kiss! If the whole world was against you, Uncle Fran was there to tell you it would be ok, but not without a few words of wisdom. From his coin collecting, bird watching, gardening, pitch playing, bingo playing, feeding his chipmunks, were all things that he enjoyed so much, but out of them all having his family is what he enjoyed most. He had many nick names for us all , from Fathead, Sabastian , Laura Bell , Rag Doll, Spider to Brenda Bee and many more. I'm proud to say he was my Uncle Fran !! He will forever missed , but always in my heart!! With lots of love and many thanks !

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**Brenda Eck D'Avolio** - January 11, 2016 at 08:24 AM