



Francis J. Wannemacher

February 1, 1917 - May 11, 2017

Fran Wannemacher, 100, of Toledo, OH, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 11, 2017. He was born on February 1, 1917, in Defiance, OH, to Louise and Ella Wannemacher. He moved to Toledo in 1929. He married Dorothy Donahue on January 24, 1942, and they enjoyed 73 wonderful years of marriage until her death in 2015. They were inseparable and their lives were spent mainly around family, a strong-abiding faith life, and good friends and good times.

Fran started working for the railroad in 1941 and eventually became an engineer on the New York Central, Penn Central, Conrail and Amtrack railways. He retired in 1978 after 37 years of service.

Fran belonged to O.L.P.H. parish during his earlier married years and then moved into St. Patrick of Heatherdowns parish and became a Eucharistic Minister for 25 years. He and Dorothy attended daily Mass for many years until health issues forced that to cease – but the daily rosary never stopped for the two of them.

Fran loved good friends and good times – he and Dorothy loved square-dancing when younger and then the card games of Pinochle and Euchre. He was a fierce competitor. Grandchildren soon became aware of this trait and his inherent ability to win.

Fran is survived by his three daughters: Marianne (Jim) Reece, Sherry (Rob) Gibson, and Linda (Will) Szymanski; 8 grandsons: Ken (Tracy) Reece, Matt Reece, Greg (Nicole) Reece, Ray (Sue) Micham, Kevin (Debbie) Micham,

Steve (Sara) Micham, Jason (Jamie) Szymanski and Andy (Jackie) Szymanski. He also had 21 great-grandchildren. Fran was preceded in death by his beloved wife Dorothy, and his parents; also his brother Virgil, and sisters Mary, Ellen Davis, and Agnes Donahue (married to Dorothy's brother.) Friends and family may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Tuesday, May 16 from 2-8 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 7 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, May 17, beginning at 9:30a.m. in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their compassionate care. Memorials may take the form of contributions to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Please view and sign the online guest registry at www.coylefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Scripture Service

MAY 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Patrick Of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

JM

“ So sorry Linda of the loss of your beloved father. Prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Sincere sympathy.

Joie and Mike McCartney - May 17, 2017 at 04:09 PM

BD

“ Marianne and family, you have my deepest sympathy as you journey through this difficult time.

Beth Dieringer - May 17, 2017 at 01:07 PM

JM

“ What a beautiful video. My heart and prayers, go out to you Linda and your sisters.
Julie Miller

Julie Miller - May 16, 2017 at 01:26 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 16, 2017 at 07:44 AM

LF

“ *My sympathy for the loss of your father. My fondest memories of Radcliffe Drive when visiting my grandparents and coming down to your home while we were there. Your parents were always so nice. May they Rest In Peace together.*

Linda Farber

Linda Farber - May 15, 2017 at 06:57 PM

MR

Thanks for your kind words. Great memories from Radcliffe Drive!

marianne reece - May 15, 2017 at 07:50 PM

LS

Thank you for the kind words!

Linda Szymanski - May 16, 2017 at 07:37 AM

SG

Yes, wonderful memories of Radcliffe Drive and all the wonderful neighbors we had there!

Sherry Wannemacher Gibson - May 16, 2017 at 09:24 AM

BK

“ *My memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wannemacher goes back to my youth. They were fine people. They will be missed by all who knew them. Together again, my they rest in peace. My deepest sympathy to your family.*

Bill Kest - May 15, 2017 at 03:33 PM

MR

Great south end memories with the Kests. Thanks so much for your words!

Marianne Reece - May 15, 2017 at 07:53 PM

LS

Marianne said it right - fond memories of the Kest family!

Linda Szymanski - May 16, 2017 at 07:38 AM

SG

Thank you Bill! I have fond memories of your parents also!

Sherry Wannemacher Gibson - May 16, 2017 at 09:20 AM

LT

*Marianne, Jim Reece and family
Sorry for your loss; however 100 years is a long and good life.
May we all live long & healthy lives.*

Larry & Dyan Tomczak

Larry Tomczak - May 17, 2017 at 07:47 AM

JK

“ *A good man and a good friend to our family
for many years. RIP Mr. Wannemacher and
my condolences to the family.*



Jim Kest - May 15, 2017 at 02:27 PM

MR

*Our parents were special people and we all had great times together.
Thanks so much.*

Marianne Reece - May 15, 2017 at 07:54 PM

SG

*Thanks Jim! He certainly was a good man! Sherry Wannemacher
Gibson*

Sherry Wannemacher Gibson - May 16, 2017 at 09:18 AM

JH

“ While camping in the Columbus area, I open yesterday's paper and am very saddened at Uncle Fran's passing. My sincere condolences to my Wannemacher cousins. I'm Ellen's grandson. I remember Floyd St. very well.

Jeff Hauter - May 15, 2017 at 02:08 PM

LS

Thank you Jeff for reaching out to us! With such a small family it is hard to believe we don't see more of each other! Thanks again for your kind words!

Linda Szymanski - May 16, 2017 at 07:41 AM

SG

Thanks Jeff! Floyd St goes back a looong way doesn't it!

Sherry Wannemacher Gibson - May 16, 2017 at 09:21 AM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Your dad and mother were special friends of ours. Many years of special memories. With much love, Sandra Snyder

Sandra Snyder - May 14, 2017 at 08:15 AM

LS

Thanks so much Sandi - we loved your family a great deal!

Linda Szymanski - May 14, 2017 at 02:18 PM

MR

Many special memories in our younger years! Thanks for the nice words.

Marianne Reece - May 14, 2017 at 02:33 PM

SG

Thanks Sandi! I sure have great memories of the picnics out at your Mom & Dad's house....especially the one where I was having such a great time playing leap frog and broke my collar bone and had to be taken to the hospital! LOL!

Sherry Wannemacher Gibson - May 16, 2017 at 09:23 AM

SM

“ *Marianne, Sherry and Linda,
So many memories of your family beginning from St. V's on.
Gracious and loving couple. May the many memories of them bring
you comfort and peace.
Shirley Mercer*

Shirley Mercer - May 14, 2017 at 07:16 AM

LS

Thanks so much Shirley for reaching out to us! You were always a wonderful nurse!

Linda Szymanski - May 14, 2017 at 02:22 PM

MR

Thanks so much Shirley. He lived a long, wonderful life.

Marianne Reece - May 14, 2017 at 02:31 PM

CT

“ *Dear Wannemacher's, I send my sincere sympathy in the passing of your dear dad, and grandpa and great grandpa. Your family was special to our family throughout the years on Charmaine. I know you are thankful to the Lord for the longevity that both your parents had. I am asking the Lord to bring you comfort because at any age, a great patriarch is a great loss. I now live out of state and regret that I can't bring my Dad to the visitation. Both of us will remember your parents with love and admiration. Love, Crystal Signs Tipton*

Crys Tipton - May 14, 2017 at 06:41 AM

LS

Thank you so much Crystal - I loved your family and the times I spent with you guys! Linda

Linda Szymanski - May 14, 2017 at 02:16 PM