



Francis Xavier Keefe

September 16, 1924 - April 29, 2021

Keefe, Francis Xavier

Francis Xavier Keefe, 96 years old, of Jupiter Florida, passed away on April 29th, 2021. Francis was born Born in Jersey City September 16, 1924 raised in Greenwich Village NY.

Francis enlisted in the United States Army in 1940 until 1941 then reenlisted In 1942 Francis enlisted in the United States Army and served in the 82nd Airborne 504th (PIR). I Company during WW2. He served heroically with the 82nd throughout the war and was decorated. He was wounded in Nijmegen on September 20th 1944 during Operation Market Garden. Francis served with distinction and was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon along with Bronze Stars for Valor, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Parachutist's Badge, Bronze Service Arrowhead, and American Defense Service Medal. After the War Francis remained very involved in POW and MIA, and many other Veterans issues. Francis worked hard at continuing to preserve the memories and records of the historic actions of the 504 (PIR) and the Allied Airborne during the war. Francis was also a very active member of the Catholic Church.

Francis was happily married for 50 years to Beatrice Keefe. They resided in Staten Island NY until they retired to Jupiter, Florida in 1984. Beatrice passed

in 2000. Francis then remarried Elieen Luginsland who he is survived by. Francis and Beatrice are survived by his children; Dennis (Cheryl), Lawrence (Donna), Thomas (Elaine), Teresa (Chris) Susalis, William (Denise), and William (Carol) Stenson. Francis is also survived by 16 Grandchildren 20 Great Grandchildren as well as his latest miracle great great grandchild Alexian Acevedo Jr.

Francis is preceded in death by his father William and mother Mary as well as his brothers; William, Hughe, George, Charles as well as Sisters; Isabel, Marie, Bernadette, and Rosemary. Francis is survived by his sisters Patrica Madden, Margaret Burk as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Wake is to be held at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center St. Jupiter Florida on Monday, May 10th from 6 PM to 8 PM and also on Tuesday, May 11th from 2 PM to 4 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM.

Funeral service with a mass to follow on Wednesday, May 12th at 10 AM at St Jude Catholic Church, 204 N. US1, Tequesta, FL

In lieu of Flowers the family requests any donations to be made to the 82nd Airborne Wounded Warrior Project.

<https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/phone/donate.html>

Previous Events

Wake

MAY 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Wake

MAY 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Wake

MAY 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church
204 N U.S. 1
Tequesta, FL

Tribute Wall



“ Francis Xavier Keefe

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to the Keefe family on Uncle Francis’ passing. He truly was a legend, a hero, and the epitome of the “Greatest Generation.” Uncle Francis also had a special way with words and I’m sure you all have a favorite Uncle Francis saying. Mine was “You’re twisting my head!” 🙄
It goes without saying that Uncle Francis will be sorely missed by his family, his friends, his fellow Veterans that he advocated for, and of course the people of Europe that he helped to liberate and sacrificed so much for during WW2.

Rest in peace Uncle.

The Crites family (Ted, June, Tim, and Emily)

Ted, June, Tim, and Emily Crites - May 11, 2021 at 03:43 PM



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Anja Adriaans - May 07, 2021 at 06:14 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace Uncle Francis. All who knew and loved you will miss you very dearly. You will be remembered as a true family icon and legend.*



My deepest sympathies and condolences to the Keefe families.

*With thoughts and prayers,
Debbie Ulrich*

Debbie Ulrich - May 06, 2021 at 10:14 PM

AM

“ *My deepest sympathy on the loss of Mr Keefe to all of you. When I heard he passed the first memory to pop in my head was the day Kim gave birth to Michael. I couldn't get thru on the phone so had to have an operator do an emergency call cut through. Mr Keefe said 'you better have a good reason for this Annie, I'm on the phone with my friend'. I said Kim was in labor and everything changed - he went from annoyed to excited instantly- a new grandkid was coming! (I was just glad I wasn't in trouble any more lol.) He loved all of you so much! Take care and remember that. Love always, Annie (Rogan) Maresca* ❤️🙏🇺🇸

Annie Rogan Maresca - May 06, 2021 at 09:09 PM

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Brian Keefe - May 05, 2021 at 06:55 PM

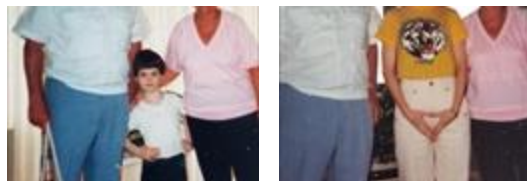


“ *Christina and family so sorry for your loss*

Paula Welch Jack - May 05, 2021 at 03:50 PM

KI

“ *My love and condolences are extended to the whole family. Francis & Beatrice were a big part of my life and I will never forget them. I loved them dearly. Prayers for peace and healing.*
Love, Kim



Kim - May 05, 2021 at 09:50 AM

BB

Love & Prayers to the Family, My Cousins.
Uncle Francis is now with your mom, Aunt Beatrice. REST IN PEACE
UNCLE FRANCIS 🙏🇺🇸🇺🇸

Bernadette Barrett - May 05, 2021 at 01:30 PM

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BETTY WARD - May 05, 2021 at 08:17 AM

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BETTY WARD - May 05, 2021 at 06:27 AM

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“ Uncle Francis, You were one of kind, no one could match you, the person you were made us laugh with all our stories, and the love you showed for all. You are loved by many, and so greatly missed by all. love you till we meet again.
Betty WARD

BETTY WARD - May 04, 2021 at 03:32 PM

MS

“ Uncle Francis, I'll never tell the other nieces that I was your favorite...it will be our secret! I will miss you much and cherish the memories...even those memories of the hundreds of letters that you made me type in the 80's. Love you Uncle.

Maureen Madden Starrett - May 04, 2021 at 02:03 PM