



## Robert B. Francis

February 7, 1929 - September 27, 2016

Robert B. Francis, 87, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away, Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at Saint Francis Medical Center.

He was born Thursday, February 07, 1929 in Bonne Terre, Missouri to Harry and Chessie (Brenneke) Francis.

Bob was a 1947 graduate of Bonne Terre High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He and Rosa Leora "Rosalie" Mayo were married Saturday, February 21, 1953 at Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Bob worked in the food industry in many areas. From being a butcher to store owner and later a food broker for Bene-Patterson Company of St. Louis for 30 years.

He and Rosalie were members of Grace United Methodist Church in Cape for many years. Growing up in Bonne Terre he was a member of the First Congregational Church. His great grandfather, Rev. Edward T. Doane became the first pastor of the church which was organized on February 20, 1878 with fifteen members.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Rosalie Francis of Cape Girardeau; daughter, Pam (Roger) Westrich of Cape Girardeau; son, Robert D. (Tamie) Francis of St. Louis; four grandchildren, Conrad and Audrey Westrich, Jessica and Christopher Francis; many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, H.E. Francis, Jr.; sister, Virginia L. Ward-Evans; niece, Jill Francis Walker.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 30, 2016 at the First Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Bonne Terre, MO with Pastor Lansford Lawrence officiating.

Burial with military tribute will be at St. Francois Memorial Park Cemetery in Bonne Terre.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grace United Methodist Church or a charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Francois Memorial Park

6776 VO-Tech Road  
Bonne Terre, MO 63628

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1313  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational Church  
20 Church Street  
Bonne Terre, MO 63628

## Service

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SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational Church  
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Bonne Terre, MO 63628

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Francis will be remembered by me as such a kind and personable individual. He always went out of his way to stop and chat when we were walking in the neighborhood. My condolences to the Francis family.*

*Marilyn Deevers Fuller*

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**Marilyn Deevers Fuller** - September 29, 2016 at 07:19 PM

DP

“ *Thoughts and prayers for all the family. Always enjoyed talking to your dad at Schmucks Rob. One of the nicest men i ever met. Sorry for your loss.*

*Debbie Petty*

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**Debbie Petty** - September 29, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert B. Francis.*



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September 29, 2016 at 10:34 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear the sad news of Bob's passing. Bob was a gentleman and wonderful Christian friend. We lived in Cape and attended Grace church with Bob and Rosalie and their family. Sending our prayers and sympathy to the family.

*Jim and Janice McClelland  
Guntersville, Alabama*

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**Janice McClelland** - September 29, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert B. Francis.



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September 29, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert B. Francis.



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September 28, 2016 at 11:38 PM

MM

“ *When we were growing up it was always a treat to go see the Francis's, Uncle Bob, Aunt Rosie, Pam and Rob. I remember when we would take that long drive to Kirkwood to see them back in the 60's, today that's only 10 minute from where I live, and then later going to Cape to visit. The best times were the Christmas Eves when everyone would stay at our house and we all woke up together on Christmas morning. Although I haven't been in touch for several I often think of Uncle Bob's quick wit and always having something funny to add to any situation.*

*My thoughts and prays are with you all during this time.*

*All my love,*

*Your cousin Mike.*



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**Mike McCarty** - September 28, 2016 at 09:28 PM