



## Francis Batchelder

July 29, 1922 - December 30, 2019

Francis J. Batchelder, age 97, passed away peacefully at Wesley Glen Retirement Community. He was born in Orange, NJ and lived most of his adult life in Pearl River, NY. He came to Ohio in 1980, where he lived temporarily in Canton and moved to Columbus in 1984, after American Electric Power Company relocated to Columbus. Francis served in the US Navy Seabees during WW II. He graduated from University of Michigan. He also attended Columbia University, College of the City of New York, Fairleigh-Dickinson University and Columbus State Community College. Francis was licensed as Professional Engineer in New York State. He is survived by his daughter, Susan E. Batchelder of Alexandria, VA and son, Thomas H. Batchelder of Cambridge, MA. A Memorial Service is to be arranged at Wesley Glen Retirement Community, 5515 N. High St., Columbus, 43214. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Wesley Glen Charitable Care Fund or to the North Broadway United Methodist Church, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus OH 43214. Condolence may be made to the family at [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Francis Batchelder*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I used to work at Wesley Glen Retirement Community where Frank lived, and the two years I was there he was nothing but incredibly and thoughtful to me. I was deciding on colleges at the time, and he was always printing out articles and recommendations he thought I would enjoy. We stayed in contact after I left WG but not as much as I would have liked. He was able to make it to my graduation, though, for which I am thankful. He really was an amazing man and I'll miss his stories and advice.*



**Ginny Palmer** - January 20, 2020 at 05:08 PM

ME

“ Frank was a real gentleman. He made sure he greeted all the new residents, as he did for my husband and I in 2015 when we came to Wesley Glen. He invited my son to speak at the mens's breakfast and they too became friends. My granddaughter, a student at OSU asked for an interview with him to help decide her major. Frank graciously agreed.

*Frank gave an interesting view of his life when he spoke about "Fiveteen and Homeless"*

*We heard how hw worked his way from an early age. We will miss him at Wesley Glen.*

*Marge Enright*

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**Margaret Enright** - January 11, 2020 at 06:22 PM

ML

“ The staff at Wesley Glen Retirement Community sends our deepest condolences and prayers for the family. It was an honor to know Frank. We will miss him.

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**Mary LeMaster** - January 08, 2020 at 12:28 PM

KI

“ I met Frank at Wesley Glen when I taught the Fitness Classes a few years ago. He was one of my favorites- alway took the time to have conversation with me and made sure we did what we needed to in the classes. He will certainly be missed. My sympathy to the family.

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**Kim** - January 06, 2020 at 05:56 AM

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“ May the memory of Frank and Kitty be for a blessing.

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**Melodee Kornacker (AYH)** - January 04, 2020 at 09:05 AM

HW

“ Frank will be greatly missed by friends and everyone at Wesley Glen. He often spoke his mind during resident meetings and many of us agreed with him. I appreciated him saying what was on his mind and will miss his candor in sharing.

*In Sympathy,  
Helen Watkins  
Wesley Glen Resident*

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**Helen Watkins** - January 03, 2020 at 05:09 PM

JS

“ Frank's last day at AEP was my first day! He retired on June 30, 1986, and we spoke on his last day at AEP. I'd already known him over the past couple years as an NBUMC member. He was such a solid person and dedicated to his wife, Kitty.

*My condolences to his family.*

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**Jill Short** - January 03, 2020 at 12:18 PM