



James Francis "Frank" Laird

June 9, 2011

James Francis "Frank" Laird, died June 9, 2011. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on January 20, 1927. Husband of Mary Margaret (Murphy) Laird, Father of Maureen Aldrin of Orlando, FL, sons Daniel of Sarasota, FL, James and Patrick (Michelle) of Columbus, OH. Preceded in death by mother Helen and father Joseph Laird, sister Catherine Seward and her husband Roy, sister Helen Hahn and brothers, Paul and Joe all of Pittsburgh, PA, son Michael of Columbus and son-in-law Chuck Aldrin of Orlando, FL. Grandfather of Katie, Christie and Ryan Aldrin, and Jessica, Joey, Megan, Mark, Dan, Molly and Sam Laird. Great Grandfather of Jack Wood. Survived by brother-in-law Jim Hahn; sisters-in-law, Peg and Mary Lou Laird; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A graduate of Duquesne University, he retired after 37 years with the Columbia Gas System. Served in various management positions in Pittsburgh, New York City, Wilmington, Delaware and Columbus, OH. Longtime member of the men's choir at Sacred Heart Church in Pittsburgh, minister of music and soloist at St. Patrick's Church in Columbus, OH and member of the choir at St. Peter Church in Worthington, OH. Vet. WWII, serving in the U. S. Air Force in Germany, England and France. Member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled Veterans of America. Past President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development, past officer in the Pittsburgh Personnel Association and past officer in a number of professional organizations in the human resources field. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Sunday,

June 12, 2011 at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St.,
Worthington, OH 43085. Additional calling and services at McCabe Brothers
Funeral Home in Pittsburgh, PA. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution
to The American Foundation for the Blind, Attn: Audrey Taylor, 2 Penn Plaza,
Suite 1102, New York, NY 10121.

Tribute Wall



“ James Francis "Frank" Laird

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Mary and family, We read about your sending Frank to a better place, and could only remember the time spent with him as most rewarding. Frank had the greatest gift of music, only surpassed by his patience while singing with me at St.Peters. I remember listening to one of his great recordings in your family room, from St Patricks..a true gift.

Robert and Jennifer Borchers - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry for your lose. You are all in my prayers.

Lori (Ball) Beck - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary Margaret and Family - You, and all of us who loved him, have lost a towering but loving presence in our lives. He was my boss, my mentor, and my friend. Frank taught us all many skills of management and human relations, but most of all the skill of living loving and productive lives. He helped hundreds of Columbia employees in both their professional and private lives. The love he constantly demonstrated for his family and employees was an inspiration to us all. The legacy he left us will live for many years and generations. We are grateful to you, his biological family, for sharing him with us. We loved him and will miss him greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Pat Wiggins - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ Dear Mary Margaret & Family, Please accept my sympathy and prayer in Frank's passing and a special remembrance at Mass for him. I regret I am unable to share this with you in person but left on a flight out of state yesterday, Sunday, until next week.....May your faith in our Lord's victory over death be your hope for Frank, and knowing then that your bond of love with him will never be broken.
fr. oshea

fr. jeremiah oshea - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Your family is in our prayers.

Candice - June 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Maureen: Please accept my expression of deepest sympathy for the loss of your Father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Thinking of you, Doug Bond

Doug Bond - June 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Among hundreds or more souls enriched by Frank during our careers, it was even more remarkable to me to find my daughter play his tape given her because of her "studies"! He determined her music devotion during an "HR"Professionals gathering and only afterward, our relationship. One of countless examples of how Frank connected to folk's deepest interests.

David Shaw - June 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We take our loved one by the hand and lead him to you. God of love, here is Frank Laird. Accept our love and thanksgiving as we entrust him into your loving care. Hold a place beside him for each of us who love him, so that we may be reunited with him in eternal love. Amen

Marge Hahn Shapiro - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ May the road rise up to meet you May the wind always be at your back May the sun be warm upon your face The rain fall softly on your fields And until we meet again May the Lord hold you In the hollow of his hand Aunt Murph, Maureen, Danny, Jimmy, and Patrick ~ Thank you so much for letting us share your Dad with you, he was truly a great man that I had the honor to call him my Uncle!

Mary Ann Collins - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ A great Friend has lost a great Dad ..Frank, you may be gone but you will never be forgotten..The fun stories will continue on through the days, weeks and years ahead ,as will be told by your beautiful family ,friends and all who were blessed to know you.. God's blessings be with all of the wonderful Laird family!!

Peg and Carm Bonaci - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Frank was a friend, a leader and a mentor in my life. He was even more he was Family. Frank gave me a tape of his beautiful voice and I played it for my family the first Christmas after my Dad's stroke. I heard my dad sing along with Frank and HE GAVE MY FAMILY BACK CHRISTMAS. I tried to convince Frank to send a tape of his singing to the POPE. He was much to modest to do this. I pray he is singing in person for him now in Heavens Choir. May God uplift and surround Franks family now. For all that know Jesus as our Savior death is not an end Just a New Beginning. My prayers are with you all, with love Linda

Linda Welsch - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ My deepest condolences on the loss of a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. While I never met Pappy, I feel I know him and have grown to love him through his loving and devoted daughter and grandchildren. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him... Hear my prayer; to you shall all flesh come. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Lord, hear my prayer for your devoted servant Frank.

Ann Cammarata - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Dear Mary Margaret, Maureen, Daniel, James and Patrick, Frank was my boss, and more importantly, my dear friend. His leadership and management skills which he so willingly shared with those in his classes over the years made a significant impact on attendees ability to contribute to the success of their crew, area, district and the company. All of us who were privileged to sit in his classes consider ourselves as having graduated from the very best management courses being taught in any industry. We are all much better people for having known and loved Frank. May our Lord provide comfort to you as you celebrate Frank`s productive life and his homegoing. Love and God bless,

Bill & Joan Kline - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ As a Columbia Gas employee, I am one of the many employees who gained not only employee relations skills from Frank, but more importantly, life skills. Frank will live on in the many lives, both directly and indirectly, he impacted in such a positive manner. In my mind, teaching is one the most important job responsibility, and Frank was the best teacher that I ever known. The three years that I was a member of Frank's staff were some of best years of my professional career. May God bless the Laird family during this most difficult period. One final comment: When we had pizza parties at the office, Frank often said that he had never eaten pizza. He seemed proud of that :-).

Wendell Hancock - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM