

Rev. William R. Frank Obituary

Rev. William R. Frank (Bill) age 94 died on March 28, 2022.

Born in Milwaukee, WI on January 9, 1928, Bill graduated from Shorewood HS and attended Grinnell College in Grinnell, IA where he met Louisella Kurth and married in 1952.

Knowing from a young age he wanted to be a minister, Bill went to Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT and was ordained in the United Church of Christ (UCC) in 1953. He was a pastor for 34 years, first in Windom, OH and then Cleveland, OH. In 1961 he returned to the Milwaukee area and served Brookfield Congregational UCC and Trinity UCC, both in Brookfield, WI.

After retirement he worked as an interim minister and a street outreach worker. Bill was a civil rights activist, active in the nonprofit Cream City Foundation and an aficionado of Asian arts. He enjoyed playing the recorder, studying Milwaukee and family history, traveling the world and was a devotee of orchestra and theater. Since a young boy he relished summers in northern WI, liked anything chocolate and being a food critic. Most recently Bill enjoyed the Folkstone Senior Living Community in Wayzata, MN. He delighted in family get-togethers.

Bill is survived by his wife Lou, his 3 children Anne (Tom) Jones, Chanhassen, MN; Peg (Kevin) Keenan, Wayzata, MN; Bob (Debby) Frank, Rochester, MN; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. The family is appreciative of the care Bill received at both Methodist Hospital and NC Little Hospice.

A memorial service will be held at Plymouth Church United Church of Christ, 2717 E. Hampshire St, Milwaukee, WI on Saturday April 23 at 1pm. The service may be live streamed or recorded. Check the following on the day of the service.

<https://www.facebook.com/plymouthchurchmke/>. Or
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PlymouthChurchMKE>.

Services will also be held at St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 3121 Groveland School Road, Minnetonka, MN (stluke.mn) on Saturday, June 4 at 2pm. This service will be live streamed on the church's website. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Luke Presbyterian Church or Plymouth Church UCC or a nonprofit of your choice.