



Franklin Almond Fountain

December 31, 1938 - January 21, 2021

Franklin “Frankie” Almond Fountain of Milford, DE was born on Saturday, December 31, 1938, and went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 4:44 pm. Frankie was the only son of the late John and Pauline Fountain. He was raised by his late aunt, Priscilla Fountain and late uncle, Franklin P. Fountain as a result of his parents passing away while he was at a young age.

Frankie graduated from William Henry High School, Dover, DE in 1958. Immediately upon graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corp, where he served from 1958 to 1962. While in the Marine Corp, he served in the infantry division and as a Military Policeman. He traveled to Naples, Italy; Cannes, France; Trinidad; Turkey; Barcelona, Spain and Puerto Rico.

Upon completion of his service in the Marine Corp, Frankie desired to continue a life of service to his fellow citizens, so he joined the Bridgeville Police Department as a Patrolman where he served from 1964-1968. Frankie also worked in the capacity of Patrolman for the Milford Police Department during the years of 1972-1986.

Frankie joined the Carlisle Fire Company in 1974, where he served in the capacities of Firefighter, Engineer, Ambulance Driver and Fire Policeman. He served on the Board of Directors and various committees such as the Truck,

Bingo and Membership Committees. Frankie spoke to all individuals that would listen about the fire department and spent countless hours recruiting many men and women into the organization. He became a life member of the Carlisle Fire Company in 1994 and was recently honored with a plaque for 45 years of dedicated service to the department in 2020. Later in his fire service career, he was known around the station for his time spent manning the radio room during emergencies. He prided himself on being the oldest, active member, in which each year he was one of the top responders to attend when the fire whistle blew. He loved the fire department and served endlessly until his passing.

Frankie worked for the Milford School District in the Maintenance Department from 1963-1980. He also worked for Con Agra Poultry in the Electrical Maintenance Department from 1981-1988. Frankie's final employment was with the State of Delaware where he worked as a State Constable for JP Court #6 from 1988-2006, before his retiring in January 2007.

Continuing his zeal to serve, Frankie successfully ran for the office of Milford City Councilman of the Fourth Ward. He served the City of Milford for two consecutive terms from 1995-1999. During his time of service, using his relationships with state and local political figures, Frankie was instrumental in the upgrade of the water and sewer systems, the paving of streets and the laying of sidewalks within the Fourth Ward. He was also known for his determination to ensure that the City of Milford obtained a safe swimming area for children, later obtained through his efforts with the Milford Boys and Girls Club project.

Frankie was a dedicated member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Milford, DE under the Pastorate of Rev. Claudia Waters. He was a trustee and choir member for many years. At church, Frankie took great pride in operating the sound system for church services and special events and training others

that wished to participate. He was co-organizer of the Milford Community Choir that assisted in providing many families with Christmas presents and hope during the Christmas season.

Frankie leaves to cherish his precious memories, children, Pamela James (Jason, Sr) of Milford, DE, Brennon Fountain (Jenell) of Milford, DE, Cynthia Turner of Newark, DE, Kevin Fountain of Dover, DE, Derek Fountain of Dover, DE, Joann Wilson (Henry III) of Harrington, DE; grandchildren, Jason James, Jr. of Wilmington, DE, Joshua James (Kelsey) of Frederica, DE, Toshi Reynolds of Milford, DE, Adrionna Fountain of Milford, DE, Kellan Turner of Newark, DE, Destiny Fountain of Dover, DE and Henry Wilson IV (Chechnya) of Harrington, DE; two great grandchildren; a devoted companion, Juliette Jones-Williams of Dover, DE; the mother of two of his children and good friend, Gwendolyn Fountain of Milford, DE; two special extended sons, Kevin Pettyjohn of Harrington, DE and Vada Sample of Lincoln, DE; two special friends, Charles Johnson of Lincoln, DE and Donald Hines of Ellendale, DE and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who mourn his death.

Tribute Wall

RN

“ I met Mr. Franklin through my work as President of the Ellendale Civic Association and the collective work to bring clean water to Ellendale. His efforts were tireless and he certainly made a difference. My deepest condolences to the Fountain family, as you mourn the loss of a gentleman. Rev. A. Iona Smith Nze, Senior Pastor Bethel AME Church, Brodgeport, CT (Former Pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church, Ellendale)

Rev. A. Iona Smith Nze - February 04, 2021 at 05:08 PM

EM

“ Our blessings and thoughts are with the family at this time. Frankie was always a ray of sunshine whenever you would run into him he will be missed. Till we meet again in heaven. Love,Eve and Rochelle Moretti

eve moretti - January 30, 2021 at 10:25 PM

RS

“ "The way in which a man accepts his fate and all the suffering it entails, the way in which he takes up his cross, gives him ample opportunity - even under the most difficult circumstances - to add a deeper meaning to his life." (Viktor E. Frankl). This was certainly the case with my friend, Frankie. I will miss you for the moment, my brother. Certainly my time will come to join you in those eternal footsteps to the Divine garden of our savior. Thank you for a lasting friendship. Grandmaster R. Anthony Kemmerlin, Sr.

R Anthony Kemmerlin Sr. - January 29, 2021 at 12:08 PM

WA

“ To the Family, Please accept our deepest condolences. Another alumni of our high school has passed. The Alumni Association of William Henry High School bow to the will of Almighty God. Frankie, as most people knew him, was a very activity student during his time at Henry. We are wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Prayers and thoughts are with you.

William Henry High School Alumni Association - January 28, 2021 at 05:50 PM

HS

“ Sending our warmest condolences to Brennon & his family during this time - from your friends at the Division of Accounting.

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - January 28, 2021 at 04:01 PM

DW

“ Frankie, I really enjoyed working with you and being my friend during my time with the Courts. It was a true privilege to know you. Dennis A Williams

Dennis A Williams - January 28, 2021 at 08:54 AM

HS

“ From your friends and co-workers at 6B and Bayhealth Sussex Campus

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - January 25, 2021 at 02:10 PM