



## Francis Joseph Fendler Jr.

April 13, 1933 - April 18, 2024

Frank Fendler left this world and made it to the end zone on April 18th, 2024, at the age of 91. He was born on April 13th, 1933, in Philadelphia as a second child to Frank and Mary Fendler. He attended Northeast Catholic High School for Boys, class of 1952. Following high school, he graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1957 and served 4 years on various naval ships including the aircraft carrier USS Independence. In 1961 he was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant and began working at US Steel in Fairless Hills, PA. After five years at US Steel, he worked for over 25 years as an engineer for Research Cotrell designing and constructing air purifying systems for power plants throughout the country. Frank has been enjoying retirement with his wife and family since 1995.

In the spring of 1959 Frank met his best friend and love of his life, Trudy Fendler, at a dance in Manhattan, NY. Within two weeks they became engaged, however, their courtship was cut short by a 6-month overseas, (Cuban crisis), Naval deployment. On August 8th, 1959, after Frank returned from duty, they were married at Floyd Bennett Airfield in Brooklyn, NY.

His biggest reward was the 64 years of marriage and the life he created with Trudy. He is survived by Trudy, their four children: Mike, Frankie, Kurt, Tom, 7 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. He is predeceased, and is currently visiting, his parents, his sister Geraldine, and his grandson Tommy

Fendler.

Frank enjoyed playing football with his high school team and the Naval Academy sprint team. He was particularly proud to be a player on the 1955 Navy Sprint Team that won the league championship that year. For over 30 years the couple and their growing family resided in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Following retirement, they moved to Easton, Maryland, a short distance from the Naval Academy, where they would enjoy Navy football games and other activities associated with the Eastern Shore. He passed his love of skiing, fishing, and other outdoor adventures to his four children during their annual vacations and family trips. His appetite for adventure and living life to the fullest was often experienced by the young boys during fishing trips far off the NJ coast with his beloved 17-foot Boston Whaler. Frank served as an active member and Eucharistic Minister at the Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Easton, MD. He also proudly served the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for over 20 years. For many years Frank enjoyed weekly games of pool at the neighborhood clubhouse.

Frank was out riding his bike and enjoying life with Trudy the day before he passed. Frank loved God, his wife, his family, and will be sorely missed by many. In lieu of flowers please donate in his name to Saint Judes for Children, The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, or the Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church. A visitation will be held at Saints Peter and Paul at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Funeral services will follow at 11 AM. All are welcome to celebrate Frank's life at a gathering to be held at the church hall following the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 24. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
1210 South Washington Street  
Easton, MD

## Funeral Mass

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Easton, MD

## Burial with Military Honors

APR 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery and Columbarium  
1214 S. Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601  
<https://ssppcemetery.com/>