



Francis Hawkins Plummer

December 29, 1932 - June 23, 2022

Francis H. Plummer, 89, of Chestertown (Fairlee), passed away peacefully at his home on June 23, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Francis was born on December 29, 1932, and was the only child of the late Frank A. Plummer, Jr. and Margarite Cosden Plummer. Being raised on a farm during the Depression, he learned the value of hard work at an early age.

Francis graduated from Chestertown High School in 1949. He farmed with his father in both Queen Anne's and Kent Counties until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1955. He served his country with pride, and, while in basic training, at Fort Knox, KY, he was cited as a sharpshooter for attaining a perfect score on the rifle range. Francis served a tour of duty in Germany and was honorably discharged in 1957. He always had a great respect and love for our American flag.

When he returned to Chestertown following his service, Francis and his dad continued to farm together, sharing a great work ethic. One of their many regular routines on the farm was to never leave a piece of farm equipment in the field overnight. Every piece of equipment was brought to the barn at the end of the day. When his father's health failed and they had to leave the farm, it was a sad day for the both of them.

Francis began a new career with the U.S. Postal Service in Chestertown. He began his new position as a letter carrier in downtown Chestertown in 1966, and he walked his route for twenty-two years. Francis was highly respected on his mail route and made many lasting friendships. He transferred inside the post office in 1985 and became a window clerk until his retirement in 1996. From 1997 until 2015, Francis drove a mail contract route from the Chestertown Post Office to the Rock Hall Post Office delivering incoming and outgoing mail.

On April 26, 1958, Francis married Pearl Mae Smith, a farm girl from Queen Anne's County. She was the love of his life for 64 years. Rev. William Dore officiated their wedding ceremony at the home of her parents on a gorgeous spring afternoon.

Francis enjoyed music, especially barbershop four-part harmony, and southern gospel music. He sang tenor in two quartets in his younger years and was a member of the Rock Hall Men's Chorus while they were in existence.

Francis was devoted to his family. He enjoyed taking his grandchildren fishing, attending their sports events, tending to his flower beds in his yard, mowing grass with his John Deere tractor, and sitting in his backyard swing, birdwatching and enjoying a glass of lemonade with Pearl.

Francis never had an enemy. He always saw the best in every person, and he lived his life by the Golden Rule. For thirty years, he was a devoted member of the Chestertown Baptist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir, volunteered mowing the athletic field for the students at the Chestertown Christian Academy, and drove a Sunday School bus, picking up children and bringing them to Sunday School each week. More recently, he was an active member of Faith Bible Church.

Francis is survived by his wife, Pearl; two beloved children, Terri Frances Plummer Dowling and her husband, Mike and Frank A. Plummer, II, and his wife, Robin; eight grandchildren --Margaret, Michael, Megan, Michaela Dowling, Frank Alan Plummer (Amy), Lauren Plummer Weight (Bryan), Leah Plummer Whalen (Jesse), John Wesley Plummer; six great-grandchildren -- Bryson, Brylee, Michael, William, London, Brantley; and two special cousins who live locally, Rebecca Plummer McHenry and Theresa Plummer Redman.

A visitation will be held on Friday, July 1 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. Services will be held on Saturday, July 2 at noon at Chestertown Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Interment to follow the service at Chester Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Faith Bible Church at 407 Dudley Corners Rd, Sudlersville, MD 21668 or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Chester Cemetery

Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Baptist Church
401 Morgnec Road
Chestertown, MD

Service

JUL 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Baptist Church
401 Morgnec Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



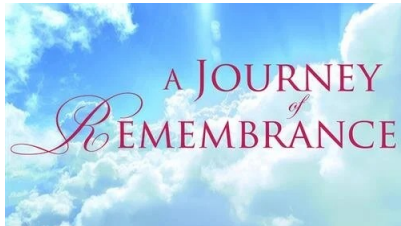
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 30, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 29, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Francis Hawkins Plummer* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Francis Hawkins Plummer* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Francis Hawkins Plummer

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ So Sorry to hear of Mr. Plummers passing. I loved him and Mrs. Plummer when I was a little girl growing up in church. I remember when he drove the church bus, helped in Jr church, and sang for us too. A very good man that will be missed but we know that he is with his Heavenly Father and Jesus!

Sarah Pearce - August 31, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ Valerie Reihl lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer



Valerie Reihl - July 01, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer



Frankie & Jane Dill - July 01, 2022 at 09:33 AM

GK

“ *Glenda Kelly lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Glenda Kelly - June 30, 2022 at 08:29 PM

MB

“ *Ms. Pearl, Terri and Frank A. So sorry for your loss! I will always remember Mr. Francis smile and gentle ways. I do know he brightened up my Uncle Frank's day. Keep the memories alive!*
Mary Beth

Mary Beth - June 30, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ *154 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 29, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Francis Hawkins Plummer.*



June 29, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Francis Hawkins Plummer.*



June 29, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Shelley Williams lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



shelley williams - June 29, 2022 at 08:52 AM



We will surely miss his kind & gentle soul here at the center. Love & Prayers to his entire family

shelley williams - June 29, 2022 at 09:02 AM

LF

“ I used to see Mr. Plummer at Chestertown Post Office in the early morning hours and thought that he was a great man. He was the kind of person who would bring you a breakfast sandwich and always had good things to say about everybody. A good man he was

Larry Faulkner - June 28, 2022 at 07:20 PM

GC

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer



Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - June 28, 2022 at 07:04 PM

GP

To the family: Prayers and blessings are with you at this time. Mr. Plummer surely had an awesome voice and we know he is singing in heaven. Was a great gentleman and loved by many. God Bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville, Md.

Gene Palmatary - June 28, 2022 at 07:07 PM

DE

“ Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer



Donna Hubbard Edwards - June 28, 2022 at 04:25 PM

MB

“ *My prayers are with you all. Mr. Plummer always had a smile on his face. He really was a special guy.*



Melinda Blyman - June 28, 2022 at 12:59 PM

GL

“ *Guss L. purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Francis Hawkins Plummer.*

Guss L. - June 28, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Marian Wyble lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Marian Wyble - June 28, 2022 at 09:47 AM

TF

“ *We are heartbroken to hear of Mr. Plummer’s passing and send our condolences and love to the entire family. God Bless and rest assured he is singing praises each day with each of us.*

The McGinnis family - June 27, 2022 at 10:50 PM

TM

Todd, Tabatha, Adriana, Rylee

The McGinnis' - June 27, 2022 at 10:51 PM

PK

“ My deepest sympathies to Ms. Pearl, Terri & Frank A and the family. Mr Plummer was one of the most genuine men I have ever known. His smile and kindness will be remembered by myself and so many others.



Phyllis Schauber Keefe - June 27, 2022 at 09:09 PM



“ Our prayers to the family. He could put a smile on my face on any given day!

Matt Larrimore - June 27, 2022 at 08:28 PM

FR

“ Frances Rodney lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer



Frances Rodney - June 27, 2022 at 05:41 PM

DL

“ My thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Pearl and family. The end of May Mr Francis was sitting out front waiting for Ms pearl after church service. He was so proud telling me about his time in the service and how he met his beloved Mrs. Pearl. He told me he was doing good and that he just wanted to live until his 90th birthday in June. I only found out later after buying him a 90 th birthday card to mail him his birthday was really in December. He was always a ray of sunshine and a true Christian man. I will miss you my sweet friend. Love, Donna LiCalzi



Donna LiCalzi - June 27, 2022 at 05:02 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Middleton Hahn lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Brenda Middleton Hahn - June 27, 2022 at 04:01 PM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Marie Usilton - June 27, 2022 at 01:54 PM

GS

“ *George Short lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



George Short - June 27, 2022 at 10:21 AM

KH

“ *Ken And Edie Hearn lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Ken and Edie Hearn - June 26, 2022 at 04:12 PM

KH

Mr. Francis was a very special man to us and he will be sorely missed. Love and prayers to Miss Pearl and the entire family.

Ken and Edie Hearn - June 26, 2022 at 04:13 PM

CT

Francis and Pearl were good friends and we spent many good times together. Francis and Pearl had a special love for each other. Praying for Pearl and their sweet family. With much love. Carole and Virgil

carole and Virgil Turner - June 27, 2022 at 04:04 PM

NT

“ *Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Nancy Toy - June 26, 2022 at 01:49 PM

JL

“ *John Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



John Larrimore - June 26, 2022 at 08:23 AM

IT

“ *Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



inez thompson - June 25, 2022 at 08:09 PM

WK

“ *W. Kevin & Ella L Kerr lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



W. Kevin & Ella L Kerr - June 25, 2022 at 04:40 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McCreary lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Barbara McCreary - June 25, 2022 at 02:40 PM

MF

“ *Marty Freeman lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Marty Freeman - June 25, 2022 at 12:23 PM

MF

I can hear him singing with a Choir of Angels in Heaven Miss

Pearl I am so sorry for your loss He was a true friend

Sending Love and Prayers to you and your family

Marty

Marty Freeman - June 25, 2022 at 12:29 PM

BB

“ *Rest In Peace Francis you were the sweetest man with a huge heart and you will be missed.*



Barney and Kaye Barnes - June 25, 2022 at 11:11 AM

MA

“ *God Bless Francis. Rest In Peace. Sending our condolences to all his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Mumford's.*



mark - June 25, 2022 at 10:35 AM

CM

“ *We are very sorry for your loss.*



Cindy Mills - June 25, 2022 at 10:19 AM

GW

“ *Gloria And Gene Wiest lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Gloria and Gene Wiest - June 25, 2022 at 09:39 AM

GW

Our thoughts & prayers to out to you, M's Pearl & all the family. He was a true gentleman & friend. He will surely be missed.
Gene & Gloria

Gloria & Gloria Wiest - June 25, 2022 at 09:42 AM

JG

“ *Jeanne & Rick Geibel lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Jeanne & Rick Geibel - June 25, 2022 at 07:53 AM

RK

“ *Ruth Kerr lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Ruth Kerr - June 25, 2022 at 07:26 AM

DF

“ *Pearl and family.....you have my heartfelt sympathies*



Debbie Fuchs - June 24, 2022 at 10:03 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all y’all!! He was always smiling.



Jack and Anne Bigelow - June 24, 2022 at 09:05 PM

JG

“ Jeff And Vicky Galt lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer



Jeff and Vicky Galt - June 24, 2022 at 08:55 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer



Jeanette Stubbs - June 24, 2022 at 04:55 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer



Donna Hollett - June 24, 2022 at 04:52 PM

DH

He was a kind and gentle soul. He will truly be missed.

Donna Hollett - June 24, 2022 at 04:53 PM

DP

Wow-what a great Man

Daniel Pletzer - June 24, 2022 at 10:10 PM

GC

“*Mrs Pearl and family, we are so sorry to hear of Mr frances passing.He was always in a good mood,and happy .he will be missed prayers to the family*



George and peggy comeegys - June 24, 2022 at 04:23 PM

RM

“*Robin Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Robin Mckinney - June 24, 2022 at 03:11 PM

DO

“*Doris Olsen lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Doris Olsen - June 24, 2022 at 03:06 PM

DO

Thoughts and prayer to the family. He was a wonderful man. I know he will be missed.

Doris Olsen - June 24, 2022 at 03:09 PM

ST

“ *Sharon J Truitt lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Sharon J Truitt - June 24, 2022 at 02:31 PM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Francis Hawkins Plummer*



Joan Hatcherson - June 24, 2022 at 02:16 PM

BP

“ *Sincere condolences to the Plummer family.*



Bruce & Lisa Plummer - June 24, 2022 at 01:50 PM