



## Joseph E. "Joe" Franz

January 13, 2023

Joseph E. "Joe" Franz, peacefully passed on January 13, 2023. Joe was born July 21, 1942, in Dover, Ohio, to Eugene and Ethel Franz. The oldest of five siblings, Joe was the first in his family line to graduate from college in 1965 from the College of Steubenville (OH). Joe graduated with honors and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity. Joe married his college sweetheart, Gayle Clark in December 1965. They were happily married for 57 years.

Joe proudly served in the Army as a first lieutenant and was stationed on the DMZ (Korea) in the mid 1960's. Joe completed his Army service at the Los Angeles recruiting station and was honorably discharged.

He resumed his accounting career at General Telephone of Marion, Ohio and completed his career with GTE/Verizon in Coppell, TX after 40 years.

Joe and Gayle raised three sons, Jay, Tim and Chris in Colleyville, TX. During that time, Joe earned his CPA, passing all four parts of the exam on his first try. Joe enjoyed attending his sons' sporting events, gardening, playing with family dogs, woodworking a/k/a "making sawdust" and golf a/k/a "ball hawking". Joe took great pleasure volunteering for AARP in tax return preparation for seniors and the indigent. Joe and Gayle loved traveling throughout the United States and Europe. Anyone connected to Joe knew of his enthusiastic incorporation of anything "Snoopy" into his everyday life, from the nickname Joe Cool, his Snoopy apparel and his extensive Snoopy Christmas collection.

Joe (Dad/Grogo/Gramps) will be long-remembered and missed for his generosity of spirit, wit, kindness, neighborly love, sharing his homemade Christmas Cookies and homemade Chex mix, and his never-ending line of corny jokes.

Upon retirement, Joe and Gayle moved to Edinburg to be closer to their grandchildren. In addition to Gayle and his sons, Joe's three grandchildren (Ben, Mia and Easton) were the greatest joys of his life.

Joe and Gayle were regular parishioners at Our Lady of Sorrows and thoroughly enjoyed being Adoration participants.

Joe is survived by his wife Gayle, his three sons, Jay, New Braunfels, Tim (Jennifer) Dallas and Chris (Diana) Edinburg. He is also survived by his four siblings: Joyce (Matt) Gorsich, New Cumberland WV, Bob Franz (Pat Van) Escondido CA, Drew Franz (Denise) St. Louis, MO and Mike Franz (Sally) San Diego, CA.

Visitation followed by Rosary will be at Kreidler Funeral Home, 314 N 10th. St, McAllen, TX on January 17, 2023, from 5 PM-8 PM. Mass will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, 900 S 23rd St, McAllen, TX on January 18, 2023, at 11 AM. The interment service will follow at 1 PM at Palm Valley Memorial Gardens, 4607 N Sugar Rd, Pharr, TX.

The family wishes to give special thanks to the innumerable family, neighbors and health care providers for their immense support and well wishes.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Rio Grande Valley Humanitarian Respite Center (111 S. 15th St. McAllen TX 78501) or Palm Valley Animal Center ([pvastx.org](http://pvastx.org))

# Cemetery Details

## Palm Valley Memorial Gardens

4607 N Sugar Rd  
Pharr, TX 78577

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.  
314 N 10th St.  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 686-0234  
kreidler@sbcglobal.net  
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

## Rosary

JAN 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.  
314 N 10th St.  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 686-0234  
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## Funeral Service

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JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph the Worker  
900 S 23rd St  
McAllen, TX 78501

## Burial will follow

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JAN 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Palm Valley Memorial Gardens  
4607 N Sugar Rd  
Pharr, TX 78577

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph E. "Joe" Franz*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *During a trip to Ireland years ago, We were walking down the street in a quiet little town on the way to Dingle Bay. There was no one else on the street, and who walks out of a building heading our way Oh my it was our former neighbors Joe and Gayle! What a surprise for us all . Rest in peace Joe.*

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**Suzanne Victorine** - January 21, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gayle and sons and may Joe rest in peace.*

*Rick and Patty Kobelt*

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**Rick Kobelt** - January 19, 2023 at 02:23 PM

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“ I started school with Joe in the first grade then we graduated from high school together. Joe was always a leader in the class as well as on the athletic field. He was loved by everyone. I truly missed seeing him over the years. I remember so many positive experiences with Joe as they are too many to list. Myself and two classmates visited him while he was a student at Steubenville College. I was impressed as to how well liked and respected he was at the college. Rest In Peace my friend. I know I can speak for the Class of 60 saying that you will always be loved and missed by all.  
Ray Russell, Virginia Beach



Ray Russell - January 19, 2023 at 08:31 AM

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“ Wishing you all peace, comfort and courage.  
May your Dad Rest in Peace.



monica tijerina - January 18, 2023 at 09:37 AM

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“ Monica Tijerina sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Joseph E. "Joe" Franz



monica tijerina - January 18, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ Well Joe was 15 yrs older than me so I remember a tall, skinny boy. Kind of quiet too. His Aunt Marge was proud of him going into the military. I would hear some stories about he and then he and Gayle and the family. It is difficult to lose someone so admired. Bless you all. Pam (Kobelt) Suter.

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**Pam Suter** - January 16, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ Indeed a great man! I have best friends with his oldest son Jay for 38 years from our High School days. Mr. and Mrs. Franz (Dad and Mom II) as I know them were/are always so good to me. I spent a lot of time in their home in Colleyville, TX where a lot of great and fun memories were made! I can attest to the Christmas cookies and Chex mix goodies at Christmas, there was always a nice Care Package for ole Wes! To Mom II, Jaybird, Tim and Chris, I love you guys, so many great memories with the Franz family! My heart grieves with you and my heart also rejoices over the life Mr. Franz (Dad II) lived and what he will always be to each of you. My prayers and heartfelt condolences to my second family!

*May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

*May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD cause His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance toward you and give you peace.’ Numbers 6: 24-26*

*Wes and Sherry Montgomery (Son IV)*

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**Wes Montgomery** - January 15, 2023 at 02:25 PM

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*Thank you Wes/Son IV and Sherry! We love you too! Thanks for the beautiful friendship we've been able to share.*

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**Jay Franz** - January 16, 2023 at 12:50 PM

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“*Indeed a great man and will be missed greatly! I have been best friends with his oldest son Jay for 38 years from our high school days. Mr. and Mrs. Franz are/were Dad and Mom II to me and later my family. I was always welcome in the Franz home where many fun memories were made. I can definitely attest to the Christmas cookies and Chex Mix at Christmas, there was always a Care Package for ole Wes. So many good memories, so many times of laughter. To Mom II, Jaybird, Tim and Chris, I love you guys very much. My heart grieves with you but it also rejoices with you in the life that Mr. Franz (Dad II) lived and what he will always be to each of you.*

*May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”’ Numbers 6: 24-26*

*Wes & Sherry Montgomery (Son IV)*

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**Wes Montgomery** - January 15, 2023 at 12:37 PM