



## Franklin Wells Francis

April 12, 1921 - November 12, 2009

Sodus - Frank Francis, 88, of Sodus, formerly of Benton Harbor, passed away Thursday, November 12, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M., Monday, November 16, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 555 Delaware, in Benton Harbor, with Fr. Bill Jacobs officiating. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery with military rites. Visitation will be held from 3:00 to 6:00, Sunday afternoon, November 15, at the Florin -Fairplain Funeral Home, 1053 E. Napier, in Benton Harbor with the Rosary recited at 5:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Frank was born April 12, 1921, in West Frankfort, IL to Robert and Winifred Francis. He proudly served his country during WWII in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater – Guadalcanal. On October 18, 1943, he married Stephanie Laber in Las Vegas. Together they had two children, Mary Jo and Franklin "Skip." He was a union painter represented by the Painter's Union Local 1396. Frank was a long-time member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church. He also was a member of the VFW Post 1137 in Benton Harbor and the Guadalcanal Campaign Veteran's Club. He enjoyed outdoor activities including hunting and fishing. He was also an avid wine maker. Frank had a talent for woodworking and often made canes, furniture, and other items. He enjoyed all sports and was a Die-hard Chicago Cubs fan. Frank even enjoyed bull riding. He also

liked to play card games including Cribbage and Pinochle. Most of all, Frank will be remembered as a devoted husband and father who dearly loved his family.

Frank is survived by his wife Stephanie of 66 years; his brother Charles Francis of Byron, OH; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Frank is preceded in death by his children, Mary Jo Lux and Franklin "Skip" Francis and by several brothers and a sister.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

1646-1666 E Napier Ave  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 15. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Service

NOV 16. 10:30 AM (ET)

SS John & Bernard Parish, St. Bernard Catholic Church  
555 Delaware  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022