



Fred Richmond Parry

September 16, 1932 - January 30, 2021

Fred Richmond Parry, 88, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, passed away on January 30, 2021 after a long life of hard work and dedication to his family, country, and community. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 16, 1932 to the late Ronald and Lemabel Parry. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Lilli "Lil" B. Parker.

He loved spending time with his family, especially at Christmas and in the summer at lakes in Montrose, Pennsylvania and Lake Gaston, Virginia. He is survived by his daughters, Lyn Gibson of La Plata, Maryland and Mary Beth Arnold of Franklinton, North Carolina; his grandchildren, Meredith Arnold of Clayton, North Carolina and Laura Boyle, of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and three great grandchildren, Jackson, Bryce, and Lily Boyle.

After graduating high school in Canandaigua, New York, he began his studies in religion and ministry at Trinity College before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1952. He retired with the rank of Captain, USMC in 1974 after 22 years of faithful service including two tours of service in Vietnam. He continued his association with his USMC brothers in the '2nd Radio Battalion Association' to the end.

He returned to his beloved Pennsylvania in 1974 and worked in various management positions with KD Tools, Bowen McLaughlin, Campbell Chain,

Brownstown Computer, and Hamilton Technology. In 2005, he retired as director of purchasing for the Lower Merion School District. He then operated Parry's Project Management until finally retiring in 2013.

Long active in serving his community, he was elected a Lions Club District Governor, an elected member of the Phoenixville Area School District Board, a member of the Phoenixville Library Board of Trustees, and an elected member of the Schuylkill Township Board of Supervisors. He was very proud of his Phoenixville Area School District Wall of Fame Award in 2013 and Outstanding Citizen of Schuylkill Township award in 2018.

A memorial service will be held in Phoenixville, PA at a later date. He will be interred with his late wife, Lil, in the columbarium at the Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Raymond Funeral Home of La Plata, Maryland is handling the arrangements.

THE PARRY FAMILY HAS ASKED THE PUBLIC TO NOT SEND FLOWERS.
THANK YOU.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ Fred Richmond Parry

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Fred Richmond Parry

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Fred's death. I greatly admired his abilities and his tremendous dedication to the Phoenixville community. He will be greatly missed. How fortunate we have all been to know him and watch him in action!*

Peter C. Brown - February 17, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



ANN ROSE - February 16, 2021 at 02:46 PM

BG

“ I had the pleasure of running a bunch of marathons with Fred. Not sure how many, but you get to know someone when you slog through hours of rain, snow, 90 degree heat and all that comes in between. Fred was blessed with the gift of perseverance. The type of guy that when told something couldn't be done, he kindly ask you to step out of his way, so he could do it. And things got done. At work, the school district, the town, the track, the neighborhood. Usually with that wry smile and a bad joke. We'll miss him and that dedication that bore through in everything he encountered. Here's to a life well lived my friend. I look forward to pounding out some miles with you, on the other side.

Brian

Brian Gray - February 06, 2021 at 06:18 PM

LG

Thank you for those kind words. He really admired you and thought the world of your children. He considered you a great friend. Thank you for always staying in touch!

lyn gibson - February 07, 2021 at 08:04 PM

LB

“ Mary Beth, Lyn and Family, Extending our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dad, It is an honor to have known him and spent time with him; His love for his family, serving our country and community and enjoying all he did in life was apparent in all he did and spoke of; may you all find comfort in knowing that your Dad is now at peace. A Life well lived is a tribute to all! Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayer at this sad time, Love Linda and Joe Baehr

Linda Baehr - February 06, 2021 at 11:09 AM

LG

Thank you for those kind words. He really admired you and you were such a great friend to him. And he really loved your children

lyn gibson - February 07, 2021 at 07:40 PM

LG

Sorry Linda about this message. I am having a difficult time navigating this. This comment was for someone else. I was going to answer you next. Thank you so much. He really enjoyed getting to know and always asked about you. We always enjoy your visits at the lake.

lyn gibson - February 07, 2021 at 07:58 PM

PT

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. Fred truly was a man of integrity, kindness and full of a positive spirit. I was able to know Fred through the Schuylkill Township Police Department. He always made it a point to visit us and never left without talking about his love of family. Always a great story to tell and made sure he asked how you were doing remembering a little something about you. He was iconic in many ways. Loved life and gave it his all. I will remember him with a smile and a prayer.*
Patricia Tuscai

PATRICIA J TUSCAI - February 05, 2021 at 01:18 PM

LG

Thank you for your kind words.

lyn gibson - February 07, 2021 at 08:07 PM

SC

“ Mary Beth, my deepest sympathy on the loss of your Dad, I know he was an important part of your life. I know from talking with him and you that his family and community were most important to him. He always showed a keen interest in meeting your friends and hearing about our lives. Fred fought the good fight and you were there for him every step of the way. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time. Hugs, Sally Croteau

Sally Croteau - February 05, 2021 at 10:38 AM

LG

He really enjoyed getting to know you girls at the lake. What a special you all have.

lyn gibson - February 07, 2021 at 08:08 PM

ND

“ I am so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. While he lived in Phoenixville, I was lucky enough to get to know him personally, work with him when he was on the PASD school board and attend numerous fundraising events with him. He was one of the most dedicated public servants I have ever encountered or had the pleasure to work with. His dedication to his country through his service in the military was incredibly admirable and he spoke so very highly of anyone who wore the uniform. Above all, we often discussed his family and how much they all meant to him. I am sure he is side by side with his beloved wife now who he talked about in nearly every conversation we ever had. Thoughts and prayers to your family as you remember this great man. Sincerely, Nicole Delson

Nicole Delson - February 04, 2021 at 02:08 PM

LG

Thank you for your kind words. He really did enjoy serving his community!

lyn gibson - February 07, 2021 at 08:15 PM

MB

February 16

Out of his office in the Administration Building and circulating "around town" during lunchtime at LM, Fred always had a moment for everyone - a kind word, a fun smile, a bright-eyed nod of encouragement. It was enjoyable to hear his comments and wisdom - expressed in succinct and witty words - on any and all topics. Fred was a guiding light, especially as we all at LM made our way together through the horrors and tragedy of the 9/11 attacks. The fact that he had served our country so honorably and for so many years added a credibility and a dignity to the way in which he helped us rebound from pain and worry. I, for one, perked up whenever I saw Fred coming.

REQUIESCAS IN AETERNA PACE, Dear Fred. Mary Brown

MARY BROWN - February 16, 2021 at 06:36 PM

RB

“ Mary Beth - I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. I know he will be terribly missed by you and all of his family & friends. I'm hoping you are comforted in knowing he went peacefully and that he lived a tremendously productive life. On the occasion that I had to meet and speak with him, he beamed when he spoke about you. There is no doubt just how proud he was. Big hugs to you and all of your family during this very sad time. Love, Rhonda Birch

Rhonda Birch - February 03, 2021 at 11:35 AM

HC

“ It is with a heavy heart that I heard of the passing of Fred Parry. I first met Fred when he was a member of the Phoenixville Area School District's board. He was always willing to extend a helpful hand or a good piece of advice. He was always a personal supporter of mine and a true friend. It was our honor to include Fred in the Wall of Fame at our high school in 2013. Rest in peace my friend. God Bless.

*Hank Coyne
Wall of Fame Chairman*

Hank Coyne - February 03, 2021 at 11:06 AM

SM

“ I send my heartfelt sympathies to Fred's daughters. It was my honor to work with Fred in Schuylkill Township. Then, as chair of the Historical Commission, we honored him as our citizen of the year and I got to know more about his background and all the wonderful things he did for others and for the community. He was, indeed, a great and humble man. Sandra Momyer

Sandra Momyer - February 02, 2021 at 04:27 PM

SC

“ Mary Beth & family - So sorry for your loss! Lifting you up in prayer during this sad time. Glad you have great memories that you can hold in your heart forever!

Sharon & Jeff Croteau

Sharon Croteau - February 02, 2021 at 03:26 PM

KM

“ *What an amazing legacy your father has left, with his life, and his family. You must be so proud of him.*

May fond memories bring you comfort and peace during this sad time in your life.

Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Much love and sympathy,

Kim and Joey Mathis

Kim Mathis - February 02, 2021 at 03:00 PM

SF

“ *Fred always added an extra ray of sunshine at the lake each summer we were blessed to have spent with him. His sharp wit, and contagious smile will always be remembered by the whole Flanagan Family. He always made it a point to come by the dock to say hello and share a cocktail and a amazing story! We will miss Fred, but keep him in our hearts forever. Much Love and Sympathy, Tom and Sue, Kylie and Averette, Dillon and Brittani*

susan flanagan - February 02, 2021 at 02:50 PM