

Francis Martin Langan

Francis was born October 23, 1927, in Clear Lake, SD, to Frank Martin and Margaret Theresa (Dailey) Langan. He attended school in Gregory, SD.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army enlisting on October 9, 1952. He was stationed at Fort Riley as a mechanic, when he received orders that he was being transferred to France. On March 13, 1953, he set sail. He was still in France when the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed on July 27, 1953, formally ending the war in Korea. During his service, he received the National Defense Service Medal.

Following his military service, he returned to Gregory where he worked for Sopers Hatch and Co. as a beekeeper, transporting bees across the country.

He later moved to Rapid City where he began working at Gibsons / Pamida as a custodian. It was at Gibsons where he met Anna, they were married August 19, 1972.

After marrying Anna, they moved to Tilford, SD, and he began his employment with the Meade County School District, as the custodian at the Erskine School. After retirement, they returned to Gregory where he lived until being admitted to the VA in December of 2017.

Francis enjoyed history – and sharing his knowledge with anyone and everyone he met, frequently challenging you to ensure history was not forgotten. He also enjoyed spending time with friends and family and you could always count on him to have a root beer barrel for you. He will be remembered for his commitment to his Catholic faith, joining the Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Gregory, SD, his love and dedication to family, unwavering work ethic, sense of humor, generosity and willingness to help others, as well as his love of history.

Francis Martin Langan, 91, died peacefully with family at his side at Fort Meade Hospice on August 16, 2019.

Francis is survived by his beloved nieces and nephews, including his Godchild, Andrea (Langan) Barrows, Folsom, CA.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers, Johnny and George; and wife, Anna.

A memorial has been established to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Gregory.



Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the rosary on Thursday, August 22, 2019. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory
Francis Martin Langan

October 23, 1927 ~ August 16, 2019



In Memory Of

Francis Martin Langan

Date of Birth ***Date of Death***
October 23, 1927 August 16, 2019
Clear Lake, SD Fort Meade, SD

Vigil

Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, August 23, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.
St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Bill Zandri

Musicians

Dr. Barry Furze Sue Lloyd-Davies

Songs

"On Eagle's Wings" "Prayer Of St. Francis"
"Be Not Afraid" "How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Mike Carey ~ Charlie Freeman ~ Brock Geffre
Milo Jelinek ~ Dennis Mosbarger ~ Ray Osloond

Honorary Pallbearers

Randy Langan ~ Rich Langan ~ Lance Langan
Gregory Langan ~ Luke Bachmeier ~ Karl Fulnecky ~ Larry Jelinek

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

The Prayer of St. Francis

***Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;***

***O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.***

***For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.***