



Francis LeRoy Bennett

December 4, 1941 - December 9, 2021

Francis "Poncho" LeRoy Bennett Jr., age 80 died peacefully with his family by his side on December 9, 2021.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday December 21, 2021, at Church of St. Timothy 707 89th Ave NE, Blaine, MN 55435 with visitation an hour prior to the service. In addition to the service, a visitation will be available Monday December 20, 2021 from 4-7pm at Washburn- McReavy Seman Coon Rapids. He will be buried at Ft. Snelling next spring with family present.

Poncho was born in Bovey, MN to Francis and Wendella Bennett, graduated from Greenway Highschool in 1959. Poncho was a talented athlete in many sports. Throughout highschool he was All American in football, wrestling & baseball. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Cloud State University in Education in 1967 and Masters in Education from St. Cloud State. He served in the Airforce from 1960-1964. He married the love of his life in 1968.

Poncho dedicated his professional career to education in the Anoka-Hennepin district. He taught 4th and 5th grade, was a Principal and the Audio Visual Consultant for the district.

A poet at heart, Poncho had a gentle, caring, loving, fun soul. He loved playing golf, teaching, grilling, playing card games, Friday night dinners with friends and family and playing with his grandchildren. Poncho told many riddles and jokes and was known to perform a card trick or two. He loved watching his grandkids in all their activities and cheered loudly. He listened, cared and loved.

Survived by his loving wife of 53 years Linda, son Jourdan (Kimberly), grandchildren Jackson, Isabella and Christian, brothers Richard (Joyce), Bruce (Gretchen), and sister Lori (Buford) Saxhaug, sister-in-law Charlene (Doug) Wilkes, sister-in-law Bonnie Mohr, lots of nieces, nephews and cherished friends. Preceded in death by his father Francis L. Bennett Sr., mother Wendella Schultz, brothers James Bennett and William Gerth.

Poncho will forever be remembered as a loving son, husband, brother, father and PaPa.

We love you!

In lieu of flowers a memorial is preferred. Masks are required.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Timothy Catholic Church
707 89th Avenue NE
Blaine, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Timothy Catholic Church
707 89th Avenue NE
Blaine, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis LeRoy Bennett.*



December 16, 2021 at 05:14 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Francis LeRoy Bennett.*



December 15, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Dick and Joyce purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Francis LeRoy Bennett.*



Dick and Joyce - December 14, 2021 at 12:39 PM