



## Francis Michael Burns

October 1, 1932 - July 4, 2014

Francis Michael Burns  
1932-2014

Francis Michael Burns passed away to be with the Lord July 4, 2014 with some of his family around him in Vallejo, California. He was born Oct. 1, 1932 to Thomas P. Burns and Lucy C. Burns in Wellesley Farms, Massachusetts and was raised in Natick, Massachusetts.

He came to Napa in 1956, bought his house and still lived in it until now.

He was a gentle, kind, loving man, with so many friends.

Francis ran as a write-in candidate for mayor of Napa in 1976. He received about 10,000 votes!

Francis opened the local pawn shop in 1968 on Main Street and moved to 948 Main in 1972. Valley Loan Co. was successful. The next move was to Clinton Street until the flood of 1986. We got lots of water in our store so we left.

Francis went on to sell furniture at J.C. Penney until he retired in 1995.

He was a great musician, composed many songs and played the piano and organ. He also performed as a singer with some local bands in Napa in the 1950s.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and served for four years. He spent one year in Korea as a staff sergeant.

In 1960 Father G. Brady married Marjorie and Francis at St. John's rectory and renewed their vows in 2010 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Viewing is at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 10 at Claffey & Rota Funeral Home, and Rosary at 7 p.m. The funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 11 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie Burns of Napa; son, Russell (Susan) Toscani of Lotus, California; daughters, Kathleen Shafer of Napa, Sheila (Michael) Leach of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, Susan (Kevin) Allen of Temecula, California, and Patricia (Wade) McVey of Lima, Ohio; sisters, Lucy (Gordon) Jackson of Medfield, Massachusetts and Margaret Luke of Carmel, California; grandchildren, Jennifer, Shane, Joshua, Alicia, Nicholas, Steven, Kyle, Valerie, Angela, Tyler, Glenn, Thomas, and Andrew; and great-grandchildren Samantha, Tyler, Madelyn, Nicole and Ryder.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Charles, John and Thomas Burns.



# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Claffey & Rota Funeral Home  
1975 Main Street, Napa, CA, US, 94559

**JUL** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
2725 Elm Street, Napa, CA, US, 94559

# Comments

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“Eternal rest grant unto, Francis, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

I have nothing but fond memories of my uncle, Fran. A warmer, kinder man I have never known. I will always treasure the memories of his family's visits to my home when I was young. His enthusiasm for music was contagious and he shared that gift, literally, with me and with my children. He was truly the uncle every kid wishes he had, and I am one of the privileged few who did!

God bless you, uncle Fran, and may your soul rest in peace. I look forward to the day I can hear some more of your great stories, we can share a beer and listen to or play some of our favorite music. My family and I will continue to pray for your soul, and for your family, always.

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