



## Francis T. Curis MD

February 9, 2017

Dr. Francis T. Curis, a Pediatrician who took care of many children in his 41 years of private practice in Hartford, CT, passed away on Feb. 9. He was 86.

A native of North Smithfield, Rhode Island, Frank was the youngest of 7 children. His Dad, Stanislaus, and Mom, Sophia, were both from Poland.

He was a graduate of Mount Saint Charles Academy, Providence College and Georgetown University. His medical internship was at Saint Vincent's Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts and he held his residency at Metropolitan City Hospital in New York City.

It was at Metropolitan City Hospital, while attending daily masses at noon, Frank met his beloved wife of 57 years Joan (nee Meskill). They were married on June 20th, 1959.

Frank was a Captain in the US Army when he was first married and stationed in San Antonio, TX at Fort Sam Houston. He and his new bride moved to Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina where their first two Children were born.

In 1961, they moved to Wethersfield, CT so Frank could start a private practice in Hartford, CT. In Wethersfield, they had four more children. In 1970, they moved to West Hartford, CT where they settled in for many years and

had their last two children.

Frank retired in the mid-1990s and he and Joan moved to Bloomfield, CT.

He enjoyed reading, travel, golf, history, and learning. When he was too busy to travel, he took his kids to travelogues at the Hartford Bushnell to immerse them in other cultures (and sometimes, to sneak in a nap).

In his younger days, he loved riding the waves in the Rhode Island beaches, a passion he shared with his Children. His kids fondly remember stopping at the Hitching Post in Rhode Island for Clam Fritters after swimming for hours.

A devout Catholic, Frank said his rosary every day and was always thankful to God for the blessings in his life, especially his Children and his Grandchildren. His greatest joy in life was seeing his family happy and healthy.

Survivors include his wife Joan Anne of Bloomfield, CT, sons Jim and wife Mary Margaret of Chapel Hill, NC, daughter Cathy of West Hartford, CT, son Tommy of New York City, son Billy and wife Heather of Cumming, GA, daughter Tricia and husband Pat of West Hartford, CT, son Robert and wife Edlira of Orange, CT, daughter Maureen and husband Kurt of Wilmington, NC and son Dan and his wife Teri of Southport, CT.

He is also survived by 14 Grandchildren - Justin, Tommy, Cole, Kathleen, Sara, Bobby, Emma, Danielle, Reamon, Kaitlyn, Fiona, Liam, Caitlin, and Delia.

Visitation will be from 4-7 P.M. Sunday at Saint Timothy Church 1116 N. Main St. West Hartford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 11 A.M. on Monday at Saint Timothy Church in West Hartford, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Saint Timothy School, Doctors Without Borders, or St. Jude Hospital.

Frank will be dearly missed and remembered by his family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1116 North Main St  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. Curis was my siblings and I's pediatrician as children and I was so glad he was still around when I had my own kids. I'm sorry for your loss. A very gentle man who will be sorely missed.*

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**D McKim** - May 31, 2017 at 08:42 AM

MW

“ *Joan,  
You and Frank bring happy memories of the wonderful friendship you had with my parents Bob and Mary Murphy. Lots of fun, travels, parties and child rearing.*

*Our best to you and your family!  
Maureen and Tom Willsey*

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**maureen willsey** - February 14, 2017 at 04:07 PM

RJ

“ *Our condolences to you and your family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Jurzyk Family*

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**Rick Jurzyk** - February 13, 2017 at 04:47 AM

SC

“ *Thoughts and Prayers sent your way during this difficult time. My deepest condolences for the loss of Uncle Frank.*

*Sincerely, Stephen J Czaja*

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**Stephen J Czaja** - February 12, 2017 at 09:06 PM

JM

“ *Sincerest condolences from the Czaja Family. Such a beautiful man and wonderful friend who will be missed. He has left a lasting and spectacular legacy!*

*Judith Czaja McCaffrey  
Tampa, FL*

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**Judith McCaffrey** - February 12, 2017 at 08:08 PM

SG

“ *Sincerely Elda and Alban Gjyrezi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Francis T. Curis MD.*



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**Sincerely Elda and Alban Gjyrezi** - February 12, 2017 at 03:54 PM

MB

“ *To Joan and All Your Children and Grandchildren, Frank was a fabulous guy with a great family. We are saddened by your loss and our hearts and souls reach out to all of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Maureen and Andy Brouillard*

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**Maureen Brouillard** - February 12, 2017 at 03:51 PM

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**Thomas Curis** - February 12, 2017 at 01:35 PM

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**Thomas Curis** - February 12, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Francis T. Curis MD.



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February 12, 2017 at 10:05 AM

VO

“ Dear Joan and family. I was so sorry to hear of Frank's death. I am away and unable to attend his service. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Sincerely, Ginny O'Brien

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virginia O'Brien - February 12, 2017 at 09:07 AM

MA

“ Dr. Curis ways an amazing pediatrician to me and my 3 MCCUE siblings our entire adolescent life! My mom was a nurse and only chose the best doctors for us. My mom, Mary, passed a few years ago and we found the handwritten instructions from Dr. Curis for all of us from 1968-73! I am so sorry for your loss. My biggest memory was how kind Dr. Curis was and you never knew you were getting a shot. He would have you look somewhere else, start chatting and done!!!  
Interesting that I was from Wethersfield and live in North Smithfield the past 10+ years. Rest In Peace and thank you for being a great doctor to our family. My sympathy!!!

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Maureen Alkam - February 11, 2017 at 08:15 PM

AT

I just learned about Dr. Curis passing. He was my son's pediatrician during the late 80's-90's. My toddler at the time was not very cooperative when he suspected he was going to get a shot, but Dr. Curis always knew how to calm him down. Many memories. My condolences to his family.

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Athena - April 29, 2017 at 06:47 AM

NC

“ *Notre Dame High School Community purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Francis T. Curis MD.*



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**Notre Dame High School Community** - February 11, 2017 at 04:17 PM

MF

“ *Mary Jo and Terry Dunlap and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Francis T. Curis MD.*



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**Mary Jo and Terry Dunlap and Family** - February 11, 2017 at 01:50 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis T. Curis MD.*



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February 11, 2017 at 12:02 PM

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“ *MY SYMPATHY TO THE CURIS FAMILY. I WORKED FOR DR. CURIS FOR A SHORT TIME AND FOUND HIM TO BE A QUIET AND KIND MAN.*

*RITA THIBODEAU*

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**RITA THIBODEAU** - February 11, 2017 at 11:51 AM

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“ *Dr. Curis was our pediatrician for our 3 children many years ago. I credit him for saving our daughter's life with his superior knowledge. He has been in my thoughts thru the years. He was kind and compassionate.*

*The Lord will take care of him now.*

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**A grateful mother** - February 11, 2017 at 11:43 AM

SF

“ *Dr. Curis cared for our children until our third grown-up baby trekked of to college. Dr. Curis was always kind and available. How did he do it? What a magnificent legacy he leaves, not only his own family but so many other lives he touched thru the years.*

*With our prayers*

*Stella & Mike Feehan  
West Hartford*

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**Stella & Mike Feehan** - February 11, 2017 at 10:45 AM

JS

“ *Dr. Curis was both a neighbor when we lived on Olney Road in Wethersfield and pediatrician for our 4 children. I remember him as a very kind person.*

*John Sullivan  
Niantic CT*

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**John J. Sullivan** - February 11, 2017 at 10:06 AM



Charley  
Herbert

“ *Frank was always a steady and  
compassionate beacon for those who were  
lucky enough to call themselves friends of the  
Curis family.  
The Herbert family's prayers are with you at  
this difficult time. We wish you and Frank peace.*  
*Charley Herbert*



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**Charley Herbert** - February 11, 2017 at 05:39 AM