



Dr. Francis Daignault

July 21, 1928 - April 3, 2021

Dr. Francis Daignault, known as Frank to his family and friends, died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family on April 3, 2021 at the age of 92. Frank was born in Chatham, Ontario to Maurice and Violet Daignault on July 21st 1928. During his studies at the Ottawa Medical University, for internal medicine, he met and married the love of his life, Marion Furlong, who preceded him in death. This union, made in heaven, brought eight children to the world. Katherine Ann, David Francis, Ian Richard, Mary Janet, Christopher Charles, Frances Clare, Paul Maurice, and Janet Ruth. Due to the ever expanding family with wonderful partners and spouses, they became proud grandparents to 22 children and 16 great grandchildren. Our parents moved to Detroit Michigan, where Frank then specialized in the field of Psychiatry. He was a pioneer in his field, which earned him admiration and respect amongst his colleagues and patients. Frank's passions in life withstanding his family and his medical practice, were history, travel, languages, politics and the arts. He was a devout Catholic, who offered his expertise to many clergy men and women. Anyone who had the privilege to know our father, will attest to his kindness, grace, insight, integrity, and would refer to him as a true Gentleman.

Private services were held for family. [click here]<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgOVih0SqF8> to be directed to a recording of Dr. Francis Daignault's funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers, his wish was donations be made to the [Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, Farmington Hills Michigan.]www.opnus-fh.org/giving He will be sorely missed by so many. He made an incredible difference and left a permanent mark in the world he loved to explore.

Comments



“ To the Daignault family,
What wonderful man your father was. And a very good friend to my parents, John and Thereza Malone. I have fond memories visiting your house in Rosedale, or your whole family coming to our house on Melrose. I recall your parents and mine took a trip to California and coined the phrase 'divided by two'. Not sure what that all meant, but I am sure there was a great story with the statement. Your entire family is in my thoughts, Kathy it would be lovely to get together sometime.
Mary Thereza Centlivre

Marty Thereza Centlivre - April 11 at 08:33 PM



“ Your Dad so graciously welcomed me into his home along with his wonderful wife some years ago when Mary was working with me at Herman Miller. I reside in MA, but had to go to MI for some training. I consider Mary Dignault Galbavy a dear friend/sister to me. I felt so at home at their home there in MI, and had the best time cooking breakfast, laughing, and sharing in the great interesting conversations we collectively shared! I felt like I knew the Daignault's all my life as that was just how comfortable their home felt to me! He was such a "special" man with a sparkling twinkle in his eyes as I vividly remember. He was kind and loving which surely came through naturally!

My condolences go out to the entire family for your loss of such a gracious and kind gentleman! You could not have had a nicer father, and certain at times even a friend I am sure as he had such an understanding of people! May his soul rest in peace, and the eternal light shine upon his soul! He lived a great and interesting life! And, now he has gone home to join your loving and gentle Mother! How ironic he would pass on right on her birthday?

I do not know you all, but do know you had WONDERFUL parents and are forever blessed to have had them!

For the days ahead, reflect upon the good times and forever hold your Dad and Mother close to your hearts! They truly exemplified what good looks like, and is! You are ALL blessed for having your Dad for so long! And, certainly blessed to have had the mother you had!

God Bless and heal you ALL with time as you grieve such an important loss of a man who was one of the very BEST! There just are not many like Frank Daignault!

Warm regards,
Cecelia

Cecelia Silva



Cecelia A Silva - April 08 at 10:25 AM



“ Im Mai 1994 lernten wir zwei wunderbare Menschen kennen. Mein Sohn Harald wurde mit Mary vermählt, zu diesem Anlass kamen Marys Eltern Frank und Marion zu uns nach Wien. Von der ersten Minute unserer Begegnung an waren wir uns sympathisch wie alte Freunde. Frank war ein liebenswerter Mensch und stets für alle da.

Bei einem Besuch in Michigan trafen wir auch seine Familie, Frank war hier immer der Mittelpunkt.

Als Familienmensch fand er auch immer wieder die Zeit, die weite Reise zu uns nach Europa anzutreten. Zur Erst-Kommunion unserer Enkelin Alexandra als auch später zu Christmas in Vienna. Viele schöne Erinnerungen verbinden uns mit diesen Jahren.

In den letzten Jahren wurden unsere Kontakte krankheitsbedingt auf einen Briefwechsel reduziert. Seine ausführlich gehaltenen Briefe sind hier an einer ganz speziellen Stelle aufgehoben.

Ein Trost für uns ist, dass er jetzt sicher schon bei seiner geliebten Marion weilt und auf uns und auf seine Familie herabblickt.

Wir werden ihn immer in bester Erinnerung behalten
Petra und Walter Galbavy

Walter Galbavy - April 07 at 12:25 PM



“ Dear Daignault Family,

We are so deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your kind and compassionate father! However, such a peaceful passing on your Mother's birthday seems such an appropriate gift for you all to hold forever in your hearts ! As well as a perfect closure to their amazing love story in this life.

We have been blessed to know your remarkable family for over 50 years and have had a very special relationship with Kathy and Mary .Your Father was a true gentleman. Whether our visit was social or for some words of comfort, he always welcomed us with a warm smile , a kind heart and words of positive encouragement. We will miss him, too.

We pray that all your beautiful memories, with time , will help dry your tears and bring smiles to your faces .

Now, you will always have two angels watching over you .

With deepest heartfelt sympathy and love ,
Steve and Barby MacKellar

Barbara MacKellar - April 07 at 12:07 PM



“ Countless words of condolences and vivid memories of your father, grandfather and great-grandfather's character, qualities and achievements will be verbalized and recorded by his many friends, colleagues and family members. In pondering what to contribute for you in his memory, it came to mind the important and crucial role Francis, (always "a Family Man" !!), played in my life in keeping our "early Daignault family history alive and connected. Within our first cousin history and among our aunts and uncles, Francis was the person who most kept in touch with each of us on a regular and consistent basis. He and Marion will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by Alana and I, Renee, Alan & Mark and our family members. Paul Daignault

Paul Daignault - April 07 at 11:32 AM



“ Frank was a wonderful friend for many years. We met Frank and Marian on our first day at green turtle Cove condominiums in Florida over 20 years ago. We became very good friends and spent many good times together. As has been stated he was the perfect gentleman always and always had such kind things to say to everyone. We spoke with Frank several months ago and even though he was not in good health we had many good memories to discuss and good times that we shared together. We will miss him greatly. He Loved his family and we know you all loved him very much and will miss him as you do your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time but just remember Frank and Marian are now back together And can continue their wonderful love story.

Bob and Sarah Cahill

sarah cahill - April 07 at 10:44 AM



“ I met Dr. Daignault in 1980 when he was a Psychiatrist at Mercywood, an inpatient Psychiatric Hospital and I was a young Recreation Therapist. He was a wonderful Psychiatrist. Well liked by his patients and staff. He was thoughtful, kind and took time to talk with you and ask questions about your life. When I was in the hospital, he took time out of his busy schedule to check on me and to find out if I was getting adequate care. I'll never forget that. There was great sadness when he chose to take a new job at Havenwyck Hospital. It was closer to home. I was surprised to see his picture at Fox Run when I went to visit my parents. If I would've known, I would have liked to say hello. I know he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Heaven got another Angel

Gina Frankhart - April 06 at 11:06 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting this man once or twice. I am sure he is walking hand in hand with the Love of his life for eternity. God bless ..

James Dorman - April 06 at 09:57 PM



“ Frank was a man's man, who led by example. And what an example! Thoughtful, warm, positive, giving... one could go on and on. Marion was his soulmate and a great loving wife and mother. His family continues to represent him well. My heartfelt condolences. Peter D.

Peter H. DeRidder, MD - April 06 at 01:49 PM



“ I too only met Frank a couple of times and must agree he was the perfect gentleman! I am so sorry for your loss as he was such a great father & grandfather! I send my love , sympathy, & prayers to the family!

Sincerely,

Sue Casanova

Sue Deridder-Casanova - April 06 at 11:33 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Francis Daignault.



April 06 at 11:17 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Francis Daignault.



April 06 at 09:53 AM



“ The statement that Frank was a true gentlemen is a huge understatement. We only had the privilege of meeting Frank on a few occasions, but each time was made so special by him. We found ourselves talking to him as if we had known him all our lives and always had this feeling he was truly listening and cared about us as long time friends. On one occasion we visited our friends Paul and Sue Daignault in Hutchison Island and he asked about our jobs being public school administrators. The next day he came back with more questions and had names of the administrators we worked with specifically. He had taken the time to look up our schools and personnel. We were astounded at the depth of caring and his inquisitive mind about two people he had just met. Amazing and so thoughtful. That was Frank and so much more. We will miss having just one more conversation with him but we are SO grateful to have known him and are very sure he is up there listening now to all of his old and new friends. Heaven just got themselves a gentlemen angel. Much love to the family at this time. Penny and Eric Holm

Penny Holm - April 05 at 08:34 PM



“ Beautifully written tribute of your dad.
Thinking of all of you at this difficult time
Shelly and David

Shelly Koloff - April 05 at 07:44 PM



“ My wife and I were instantly impressed with Frank's wit, graciousness and keen interest. Unfortunatley, we met him late in his life but it was easy to see why he was such a respected and beloved man. We are sorry for his entire family but know that he had an impact on them and the world. We also know that he passed away on his own terms having lived a full life. We are thankful for our brief time with him.

Eric and Penny Holm - April 05 at 07:29 PM