



Francis C. Svoboda

November 23, 1933 - December 18, 2020

Francis Svoboda, 87, of Schuyler passed away Friday, December 18, 2020 at his home.

Memorials can be directed towards the Benedictine Mission House.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, December 23, at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Schuyler, Fr. Gerry Gonderinger officiating. Visitation with no family present will be Tuesday from 4 until 6 p.m. at Svoboda Funeral Home-South Chapel. A parish rosary will be recited Wednesday at 9:30 at the church. Masks will be required for those attending the rosary and mass. Military rights will immediately follow mass. Interment will be at the Omaha National Cemetery at 1 p.m. Svoboda Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Services will be live-streamed to the Svoboda Funeral Home Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SvobodaFH/>

Francis was born in Schuyler on November 23, 1933 to Amos and Gertrude Svoboda. He retired as the publisher of the Schuyler Sun in 1999. He was a third-generation newspaper man.

In 1955 following his graduation from the University of Nebraska Lincoln with a degree in journalism, he joined the United States Navy and served aboard the USS Lexington in the Pacific. During his 21 months in the service, he worked in the public information office aboard ship and was co-editor of the ship's newspaper.

Following his discharge from the service he joined the Schuyler Sun staff with his father and brother-in-law Francis Rea. In 1960, his sister Elizabeth arranged a blind date with Mary Pleiss. They were married in 1961 and blessed with six children.

It was a great life with Mary and the children. He enjoyed his work at the Sun and the great people he worked with who were so much help. He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed

d golf, hunting, and particularly fishing. Francis was a long-time member and sponsor of the Schuyler Ducks Unlimited branch.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Mary, children: Christine Svoboda (Joseph Worthing) Theresa (Timothy) Revoy, Terrence (Kurstin) Svoboda, Kathleen Franco, John (Maria) Svoboda and Julianne (Jeff) Stedwill; 26 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; sisters Margaret Reinecke and Elizabeth Svoboda; brother-in-law Glenn Barry and many nieces and nephews.

Francis is preceded in death by his parents, brother Amos Jr., sister Mary Alice (Francis) Rea, sisters Sally Barry and Suzanne Svoboda, and brother-in-law John Reinecke.

Events

DEC 22 **Visitation with No Family Present** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

Svoboda Funeral Home - South Chapel
905 A Street P.O. Box 267, Schuyler, NE, US, 68661

DEC 23 **Additional Viewing** 09:00AM - 09:30AM

St. Augustine's Catholic Church
619 Banner Street, Schuyler, NE, US, 68661

DEC 23 **Parish Rosary** 09:30AM - 10:00AM

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DEC 23 **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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DEC 23 **Burial** 01:00PM

Omaha National Cemetery
14250 Schram Road, Omaha, NE, US, 68138

Comments



“ My condolences to Mary and the family. I was an apprentice "printer's devil" at the Schuyler Sun for 3 years while I was in high school. He got me started in photo processing for my model rocket photos in high school. What I learned from Francis and the Sun people in printing gave me a good background for the part time jobs to support myself while getting my electronic and communications training and certifications. I also went on to use the publishing and writing background to produce a nationally recognized newsletter for my U S Coast Guard communications officer commander post. He was a good person to work for and with as he was always patient with my flubs and successes. I will always remember his contributions to my public service and telecommunications career. He will be missed.

Kenneth Molacek - December 24, 2020 at 12:22 AM



“ Dear Mary and family. I am so sorry to hear of Francis' passing. Growing up I spent so much time with you in your home and at your cabin. You always made me feel welcome and like part of the family. Francis was a kind man with a great sense of humor. I wish I could be there for you and to catch up after so many years. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Todd Erickson and Family

Todd Erickson - December 23, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Francis' passing. I always felt so welcome at the Svoboda home--being greeted with Francis' wit and welcoming smile. Or seeing him and all of you at the golf club, the Schuyler Sun, or the river cabin. Your family played an important role for me and so many others in the Schuyler community. I wish I could be there with you today to reconnect after so many years. May you all be comforted by the good times you shared.

Barry Mardock - December 23, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ We made an online donation to the Benedictine Mission, but it didn't provide a way to reflect that it was in memory of Francis.

Barry Mardock - December 23, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ I will check it out, and many thanks for your sympathy

mary - January 04 at 07:50 PM



“ Bill And Teri Chromy lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Svoboda



Bill and Teri Chromy - December 23, 2020 at 01:13 AM



“ I am sending our sympathy from the George E. McNally family. My father, George, and Francis were fellow businessmen, hunters and friends for many years. May God Bless and comfort all of you....Susanne McNally Means....Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Susanne McNally Means - December 22, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ As Dave Molacek mentioned, I too got my start in journalism at the Schuyler Sun as a high school kid writing sports thanks to Francis. Almost 50 years later, I am group publisher for eight publications in Colorado. He was a great mentor and will surely be missed.

Keith R. Cerny

Keith R. Cerny - December 21, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ Dear Svoboda family, we are so sorry for your loss. He was a great news reporter and was always looking for special events to write about.

Bill and Sandra Hladky - December 20, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Dear Christine, Joe and family,

Wishing you peace, during this difficult time and when times are hard. May Francis rest in peace and let the perpetual light shine upon him. Keep his legacy and memories in you hearts. Love, Deb and John Bame



Deb and John Bame - December 20, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Sorry to learn of Francis's death. It was interesting to read of his earlier life: must have had great adventures - and stories to tell. I never got to golf with him, but we talked about it for sure. Definitely an outdoors man ... and a photographer! I will always remember him with that camera in his hand (and having such a great family to take pictures of)!! I will offer a Mass for him , and keep all of you in my prayers in this time of loss. God bless, Fr. Al Sherbo

Fr. Al Sherbo - December 19, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ I remember a gentleman who was always friendly and very fair to me during some hard times in the 80s. May he rest in peace.

Patrick Feehan - December 19, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Condolences & prayers to the family. Francis gave me my first long-term job in high school at the Schuyler Sun, even let me return summers while in college. Wonderful boss, always had fun with him, never heard him lose his temper at work, though there were many challenging times. I'm sure he'll find a quiet place in heaven.

Dave Molacek - December 19, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Mary Steinberger lit a candle in memory of Francis C. Svoboda



Mary Steinberger - December 19, 2020 at 10:09 AM