



## Mr. Francis "Frank" McCann

April 8, 1931 - September 23, 2017

Francis "Frank" McCann age 86, of Elizabeth, Illinois, passed away Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Mercy Hospital in Dubuque, Iowa. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at the Church of St. Mary Catholic in Elizabeth. Burial will take place in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Elizabeth. Visitation will be held from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. prior to the mass at the church.

Frank was born on April 8, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of John Joseph and Janet (MacPherson) McCann. He attended St. Willibrord's High School in Chicago. Frank received his Bachelor in English from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and later received his Master's Degree in Education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Frank taught many high school students over his career at River Ridge in Elizabeth, Chadwick High School, Chadwick, Illinois, Erie High School in Erie, Illinois and one year in the Chicago area. Frank honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was proud to have traveled on the Honor Flight in 2013 from Dubuque and truly appreciated the welcoming home that was received.

Frank was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Elizabeth, Elizabeth Historical Society, Church of St. Mary's. Frank also performed in many plays in Freeport, Illinois, Galena, Illinois, Dubuque, and Hanover, Illinois with the Back Street Players and served on the play board. Frank enjoyed performing in plays, visiting friends. He was a lifelong Chicago White Sox fan.

Frank is survived by his three nephews; six nieces; two sister's in-laws, Lois McCann of Chicago Heights, Illinois, Elizabeth McCann of Beecher, Illinois and many friends and members of the community that he considered his family. Frank was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Janet Griffith and two brothers George and John "Jack" McCann.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**

Elizabeth, IL,

**SEP  
27**

**Visitation**

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Church of St. Mary

112 E. Washington St., Elizabeth, IL, US, 61028

**SEP  
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**Funeral Mass**

11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the album Monument



Law-Jones Funeral Home - August 09, 2018 at 01:15 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album Flower Photos



Law-Jones Funeral Home - October 02, 2017 at 04:01 PM

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“ He was my high School English teacher, and director of our class play. He talked me into doing the the play. He gave me the confidence that I could do it. I did enjoyed doing it and to this day I I remember my lines and have shared my experience with family and friends. The time I spent with him as my teacher was was good memories and I often thought there should have been more teachers like like Frank.

Richard Kradle - September 29, 2017 at 10:28 AM

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“ Frank was a wonderful man. He was in our lunch bunch that met weekly sometimes.. Enjoyed talking to him and seeing him in plays. He will be dearly missed. His friend Joyce Stadel.

Joyce Stadel - September 28, 2017 at 06:50 PM

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“ I very much enjoyed Mr. McCann as my German teacher at Chadwick high school. Sorry to learn of his passing away, the world was a better place with him in it

**Diane (Schubert) Alden** - September 28, 2017 at 06:14 PM

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“ It is sad to think that we no longer share the world with Frank.

**ralph ferris** - September 27, 2017 at 06:25 PM

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“ As president of the Chadwick High School Board, my father was instrumental in bringing Mr. McCann to this part of the world. We can all be grateful that Mr. McCann took a liking to life in the country. He was a wonderful man, an excellent teacher and someone you could always spend time with sharing memories or discussing current events. I am truly sorry that I'll never see him again. His family can take comfort in the knowledge that a lot of people in this area will forever have fond memories of him.

**Frank Cook** - September 27, 2017 at 05:01 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis "Frank" McCann.



September 26, 2017 at 03:56 PM

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“When you are sorrowful look into your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.” The Prophet

As a member of the Sinsinawa Singing Senior Choir, Frank was our delight! We will remember him as 'the Preacher', admonishing all to "Accentuate the positive and Eliminate the negative"! He was so funny and fun! It was so good to know him! He will be dearly missed and not forgotten!

I am so sorry for myself and the choir the Choir at his passing.. I am so sorry for, and with, all loved ones and friends whose life he touched

Sincere sympathy,  
Laurel Lawson

Laurel Lawson - September 26, 2017 at 03:50 PM

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“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis "Frank" McCann.



September 26, 2017 at 01:00 PM

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“Frank, the German teacher and teacher of Much Else, taught us what a "real Mensch" was by being one. There is no more vivid person in all my memories of growing up and being educated. Frank talked me into playing Black Hawk in the Chadwick Centennial Pageant, which he wrote, produced, and directed, after which my eyes were opened on the Black Hawk War--only one of many moments in history to which he opened my eyes. He collaborated with my mother and others to bring the giant poles from the old ski jump at the defunct Terrapin Ridge Resort to the Chadwick High School baseball diamond, turning them into lights for night games. The lights haven't been on for quite a few years now, but I still like 'em. No cause is ever a totally Lost Cause. That was one of his lessons I learned, as he produced and directed school play after school play after community theater play, as he is no doubt still doing--as I write this-- with the angels of the Happy Hunting Grounds. God bless you, Frank, and thanks for everything.

Reynolds Smith - September 25, 2017 at 04:34 PM

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“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis "Frank" McCann.



September 25, 2017 at 03:53 PM

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“ Frank just naturally saw the BEST in people.....especially when he cast people in the plays he directed.....He came from a family of 3 boys & he honored our 3 sons.

**Marge Misek** - September 25, 2017 at 01:18 PM

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**Law-Jones Funeral Home** - September 25, 2017 at 10:59 AM

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“ My sincere sympathy to family and friends. He was an all round nice guy and GREAT teacher. May he rest in peace and know the joy he brought to the lives he touched. He will be missed.

**Judy Shilling** - September 25, 2017 at 12:39 AM

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“ Frank was an outstanding teacher and friend when I served as Supt. Of Schools in Chadwick, II. I could always count on Frank when I needed something done. He ate a lot of meals with our family and he kept my children entertained. May his soul Rest In Peace.

**Bernard May** - September 24, 2017 at 05:22 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis "Frank" McCann.



September 24, 2017 at 11:23 AM

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“ Mr. McCann was our teacher in high school (Chadwick) and always a friendly face wherever or whenever we met. A sincerely nice man; funny and caring. Anyone who ever got to know him at all, will miss his presence in the world, but will smile at the memories.

Our sincerest sympathies to his family.

Ray and Barb Alexander

**Barb Alexander** - September 24, 2017 at 08:43 AM

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“ I was always impressed by his performances onstage with the Back Street Players. His movements and delivery were as graceful and relaxed as if he were in his own living room .

**Dan Nolan** - September 24, 2017 at 07:58 AM

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“ Our sincerest sympathy to Frank's family. He was a dear teacher and friend. Frank taught classes at Chadwick High School of which my husband and I both took. I had him for several years of German. We were also fortunate to be in several of his productions at CHS. Our Senior year, my husband and I were cast as leads in Guys & Dolls. From that experience we went on to dating and then marriage. We would always joke with Frank (the confirmed bachelor) that we had him to "thank" for our relationship. He would always seem to get embarrassed by that and we would all have a good laugh. As adults, we also worked with him in our town of Chadwick on a Centennial production and several pageants for Chadwick Days. We was a great man with a big heart and we will miss him. Jake & Sue Smith, Chadwick, IL

**Jake & Sue Smith** - September 23, 2017 at 05:57 PM

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“ He was my teacher in Chadwick and a wonderful teacher and man he was! May he rest in peace.

**Sharie Eisfeller Nelson** - September 23, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ Always enjoyed visiting Frank when he worked at the Hanover library. He was a sweet and kind man.

**melissa merkle** - September 23, 2017 at 04:49 PM



“ My sympathy to Mr. McCann's family!  
My father, Edward Siltman, was superintendent at Chadwick ('64-'68). He counted Mr. McCann as a good friend and had great respect for him.

I remember him coming for supper at our home. My parents enjoyed his company.

Angela Siltman Mallette

Ft. Worth, TX

**Angela Mallette** - September 23, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ A kind, gentle, and caring spirit. He loved the kids he taught and we could tell.

**Marlene Huizenga Ashpole** - September 24, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ Frank was a kind, caring, and polite person. He treated everyone with respect and was a great conversationalist. I enjoyed our visits and I know he made a difference in the many lives of those he met through the years.

**Denise Wolter** - September 25, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Frank's family and to all of those he considered his 2nd. family, here in Elizabeth. Our children knew Frank as a respected teacher at the Elizabeth Schools, as the director of the many plays they were in, as a fellow actor in plays elsewhere, but most importantly, they knew and remember him, as the friend that we all considered him to be. The world really is "a better place" because of Frank's presence, as he touched the lives and hearts of so many. Paul and Mary Fitzpatrick and family

**Paul and Mary Fitzpatrick & family** - September 25, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ He was one of my father's best friends. Every Christmas "Uncle" Frank would stop by and play and usually break one of our toys. An abundance of wonderful memories of the man who was a strong influence in my life.

**George Tackes** - February 05, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ Condolences to Frank's family from Mrs Wes Weber. Wes was a friend of Frank's who passed in 2008.

**June Weber** - May 27, 2018 at 03:57 PM