



## Francis "Frank" Joseph Keel Sr.

April 13, 1930 - November 22, 2021

Francis "Frank" Joseph Keel, Sr., passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, November 22, 2021. He died of natural causes. Son of Francis and Catherine "Cass" Keel (nee Gallagher). Frank Keel is survived by the love of his life for 64 years, Doris Keel (nee Taylor), sons; Francis, Jr., Kevin (deceased), John and Jeffrey; daughters-in-law Theresa Keel (nee Newberry), Megan Keel (nee O'Neill) and Julie Keel (nee Miles). Siblings; Catherine "Kitty" Ortega (nee Keel deceased), Joseph Keel, Helen Kaufmann (nee Keel) and Marian "Judy" Bryson (nee Keel); eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A proud Irishman born into the Great Depression in his beloved city of Philadelphia, Frank Keel learned the enduring values of hard work and family bonds at any early age. He was a star on Roman Catholic High's City Champion football team of 1947-48 season.

Upon graduating Roman Catholic he was awarded a football scholarship to Niagara University in New York State where he earned an Associates Degree before being drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War.

Following his military service, he joined the Philadelphia Police Department. While working traffic detail in Center City, he was stopped by an attractive young Doris Taylor who needed directions. She got her directions...he got her phone number. Thus began a loving relationship that would endure for 6 wonderful years. A natural-born salesman blessed with good looks and Irish charm, he embarked on a successful sales career with Owens-Corning and Certain--Teed. In the early 1970's , he saw the ecology movement coming and

launched his own trash-hauling and recycling company--Waste Techniques. The company proved to be so successful that it was eventually sold to Browning-Ferris Industries, which afforded Frank Keel an early retirement. He spent his retirement years playing golf, cruising on his fishing boats and enjoying his beloved seashore both in South Jersey and South Florida. He succeeded not only in providing a great life for his wife and children, he also made sure to bring his extended family along on the many adventures he enjoyed. His generosity and love for his entire family will be his lasting legacy. A brief Memorial Service will take place on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 in Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Road, Newtown, PA 18940. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request that donations be made to Roman Catholic High School, 301 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Arr. Shelly-Dinan Funeral Home, Lansdale, PA. Condolences may also be sent to [www.dinanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dinanfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Crossing National Cemetery

830 Highland Road  
Newtown, PA 18940

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 1. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Newtown, PA 18940

# Tribute Wall



“ Francis "Frank" Joseph Keel Sr.

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February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM



“ Mrs. Keel and family,  
I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Keel's passing. I think of you often,  
Mrs. Keel, and I miss you. Please take care and I will say prayers  
for all of you. Stay well. Pat Ott

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