



Wallace J Franklin

November 13, 2017

Franklin, Wallace J. age 94 of Oradell, NJ joined his wife, Catherine, in eternal rest this past Monday, November 13, 2017.

Wally was predeceased by his sons Wallace and Christopher, grandson Wallace, his two brothers and sister. He was the last of his generation. He leaves behind his daughter Catherine Amanda, two sons Michael and Quentin, their spouses, ten grandchildren and five great grand children.

Wally grew up in St. Catherine's parish in Washington Heights, NYC. He graduated from Power Memorial H.S., The City College of New York and Columbia University. He served as an aerial navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WW2. As his family grew, he moved to Oradell, NJ in 1961. He worked as a Project Engineer at Curtis Wright Aeronautics, but had a second career as an Engineering Professor at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He went to sea at age 67, earning his Third Assistant Engineer's license. His commitment to his students and the restoration of a historic engine from the EMORY RICE earned him Teacher of the Year honors. His unwavering optimism, faith in God, and nightly gin martinis certainly contributed to his longevity.

Friends and family are invited for visitation this Friday from 5-8PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ. A Mass of

Christian Burial will take place on Saturday at 11:30 AM at St. Joseph RCC, 300 Elm Street, Oradell. ALL TO MEET AT CHURCH. Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Oradell
268 Kinderkamack Rd.
Oradell, NJ 07649
(201) 261-1088
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Service

NOV 18. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Joseph's RCC
300 Elm Street
Oradell, NJ 07649

Tribute Wall



“ *Wallace J Franklin*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Wallace J Franklin*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Best professor I had at the academy!*

Jamal LockLear - August 21, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ *Wallace J Franklin*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Cathy, Michael, and Quentin:*

The sadness of finding out your father passed away was mitigated by the fond memories of your father ever since I met him as a boy in Havana. His cheerfulness, playfulness, and very pleasant personality made an impression on me as a boy, the same impression I had when I saw him again over the years. I pictured your father as an unofficial ambassador of what a good American is. I regret I did not get to see him one more time.

Roberto Andrés Aceituno y Franklin

Robert Aceituno - December 11, 2017 at 09:01 PM

CM

“ Professor Franklin was one of the most well loved and memorable professors at Kings Point. He was kind, thoughtful, extremely intelligent and had enough eccentricities to foster a wide array of theories of things that he had done or invented. One that was never theorized was that he was that he was a navigator in the Army Air Corps during the War.

*Requiescat in Pace,
Christopher Marciano*

Christopher Marciano - November 20, 2017 at 10:54 PM

NO

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Nicholas Owen - November 20, 2017 at 01:13 PM

YT

*To the Family of Wally Franklin-
Condolences on the loss of a wonderful gentleman- Wally had a true
zest for life. He shared his engineering knowledge with many
midshipmen as well the other professors at KP. The pictures of him
with the gas turbine and surrounded by midshipmen are great
examples of his enthusiastic nature.*

*I was fortunate to have worked with him in the Department of
Engineering at KP for several years, and can attest that he was truly a
great role model for many young midshipmen.*

Yvonne Traynham

yvonne traynham - November 20, 2017 at 03:44 PM

BL

“ *To the Franklin Family:*

*I was introduced to Wally in 1990 at the US Merchant Marine
Academy. He welcomed me with open arms and a big smile. He
was always willing to lend a hand and was a huge help to me. My
memories of Wally are fond ones and world is a lesser place without
him in it. Thanks for sharing him with us at the Academy. You have
my condolences.*

*Sincerely,
Brian Leonard*

Brian Leonard - November 20, 2017 at 12:44 PM

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Nicholas Owen - November 20, 2017 at 10:51 AM

GW

“ Wally Franklin is remembered fondly by many Kings Pointers, myself and my husband included. He gave us many great memories and we loved his excitement for teaching. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Gaylyn & Doug Wheaton

Gaylyn Wheaton - November 20, 2017 at 12:03 AM

Dave Schon

“ So sad to hear is gone. I would not be here today if it were not for him.

Dave Schon - November 19, 2017 at 04:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wallace J Franklin.



November 17, 2017 at 11:53 AM

JA

“ To the family of Mr. Franklin,
I am very sorry for your loss. I knew him from the printshop in town. He was always busy with some kind of project and sometimes that required him to following directions. Problem was ... the directions were always in small print. I used to blow things up so that he could read them. He always had a story and a kind word. I will miss him.
Jane

Jane - November 17, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Wallace J Franklin.



November 15, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wallace J Franklin.



November 15, 2017 at 12:00 PM

CF

“ To Michael, Kathy and Quentin. We were so sorry to hear of Uncle Wally's passing. We will always remember all the crazy antics he pulled on us for our entertainment!!!!!! We will all miss him dearly. With our love, thoughts and prayers to all of you. Your cousins Phil and Candy Franklin.

Candy Franklin - November 15, 2017 at 11:47 AM

MM

“ *Michael McCaffery purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wallace J Franklin.*



Michael McCaffery - November 14, 2017 at 04:50 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Wallace J Franklin.*



November 14, 2017 at 02:03 PM

KB

“ *Many times I have sat outside on the front steps having a cigar with my daughters neighbor Wally. We would sit and talk and enjoy each other's company. I will remember those chats and times forever. I know that Wally and I will enjoy a chat and another cigar when I too will cross the bar and hear the clang of buoys that are guiding us safely home from our journey. Ken. Boschert*

Ken Boschert - November 14, 2017 at 10:54 AM