



Francis R. Harrison

February 28, 1944 - November 13, 2023

Francis Raymond Harrison (1944–2023)

Retired NYPD detective, owner of Harrison's Wine, Ridgefield, CT and Director of Security for the New York Academy of Art, Francis Raymond Harrison, age 79 of Pound Ridge, NY died at Greenwich Hospital while in hospice on November 13, 2023.

He was born in Manhattan, NY in 1944 to Bridget and Thomas Harrison, two immigrant parents from County Mayo Ireland. He grew up in the Bronx and attended Mount Saint Michael's academy where he played baseball and was in the band. He earned his bachelor's degree from the New York Institute of Technology.

Francis's choice of his career path in the police force reflects his intrinsic and lifelong desire to serve others. He joined the New York City Police Department, where he served for 21 years attaining the distinction of being promoted to Second Grade Detective prior to his retirement. He was also a Vietnam vet who served in the United States Army National Guard where he attained the rank of Specialist 4, receiving an honorable discharge in 1971.

He was a genuinely kind person, had a deep well of compassion for others, and was very perceptive about people and situations. In conversation with

someone expressing concerns, he listened patiently and authentically. When he spoke, the words were heartfelt, practical, useful, and often, funny, which would bring a smile to the eyes and heart.

Francis met the love of his life, Frances Marie Herlihy on February 23, 1968 at Chambers on Sherman Avenue and Isham Street. Jack Chambers paid the rent for the people living above the bar because of the noise on the weekend. Excited to start their new lives together, the two were married on June 6, 1970.

Francis and Frances couldn't wait to start a family of their own. They began their family with the birth of their first daughter Erin Frances Harrison (Priolo) in 1975. Their second daughter Tara Lynn Harrison (Marsh) was born in 1977. Their children meant the world to them, and they spared no effort to provide them with the most fulfilling experiences and best education possible. They treasured their time with their grandchildren John Francis Marsh and Samantha Lily Marsh.

Faith was very important to Francis who was an active member of Saint Mary's Church in Ridgefield, CT. and Saint Patrick's church in Bedford, New York. He would become cross only when his family was late for church.

He was an avid fisherman when time permitted and he enjoyed driving his old Porsche with the top down to beautiful places including Candlewood Lake, Connecticut, having an occasional beer to relax on the weekends. His memory will live on in the hearts of all those who knew him.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Theresa and his eldest brother Thomas. He is survived by his wife, daughters, grandchildren, and his brother Brendan as well as his nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 20th from 5pm to 8pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Ave, Stamford, CT. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11am on Tuesday, November 21st at Saint Patrick's Church, 7 Pound Ridge Rd, Bedford, NY. Interment will be at (Pound Ridge) Burial Hill Cemetery in Pound Ridge, NY; his beloved hometown for 42 years.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family online, please sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome

Cemetery Details

Pound Ridge Cemetery

15 West Ln
Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Funeral Mass

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Church
7 Pound Ridge Road
Bedford, NY 10506