



## Frank Lawrence Orzell

February 9, 2020

Frank L. Orzell, 86 of Fort Collins, CO, formerly of Fayette and St. Louis, MO died February 9, 2020 at his home. A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at St. John 23rd Catholic Church, 1220 University Ave., Ft. Collins. A reception will follow. Interment will be held privately, later, at Grandview Cemetery, also in Ft. Collins.

Frank Lawrence Orzell was born and raised in St. Louis, MO to Walter and Veronica Orzell. He served in the Army during the Korean War. In 1956 he married JoAnn Myers at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in St. Louis. They were blessed with two sons, Steve and Mike. During his working career he was a meat cutter in the grocery business. His passions included deer hunting, bass fishing and spending time outdoors with his loved ones. Frank was also an enthusiastic Indy Racing Car fan. Anyone who ever met Frank would fondly recall his warm personality and great sense of humor.

After his retirement he enjoyed spending time with his “country” grandchildren on his property in Fayette, MO, until moving to Ft. Collins in 2015.

Frank is survived by his wife, JoAnn; two sons, Steve Orzell of Sebring, FL, and Mike (Pam) Orzell of Ft. Collins; his sister, Vivian Healy of St. Louis; dear friends, Jim (Susan) Groene, and their children Stephen (Sarah) Groene, Michele (Tyler) Hannigan, and Michael Groene (Mercedes Adams-Kloepfer);

as well as two great-grandchildren, Kylie and Emmett Groene.

His family requests memorial donations be made to [Parkinson.org](https://www.parkinson.org) or to Pathways Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. John XXIII  
1220 University Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

## Committal Service

FEB 18. 2:00 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery  
1900 West Mountain Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Lawrence Orzell*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *The Mudrovic Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Frank Lawrence Orzell.*



**The Mudrovic Family** - February 17, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *It's you Dad.....yes you...whom inspired my appreciation for the outdoors, for nature, and for the value of a college education. During the trips we took to the Ozark Mountains you taught me as a child about respect and a sense of curiosity about the natural world. Your inspiration was the foundation for my life's quest for knowledge about ecology. Through your support and encouragement it was possible for me to attend college and graduate school. I am grateful to have been raised by someone as caring as you were about nature and life. While you may be gone please know that your spirit lives on within me. As I reflect on your life, our life, each and every day that I venture into nature that childhood curiosity you instilled is alive and well within me. Love Steve*

**Steve L. Orzell** - February 17, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ It was wonderful to know Frank, even a little bit. He had a great sense of humor and perspective about his situation.

*Isabel Garity  
Eucharistic Minister*

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**Isabel J Garity** - February 15, 2020 at 03:06 PM

AD

“ Dear JoAnn. We are very sorry to hear that Frank has passed away. He certainly was a great storyteller and had a great wit. We know your wonderful son Mike and Pam will take the best care of you. We're thinking of you during this time. Sincerely, Annie and Mike D

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**Ann and Mike Domingue** - February 13, 2020 at 09:51 PM

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“ Goodbye for now to my loving father and best friend. I know we will meet again someday, Thank you for all the cherished memories, support and good humor you added to my life. You truly were a special and wonderful man, who I was honored to call my Dad. Rest In Peace. Your loving son.....Mike



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**Mike Orzell** - February 13, 2020 at 12:52 PM

DM

*Mike, so sorry to hear about your father. we are thinking of you. Doug and Linda.*

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**Douglas MacDonald** - February 13, 2020 at 03:13 PM

DA

*Mike so sorry to hear about your Dad. We're sending hugs and keeping you all in our prayers!*

**Darcie** - February 13, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**Elaine Walter** - February 13, 2020 at 02:21 AM



*Fun times with JoAnn and Frank at their home in central Missouri...so many wonderful memories.*

**Elaine Walter** - February 27, 2020 at 11:36 PM

SB

“ *Dear JoAnn,  
I have so many nice memories of Frank and remember him fondly.  
My condolences to you and your family.  
Love,  
Sue Byrne*

**Sue Byrne** - February 12, 2020 at 10:29 PM

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“ HE WAS ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS .WE WORKED TOGETHER AND WENT TRIPS ,HUNTED, FISHED, TOGETHER. I ALWAYS SAID THAT I COULD GIVE FRANK ALL MY MONEY AND ASK HIM TO HOLD IT FOR ME AND IT WOULD BE THEIR WHEN I NEEDED IT.I KNOW WE WILL MEET AGAIN.  
MISS YOU BUDDY  
BILL HAMILTON

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**BILL HAMILTON** - February 12, 2020 at 08:45 AM



*Frank was a very good friend. We met in 1963 when we began working together at Schnucks. Over the years we shared so many good times. He was the kindest man and always, always made everyone around him feel they were loved. Elaine and I will miss him. Thanks for all the great times and wonderful memories. JoAnn you, and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Ted Walter*

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**Elaine Walter** - February 12, 2020 at 11:08 PM