



Francis S. Happe

September 19, 1936 - August 3, 2025

Francis S. “Fran” Happe, 88, of Evansville, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, August 3, 2025.

Fran was born on September 19, 1936, in Evansville to the late Sylvester J. and Irene L. (Effinger) Happe. He served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1963 and worked for Shell Oil Company before retiring from Vectren after 22 years of service. He was a devoted, faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County, where he and his wife Shirley were inducted into the Brute` Society of the Diocese of Evansville for their service to the church. Fran was a member of the St. Joseph Church Cemetery Board; volunteered on the Social Committee preparing and serving dinners and also helped take care of the church property.

Surviving Fran are his wife of 64 years, Shirley (Martin) Happe; a daughter, Jayne (Tom) Downs; son, Gerald “Jerry” (Cindy) Happe; son-in-law, Rob Schoenstein; grandchildren, Courtney (Patrick Lewis) Merkel, Tyler (Tara) Merkel, Holly (Daniel) Sweeney, Abby (Jacob) Albin and Zachary Schoenstein, and four great grandchildren, Parker, Joseph, Oliver and Betty.

In addition to his parents, Fran was preceded in death by a daughter, Jo Ann Schoenstein; sister, Darlene Baumgart and by brothers, Robert and Ronald Happe.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County, Rev. Eugene Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Church Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a rosary recited at 7:00 PM. Friends may also visit with the family from 10:00 AM until service time on Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6202 W. St. Joseph Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church Vanderburgh County, 6202 W. St. Joseph Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Church Cemetery

6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
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Rosary

AUG 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)
6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)
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Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis S. Happe*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 04, 2025 at 06:29 PM

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“ *Just heard of Fran's passing. Sorry to hear about it. Good man with an interesting outlook and sense of humor toward humans and goats*



Dan Luigs - August 14, 2025 at 01:36 PM

DS

“ *So sorry for your loss Shirley!*

Dorothy Shoulders - August 13, 2025 at 10:49 AM

RS

“ *I never met him, but I have known and worked with his daughter JAYNE FOR MANY YEARS.*



Rodney Schmitt - August 06, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ Our thought and prayers are with your family.
We are so sorry for your loss. Patrick & Carolyn
Scheller



Carolyn Scheller - August 05, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ I wish to offer my sympathy and prayers to to Francis' family. Shirley
was a neighbor to my family. Sister Laura Marie Schmitt

Laura Marie Schmitt - August 05, 2025 at 06:30 AM



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