



## Francis Wholley

May 9, 1945 - January 24, 2021

Methuen – Francis Wholley, 75 of Methuen, loving husband and father passed away on Sunday, January 24, 2021 after a long illness, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Lawrence, MA and lived in Methuen most of his life. Frank graduated from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence and went on to serve four years in the U.S. Air Force from 1964 to 1968. He was a Vietnam veteran and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Frank retired from the United States Postal Service in Lawrence as a registry clerk after 32 years in 2005. He was a member of DAV, Lawrence Chapter and the VFW Post in Methuen. He enjoyed his weekly breakfasts with his retired buddies, coffee with his group from cardiac rehab, history, politics, traveling, and dining out with friends. His greatest times, however, were spent with his family.

Frank will be deeply missed by his loving wife, M. Kathleen (Walsh) Wholley of Methuen, with whom he celebrated over 50 years of marriage; his 3 children, Jeffrey P. and wife, Davlyn (Carter) Wholley of Sandwich, NH, Erin E. Wholley of Methuen, and Brian F. and wife, Zaira (Costa) Wholley of Tewksbury; 2 wonderful grandsons, Justin P. Wholley of Methuen and Evan P. Wholley of Sandwich, NH; 2 sisters, Ellen M. Wholley of Methuen and Kathleen (Wholley) and husband Joe Gile of Hancock, ME; his brother, Walter J. and wife, Carol (Waite) Wholley of Salem, NH; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, Walter J. and Elizabeth (Herlihy) Wholley and brother, Alfred J. Wholley.

Frank's family would like to extend a special thank you to the healthcare workers and staff of Care Dimensions Hospice and Mass General Hospital for their wonderful care, kindness and support.

Family and friends will honor and celebrate Frank's life by gathering for his Funeral Mass on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 11 AM at St. Monica's Parish, 212 Lawrence Street,

Methuen, MA. Guests are kindly asked to meet directly at the church. Burial will be held at a later date. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, face masks will be required at the church, and social distancing must be followed. If you have a health or other underlying concern, please do not attend. Frank's family will understand and respect your decision.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial Giving, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, 10 Reed Street, Haverhill, MA 01832. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.pollardfuneralhome.com](http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com). The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wholley family.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Mass**                      11:00AM

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St. Monica's Church

212 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA, US, 01844

# Comments

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Francis Wholley.



February 01 at 01:02 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Whenever anyone mentions canned SPAM I will think of Frank.

Ron and Doris Segal - February 01 at 01:02 PM

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“ Ron S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Francis Wholley.



Ron S. - February 01 at 12:58 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss.  
The family of James Willett Who passed in 1992

Kevin Willett - February 01 at 08:53 AM

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“ Honored to be his daughter-in-law and to have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. An example of love, respect, faith and strength. A family man who always had a beautiful smile on his face and stories to share.



**Zaira Wholley** - January 28 at 09:21 PM

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“ We shall meet, but we shall miss him,  
There will be one vacant chair.  
We shall linger to caress him,  
While we breath our evening prayer.

**KATE GILE** - January 28 at 08:47 AM

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“ Frank was one of a kind. He would be the first to help out when it was needed. He served his country. He was a man of high principles, and he married my baby sister. He was a very proud father and grandfather. He was always fun to be with. He loved to "talk" politics. He was also a "computer man". He loved it. Surely Frank, there will be a void, we are all going to miss you, "until we meet again".



**Claire Walsh** - January 27 at 06:14 PM



“ I am so sorry and send my deepest condolences. He was the kindest and most loving. I am thankful to have known him and he always made me feel welcome. My deepest regrets and sending peace and love to The Wholleys in this devastating time.

**jalon fowler** - January 28 at 06:19 AM

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“ I am so very sorry for your family’s loss. I will never forget one time when I came to visit (Brian and I served in the Marines together) Brian had just returned from Iraqi. Well, he was talking about his time in the Air Force and how he was on leaving, he had just left base (if I remember correctly) and a car pulled over to offer him a ride. Who was the driver? None other than the legendary Ted Williams. You would have thought it had happened the day before. He was getting excited talking about it and I couldn’t help but get excited about it. We both laughed for a while in the kitchen that day. He was a welcoming and kind man. He is in my prayers as is the entire Wholley family. He raised a great family, the highest compliment for any father.

**Jay Geldziler** - January 27 at 01:23 PM



“ True story! I had forgotten that Jay. Also my dad was speechless when he arrived home and told us the news. Thank you for the memories

**ellen wholley** - January 28 at 12:04 AM

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“ "Frank was a big part of our life in and out of the Post office. I missed our daily political talks, it may my day. We are better off knowing Frank. We look forward to seeing him in the next.

May the grace of Jesus Christ be with him.

John and Susie Eng"

**John Eng** - January 27 at 12:12 PM

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“ Uncle Frank and Auntie Kathy are my Godparents, and I always felt so lucky to have them in that role. He was always so kind and had such a good heart. Rest in peace, Uncle Frank, we will miss you. Love, Colleen



**Colleen DesRuisseaux** - January 26 at 07:54 PM



“ Thank you Colleen.

**Ellen** - January 27 at 02:44 PM

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“ Our deepest sentiments to the whole family. We have him in our thoughts and memories. We are sure Uncle Frank is resting in peace, watching over his loved ones.

Kevin, Luisa and kids



Luisa Wholley - January 26 at 07:52 PM

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“ Frank really was just a wonderful, kind, thoughtful and funny person. Growing up and attending Saint Rita's with him and his siblings, and then as a classmate at Central, I had the honor to know him and to respect him as one of the most decent people I have ever met. I truly regret that as the years passed, and I lived far away, I did not make family reunions and get to know Frank, his wife and children, and Alfred, Walter, Ellen and Kathy better. His dad and mom, Walter and Betty, were close with my dad and mom, Joe and Mary, so we cousins saw each other regularly.

God willing there will be a reunion this summer and, as I shared with Mark, I will certainly be there.

May he Rest In Peace in the heavens.

Mike Wholley

mike wholley - January 26 at 05:52 PM

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“ Frank my cousin is the same age as I and we went to the same elementary school (St Ritas in Lawrence. He was always very nice and polite and calm...The Wholley cousins (6 girls 5 boys) toasted our Grandmother Wholley Christmas eve at her house with all the families and visited each other growing up..

This picture reminds me of my Dad, Raymond Wholley- Frank looks so much like him..

My sympathy and prayers go out to all the family and I wish I could be there for the Mass but cannot attend.. God be with all of you and keep safe and healthy..

Diane Wholley Fox

Diane Fox - January 26 at 04:00 PM



“ I worked with Frank at the PO. He was always smiling, always kind, and always a gentleman. Frank is the kind of person that brings a smile to your face when you think of him.

**Donna Healey** - January 26 at 12:04 PM

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**Mike Gile** - January 25 at 09:42 PM



“ What a terrific picture....it captures his personality!

**mike wholley** - January 26 at 05:52 PM

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**KATE GILE** - January 25 at 09:39 PM

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**KATE GILE** - January 25 at 09:36 PM

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**Ellen** - January 25 at 04:41 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Frank at the Post Office over 30 years. A better gentleman and friend you won't find anywhere. Rest in Peace with The Lord, Frank.

**Russ Desrosiers** - January 25 at 03:29 PM