



Francis Wayne Okeson Jr.

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Francis Wayne Okeson Jr. of Centreville, Virginia, originally from Fredericksburg, passed away in his home, on Sunday, August 23, 2020.

He was a supervisor of airplane maintenance at Dulles International Airport and had a career spanning 20 years in aviation, both as a US Marine and as a civilian. A proud veteran, he was a Marine Corps helicopter mechanic (airframe and powerplant). He entered the military in 1997 and received an honorable discharge in 2004, with the rank of Corporal E4. His favorite duty stations included Okinawa, Japan and Brisbane, Australia.

His colleagues remember him as an extremely talented airplane mechanic and as an inspiring leader. He was a graduate of the Aviation Institute of Maintenance and held an associate's degree in business from Germanna Community College. Prior to his appointment at Dulles, he was a supervisor at Laganardia Airport in New York City. His hobbies included building and racing radio controlled cars, working on his Nissan Z, spending time at the beach and most of all, enjoying his wonderful friends and his beloved family. He was also a lifelong athlete. As an adult he completed half-marathons and regularly lifted weights. As a student he participated in sports, including football, wrestling, baseball and track and field.

He had an outgoing, positive personality and was someone that put the needs of others ahead of his own. He was kind to everyone and was always quick with a joke. He had the rare gift of knowing exactly when to be a serious listener and when to create a fun atmosphere. He also adored animals especially the dogs he kept as pets over the years.

Francis is survived by his parents, Francis Wayne and Pilar T. Okeson of Fredericksburg; his sister, Pilar L. Okeson; as well as a large, loving family of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rosann Lupton Okeson and Francis Calvin Okeson.



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Francis' family will receive friends from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 10719 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg. He will be laid to rest the following week, in a private ceremony, with full Marine Corps honors at Marine Corps Base, Quantico.

While flowers are appreciated, donations to The Wounded Warrior Project, in his name, are encouraged.



Events


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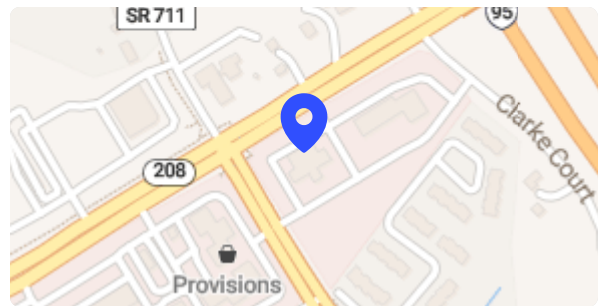
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, September 1, 2020

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Fredericksburg**
10719 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg VA 22407



Cemetery Details

 **Quantico National Cemetery**
18424 Joplin Road, Triangle VA 22172





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KG

Kim Bradley Glover lit a candle in honor of Francis.



September 2 at 7:03 PM

KG

Kim Bradley Glover posted:

Fran you will be so missed and loved by so many. Please my heart goes out to the friends and family of Fran and I'm praying for him and y'all. Much love and god bless!❤️ Kim Bradley Glover

September 2 at 7:03 PM

LA

Libya Abilmona posted:

Dear Fran & Pilar, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your son. May God see you through this difficult time. L. Abilmona

September 2 at 2:51 PM

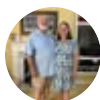
BG

Benjamin Guest lit a candle in honor of Francis.

Benjamin Guest and family send their condolences!



September 1 at 3:32 PM



Nancy Rowan posted:

Fran and Pilar, We send you our prayers during this sorrowful time. Hold on to your memories as we will always remember your son. Our love to you. Jim and Nancy Rowan

September 1 at 10:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Okeson family.



September 1 at 8:50 AM



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Bill Oeters posted:

Franny & Pilar, It is difficult to find the words to express my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. I cannot imagine losing a son and know that he meant the world to you. I have fond memories of the day we went together with your son to the Armed Forces event at Andrews Air Force base. You have many reasons to be proud of your son and know that you will miss him dearly. He no doubt will help keep the angels flying. Gob Bless you and your family. Bill Oeters

September 1 at 8:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Okeson family.



August 31 at 10:43 PM



lad Inspection sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Okeson family.



August 31 at 6:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Okeson family.



August 31 at 6:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Okeson family.



August 31 at 6:04 AM



Kara And John Flynn sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Okeson family.



August 30 at 11:00 AM



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Sandi King sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Okeson family.



August 29 at 1:06 PM



Sandi King lit a candle in honor of Francis.



August 29 at 12:53 PM



Becky Butler-Guy posted:

Franny and Pilar~My sincere and deep sympathy in the passing of your wonderful son. This is so hard for me to accept so I know it must be for you, too. I will come to the family visitation on Tuesday Night and see you all then. It has been almost 40 years since I saw you all when my house was completed in 1979. I look forward to greeting you but am sad under these circumstances! Love and prayers for your wonderful memories to sustain you in the weeks and months ahead.

August 29 at 7:31 AM



Debbie Bourne posted:

Francis and Pilar. I am so sorry to hear of your son's passing. Our prayers are with you for peace and comfort. Please let us know if we can do anything. God bless and keep you all. Love and Sympathy Lin and Debbie Bourne

August 29 at 4:47 AM



Maritza Diaz lit a candle in honor of Francis.



August 28 at 6:54 PM



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Deborah Sams lit a candle in honor of Francis.

August 28 at 1:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Okeson family.

August 28 at 12:07 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Okeson family.

August 28 at 11:58 AM



Anonymous sent a With Distinction to the Okeson family.

August 28 at 6:18 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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