



## Francis Joseph Michael Guldner

May 5, 1935 - August 20, 2024

Francis Joseph Michael Guldner, 89, of Walhalla, SC passed away on August 20, 2024. Born on May 5th, 1935 in Bronx, NY he was the son of the late Arthur and Alice Fisher Guldner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Thode Guldner and his sister Florence Healey. Survivors include his daughter, Frances Guldner; Granddaughter, Catherine Fisher; Grandson, Alden Michael Devoe; Great-grand daughter Evangeline Tyne Fisher; Great-grand son Sebastian Francis Fisher; and a crowd of family, friends, soldiers, students and others that looked to him as a father figure.

Francis Graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School, Brooklyn Poly Tech and Purdue University with degrees in Engineering. He joined the Army Corps of Engineers. As an officer he went to Vietnam and earned a bronze star. He was an instructor at the Army's Command and General Staff college and Professor of Military Science at Furman. After retiring from active duty he taught engineering at Greenville Technical College. He wrote programming and quality control text books and ran an online book & map store. He was an officer of several community organizations and he created beautiful traditional Tiffany stained glass windows. Being of service to his country, community and family was his life's work.

Francis "Fritz/Frank" Guldner grew up in poverty with a physically abusive alcoholic father. From a young boy he escaped to free, air conditioned spaces in New York City; the libraries and museums. And, when he earned a little

money delivering groceries or packing up “notions” in the garment district, he went to see John Wayne Movies. He attended a catholic school with a boxing ring in the basement for when you felt like you needed to express the injustices of life with one of the brothers. He was molded into a renaissance man who believed in the necessity of honor and the power of kindness.

A Graveside service will be held at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 301 W Main St. Walhalla,

Saturday August 31st at 10:30.

The family will receive friends following the service at the home.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA  
301 W Main St  
Walhalla, SC 29691-1858  
(864) 638-6363

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Francis Joseph Michael Guldner



Rod & Katherine Albertson - August 29, 2024 at 03:43 PM

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“ Kate Gavenus, George Ellwanger & kids purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Francis Joseph Michael Guldner.



Kate Gavenus, George Ellwanger & kids - August 29, 2024 at 11:13 AM

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“ Kate Gavenus, George Ellwanger & kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Joseph Michael Guldner.

Kate Gavenus, George Ellwanger & kids - August 29, 2024 at 11:13 AM