



JOSEPH FRANCIS FOX, SR.

May 29th, 1931 - June 26th, 2024

Joseph Francis Fox, Sr., of Doylestown, passed away on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. He was 93 years old. He was husband to Barbara (Leigh) Fox, who passed away in 2019. They married in 1953 and shared 66 years of marriage together.

Born in Paterson and raised in Fair Lawn, N.J., Joe was the son of Andrew and Anna (Bender) Fox and a loving brother to his five siblings: Andrew, Virginia (Lembo), Lucille (Castellano), Raymond, and Ann (Compton), all predeceased.

Joe's construction career spanned a long arc. In 1951, he started working at Franklin Contracting Company, in Newark. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, stationed in post-WWII Europe as part of the Army Corps of Engineers in the 1950's. After his military service, he received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Newark College of Engineering (now New Jersey Institute of Technology), while working and raising his young family. He went on to own and operate Orion Construction Company. He worked for several other companies, including JD Construction and Conduit & Foundation Corp., which took him across the country and around the world. He built interstate highways, tunnels, large sewage treatment plants, trash to energy plants and other major heavy construction projects. He remains a member of the fraternal organization The Moles.

He was very involved in all aspects of heavy construction, working closely with the New Jersey Association of General Contractors (AGC) and serving as its president from 1997-1999. He spent most of his later career bringing together the many facets of construction trades and management through his work labor relations. He was a Trustee of the New Jersey Heavy

Construction Laborer Unions Pension Funds. When he retired in 2001, he was highly respected in the construction industry, both regionally and nationally.

He enjoyed skiing, scenic drives, and traveling with his beloved Bobbie Jeanne. They restored and maintained a 19th century farm in Upper Black Eddy, PA, taking great pride in the home they made for their family. He loved holiday dinners, kibitzing with his grandkids, taking home movies, and staying connected with his extended family and lifelong friends. He could reminisce in great detail about growing up in Fair Lawn, afternoons at the Polo Grounds (with Uncle Frank and brother Ray), his tractor and backhoe, as well as reflect on the impending state of the cumulus clouds against a high blue sky above. He was unwavering in his lifelong search for knowledge, his questions of life's many uncertainties, and his enduring faith in God and family.

Joe is survived by his seven children, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, the family will receive loved ones and friends at the Shelly Funeral Home (Easton & Keller's Church Road) in Plumsteadville, PA. The funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at St. John the Baptist Church in Ottsville, PA, beginning with a viewing at 10:30 AM and a mass at 11:30 AM. Interment will follow at St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Haycock, PA.

To send condolences to the family, please visit the Shelly Funeral Home website www.shellyfuneralhomes.com. Memorial contributions can be made online to <https://memorialtree.com/plant-a-tree> and <https://www.alz.org/>.