

In Loving Memory  
of  
*Charles Kenneth Francis*

Sunrise  
May 24, 1939

Sunset  
October 21, 2020



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020 - 1 P.M.**

**WOODY "HOME FOR SERVICES"**

163 Oakwood Avenue • Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Rev. Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell, Officiating*

*Franklin St. Johns United Methodist Church*

## Obituary

**Charles Kenneth Francis, Jr.** was born on May 24, 1939, in Newark, New Jersey the son of Charles K. Francis, Sr. and Gladys Berry Francis. He passed away on October 21, 2020 at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in new Brunswick, New Jersey. Charlie, as he was known to family and friends, graduated from Barringer High School in Newark in 1957.

He furthered his education at Dartmouth College (61) and Jefferson Medical College (65) in Philadelphia. He interned at Philadelphia General Hospital and spent three years as a General Medical Officer in the United States Air Force stationed in Great Britain. He received his training in internal medicine and cardiology at Boston City Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. From 1973 to 1977, Dr. Francis was Chief of Cardiology at the King-Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles. He was then lured back to the east coast and over the next 10 years held professorships in internal medicine at the University of Connecticut Medical School and Yale University School of Medicine. From 1987- 1998, he was Director of Medicine at the Harlem Hospital Center in New York City. In 1998, he assumed the position of President of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles. In 2004, he was appointed President of the American College of Physicians and returned to his home state of New Jersey where he served at the New York Academy of Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School until his retirement.

Dr. Francis contributed to literature in the areas of coronary artery disease in African Americans, thrombolysis in myocardial infarction, hypertensive heart disease, and access to medical care for minorities. He was the recipient of numerous awards including the Louis B. Russell Memorial Award presented by the American Heart Association.

While at Dartmouth Charlie was a member of Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity and later, while living in Connecticut, became a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Charlie enjoyed reading, fishing with his children and "Uncle Russ", birdwatching and listening to Jazz. He loved travelling with Irma.

Charlie leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 57 years, Irma Woody Francis, a daughter Mary E. Francis (Betsy), a son Paul K. Francis and a brother, Peter Francis. He is also survived by a niece, two nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude ..... Emory Lee  
Seating of the Family  
Opening Hymn..... “Blessed Assurance”  
Prayer ..... Rev. Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell  
Scripture Reading  
    Old Testament..... Psalm 23  
    New Testament ..... John 14: 1-6  
Obituary ..... Paul K. Francis  
Remarks  
Solo ..... Tyrone Dunlap  
Eulogy ..... Rev. Lloyd P. Terrell  
Hymn ..... “In The Garden”  
Closing Prayer  
Recessional



## Interment

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, NJ



## Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.*

*-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Charles Kenneth Francis** would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness, prayers, love and support shown to us during this time of bereavement. We pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

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