



Mr. D. Francis Dasher Sr.

September 10, 1936 - November 18, 2018

Francis Dasher, 82, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, passed away peacefully at his home in Albany on Sunday, November 18, 2018, following a lengthy illness.

Francis was born and raised in Valdosta, Georgia. He received his degree in chemical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1960 and began his career with Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati and San Francisco. In 1969 Francis was hired by M&M Mars, where he worked in both Albany and Chicago. He held various positions, including production director and Vice President of both manufacturing and service and finance. Francis began his career as a Certified Financial Planner in 1982. He was the president and owner of Financial Advisors, Inc., and later Dasher & Padgett.

Francis was a devoted member of the Church of Christ, where he enjoyed teaching Sunday School and served as either a Deacon or Elder at the many congregations of which he was a member. He served as Chairman of the Board of South Georgia Christian Academy, treasurer of the Thronateeska Heritage Foundation, and both treasurer and president of the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club, of which he was a proud member for many years. Before his illness, Francis enjoyed reading, travel, golf, and sailing. Most of all, he enjoyed being Papa to his family. His wit and wisdom will be missed by many.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents, Donovan Oscar and Fannie Wisenbaker Dasher. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Gay Philips

Dasher; 3 children: Kathy Dasher (Peter), Donovan Dasher, Jr., and Alan Dasher (Lisa); 5 grandchildren: Paul Zanardo (Amy), Steven Zanardo, Trey Dasher (Ben), Devon Jones (Aaron), and Morgan Dasher; 3 great grandchildren; his sister, Myra Anderson (Homer); and his brothers: Steve Dasher (Sally) and Richard Dasher.

Francis's ancestors emigrated from Austria and Germany to Georgia, where they established the town of Ebenezer in the early 1700s. His remains will be placed at the Dasher Cemetery near Valdosta, where his parents and many ancestors are buried. A private memorial service for the family will be planned at a later date. Those wishing to honor Francis's memory can do so by donating to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. D. Francis Dasher Sr.*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. D. Francis Dasher Sr.*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Dasher's passing. He was a very kind man. After my father died in 1995, Mr. Dasher helped me arrange my father's assets so that my mother would continue to receive the care she needed. I will always be grateful for his advice and quiet wisdom.*

Anita Reed - November 26, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ *Gay and family, so sorry to read of Francis' passing. But it is good to know that his body is finally free of pain. Georgia Tech and the Kiwanis Club of Dougherty County are better because of him. God bless you.*

Chuck Darsey - November 26, 2018 at 04:53 AM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. D. Francis Dasher Sr..*



November 23, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *I have known and loved the Dadher family for years. Francis was the epitome of a successful man in every way. He was smart as successful in anything he touched. Albany is a better place because he and his family chose to live here. Sympathy to the family.*

patsy. martin - November 22, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ *Dear Dasher Family,
I'm saddened to hear this news. I have many fond memories of Mr. Dasher back in Arlington Heights, IL in the 1970's. Peace to all of you at this most difficult time.
Bill Fasth*

Bill Fasth - November 21, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *Dear Gay, Alan, Lisa, & Family: our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. I met Francis when I worked at M&M/MARS in the 1980s. He was a quiet gentleman but very well respected. In Christian love & friendship. Deb B*

Deb Greene Blanchard - November 21, 2018 at 02:05 PM

PW

“ I can remember when Francis was born, Don and Fannie lived on the old A.T McLeod farm just off the Statenville road, which was unpaved at the time. I was just 10 years old and still wet behind the ears with much to learn about life.

To all family and friend Francis was a good person and will be greatly missed. You have our love and sympathy.

Paul and Mary Wisenbaker

Paul Wisenbaker - November 21, 2018 at 08:08 AM

JL

“ Gay, Bob and I are really at a loss for words of what Francis meant to us. He will be greatly missed my many, especially in the Financial world. We send our love to you and the family but know that he is no longer suffering. Come visit....

Jeanette & Bob Lackey

Jeanette Lackey - November 20, 2018 at 01:56 PM

RM

“ Praying for Gay and their entire family.

Roger Marietta - November 20, 2018 at 12:42 PM

NB

“ Gay, I’m so sorry to hear of Frances’ passing. He was a great friend in high school and Wildcat Class Mate! He and I worked weekends for the former F&M food stores in our Jr & sr years...got to know him well and he was a good guy! I especially enjoyed visiting with y’all at our class reunions and talking about ole times!
Bess wishes to you in the future and may God continue to bless you and family.
Sincerely,
Norman Bennett

Norman Bennett - November 20, 2018 at 09:16 AM

DS

“ Alan, So sorry to hear about your Dad. My Dad thought the world of him and Gay. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless!
Debbie (TenHagen) Sutton

Debbie Sutton - November 20, 2018 at 08:21 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. D. Francis Dasher Sr..



November 19, 2018 at 10:35 PM