



## Frank A. Sypniewski Sr

May 13, 1940 - June 27, 2017

Frank A. Sypniewski, Sr., 77  
United States Secret Service

Lakeland – Mr. Frank A. Sypniewski passed on to his eternal home on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. Frank was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the son of Stanley and Stella Sypniewski. He received his BA from the University of Maryland and his Masters from Nova Southeastern University.

In 1961, he was married to the former Lillian Jane Hall at Laurel Run Primitive Methodist Church in Wilkes-Barre. They have two children.

Mr. Sypniewski retired with the rank of Inspector with the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division, serving from the President Kennedy through President Reagan administrations. He was then an instructor of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at various colleges and criminal justice academies in Florida and Maryland. Though accomplished professionally, Frank's priority was his love of Jesus and family. Frank served as an Elder, Deacon, Lay Leader and Sunday school teacher in Lakeland, as well as Beltsville, Maryland.

He leaves his beloved wife Lillian; sons Frank, Jr. and Bret; grandchildren Shane and Victoria; and sister Barbara. He is also survived by his daughter-in-

law Ann and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Stanley. All who knew Frank will remember him as the Hugger-In-Chief.

Visitation with the family will be Sunday, July 2, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00pm at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, FL. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00am on Monday, July 3rd at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Burial Park. Condolences to the family may be offered at [www.gentry-morrison.com](http://www.gentry-morrison.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **2**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel  
3350 Mall Hill Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33810  
(863) 858-4474  
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

## Funeral Service

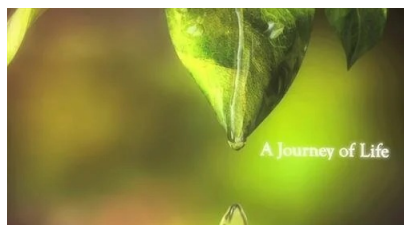
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank A. Sypniewski Sr*



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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - July 01, 2017 at 08:36 AM

LY

*Such a Beautiful and Wonderful Testimony! Thank-you for sharing.*

*Lynda Long*

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**Lynda** - June 28, 2021 at 05:03 PM

ML

“ *Frank was one of the instructors in the police academy I attended. Our program lasted two years, so we got to know each other well. He was a great instructor, but more importantly, a great man. Now that I look back, Frank not only taught us about police work, but about life itself. I never saw him raise his voice in anger and he always cared for us as individuals, not just another class. The last time I saw Frank was probably seven or eight years ago and he still remembered me from the academy which was over ten years prior to that. First thing he did was give the big Frank hug. To his family, Frank had a positive impact on lives you will never even know about. He was one of a kind and heaven gained a true gentleman and a great, Godly man.*

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**Marshall Lord** - July 13, 2017 at 03:43 PM

WC

“ I first met Frank Sypniewski - when I left 5th Special Forces and the CIA at Fort Bragg, N.C., in 1971 and joined the Uniform Division of the Secret Service [White House Division]. Frank was my training officer Lieutenant] at the Secret Service Academy as a member of Class 10. We worked together at the WH for another year.

He was a true Christian man with a heart of gold and wisdom beyond his years. He was a solid family man who adored his wife Lillian and their children. Frank spent his time protecting the US President - leading the other officers and serving anyone he could - with a kind thought; word or further inspiration for a fulfilled life.

Frank helped me immensely and pointed me away from Law Enforcement - because of my specialized skill sets - which allowed me to finish my college degree and go on for two [2] additional Master's Degrees, an MBA and in Technology Management.

I owe a lot to Frank and was back in touch with him as of about five years ago. We had some wonderful catching up to do and saying in touch until his passing. Lillian also became a new and solid friend in our relationship. My wife and pray for her strength to endure his passing.

Frank will be sorely missed by all and will be looking over all of us - in a role he never left - protector and guide.

W. Lou Campbell

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W. Lou Campbell - July 09, 2017 at 11:33 AM

EM

“ Lillian and family - I watched the video tribute, you truly have a blessed family. My mom was very sad to hear of Frank's passing. She spoke affectionately of your visits and calls. May he rest in peace and you be comforted by God's abundant graces. Ed Matejick

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**Ed Matejick** - July 07, 2017 at 10:09 AM

BP

“ Lillian, Your Frank was such a dear one! Russ and I so enjoyed the times we four could share hugs and memories of our Wilkes Barre connection! May God comfort you at this difficult time. From Barbara Phillips, Lakeland, FL

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**Barbara Phillips** - July 03, 2017 at 09:40 AM

AN

“ I remember playing golf several times with Frank, Bret and David McGuinness. Every time I saw Frank he would give me a hug. When golf was over, he would give me a hug. A friend of ours calls him Hugger-in-Chief. What an appropriate moniker. Frank was always kind-hearted. I can't remember a time when he got angry. I always looked forward to spending time with him. If I could emulate ANY of Frank's qualities, I would be a better person. God be with him now and forever.

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**Antonio** - July 03, 2017 at 07:07 AM

EB

“ Lillian, Although I never met Frank in person, I feel that I knew him a little through you. You have such wonderful memories that will forever be in your heart. Love, Beth

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**Elizabeth Bynon** - July 02, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank A. Sypniewski Sr.*



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July 01, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ *We at Planet Fitness will never forget Frank, he was always happy and would fist pump everyone. Frank always had a kind word and a smile . Frank made me feel special every time he came to the gym with a hug and some conversation. We love you Frank.*

*RIP*

*Laura Webb*

*Planet Fitness*

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**Laura Ashley** - July 01, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *Dear dear Lil,  
So many memories, moving into Md City, Storing your furniture in my basement; Dr Phiffer the dentist; bed rails, UM book store. etc etc. Will always remember those good times. I pray that you and your family are at peace knowing Frank is not suffering.*

*Love*

*Loretta & Chuck Peacock*

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**Loretta Peacock** - July 01, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - July 01, 2017 at 08:18 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of **Frank A. Sypniewski Sr.**



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June 30, 2017 at 07:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of **Frank A. Sypniewski Sr.**



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June 30, 2017 at 05:39 PM

DB

“ Donald & Melody Belle purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Frank A. Sypniewski Sr.



Donald & Melody Belle - June 30, 2017 at 02:23 PM

YF

“ Your Prime4Banks Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frank A. Sypniewski Sr.



Your Prime4Banks Family - June 30, 2017 at 01:52 PM

BD

“ Bill Hall, Jr.(nephew) and Donna send their sympathy. Uncle Frank has "left the surly bonds of Earth and touched the face of God". He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Aunt Lillian and the family.



Bill Hall Jr. & Donna - June 30, 2017 at 12:22 PM

BF

“ Bill & Marian Hall and their children & families purchased the A Full Life for the family of Frank A. Sypniewski Sr.



Bill & Marian Hall and their children & families - June 30, 2017 at 12:21 PM

RK

“ When I married my husband in 1983 I wore my Aunt Lillian's wedding gown. It had been in storage since 1966 but was as white as snow and more beautiful than I could have imagined. Uncle Frank and Aunt Lillian came to Virginia for the ceremony. When he saw me walk down the aisle in the dress my Aunt Lillian had worn when she married him, there were tears of love in his eyes.  
I am still married to the same man 34 years later and that was one lucky, blessed dress!

Rebecca Hall Kuzma - June 30, 2017 at 11:34 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Frank A. Sypniewski Sr.



June 29, 2017 at 11:55 PM

CW

“ Colleen Wedding...Niece lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Sypniewski Sr



Colleen Wedding...Niece - June 29, 2017 at 08:34 PM

CW

Uncle Frank always had the Biggest Smile and Gave the Best Hugs! I will keep him in my Heart and Prayers! My Love goes out to my Aunt Lill and Cousins, Frankie, and Bret. XO  
I will have a Prayer said for Uncle Frank at my Church. God Bless All of You 🙏

Colleen Wedding...Niece - June 29, 2017 at 08:42 PM

JH

*Members of the Association of Retired Police Officers, Washington, DC, offer their condolences to the family and friends of Retired Inspector Frank A. Sypniewski*

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**Janet Hankins** - June 29, 2017 at 10:23 PM

JD

*I served in the USSS EPS as an officer at the White House from 1970-75. When I met Frank he was "Lt. Sypniewski" and was one of my supervisors. I remember him as a very friendly man who would stop and talk to each officer at every post in the "House." He was approachable and very helpful to all of us. I will miss him.*

*Jim Dukes, DHS/ICE Sr. Special Agent (Retired)  
San Antonio, Texas*

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**Jim J Dukes** - June 29, 2017 at 11:23 PM

DW

*I would like to extend my sympathy to Frank's relatives and friends over his recent passing. Frank and I were appointed to the police department on the same day. I think there were about 20 of us. We were given a two week orientation and were then shipped out to the different precincts. I was sent to #13 precinct. Don't know where Frank went to. As far as I can remember that was the last association I had with Frank. Rest in peace old friend.*

*Dale E. Wallace  
Port Charlotte, Fl.*

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**Dale E. Wallace** - June 30, 2017 at 10:01 AM

JG

*We, Norma and I only met Frank once, for lunch at a local Wilkes-Barre restaurant, several years ago. We have known "Lillian Jane" and her whole family since we were children in Laurel Run, Pa., where the girls were always addressed by their full names and the boys had only nicknames.*

*Lillian has suffered several losses in the last few months but we know her faith and the love of her sons and friends will carry her through. But losing Frank must be the most painful of all.*

*Joe & Norma*

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**Joseph Norma Gregory** - June 30, 2017 at 10:14 AM