



Frank L. Lindsey

August 9, 1947 - November 23, 2018

Frank L. Lindsey, 71, of 1187 Patton Hill Road, Towanda, Pa. 18848 (Towanda Township), passed away peacefully Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, at his home.

Deeply devoted to serving others, he was a well-known former Towanda police chief and was currently a Towanda Township supervisor. In his later years, Frank showed the same strength and determination he brought to his work as he battled the lingering effects of a disabling accident.

Born Aug. 9, 1947, at the old Mills Hospital, in Towanda Township, Frank was a son of Edwin and Margaret McNamara Lindsey. He grew up on Bridge Street, Towanda, and graduated from Towanda High School in 1966. He attended Emmanuel Bible College, in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, for two years then joined the Army, serving five months on active duty then in the Reserve. Frank worked for a time at Masonite Corp. in Wysox and also at the Maryott Funeral Home, Towanda.

In 1972 he joined the Towanda Police Department. He also served part time with the Monroeton, Sayre, Athens and Rome/Orwell departments. In police work, Frank fulfilled his lifelong dream. During his career, he served on the Bradford County Drug Task Force and worked with the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, which aims to steer children away from drugs. He also helped establish the Bradford County K-9 program, which he loved, and partnered with Noro the police dog.

In 1989, Frank became chief of the Towanda Police Department, a position he held until his retirement in 2006. He once stated: "I guess my biggest desire was to help people that needed help."

In the meantime, he served more than two decades as a deputy warden with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. One of his duties with the commission was to stock waterways with trout in the spring, a job he loved and looked forward to every year. For 36 years, Frank also held office as a Towanda Township supervisor, acting as board chairman at one time as well as roadmaster. So, when local residents did not see him driving by in a police cruiser, they saw him in a township truck, as he went about plowing, fixing potholes or doing other work. He was involved with buying and remodeling the former Young Chapel on Church Street to use as a township office and also buying land

near the Route 220/South Main Street, Towanda, intersection and building a cinder/salt bin there.

As with his work life, Frank kept busy with volunteer organizations. He was a member of the Towanda Masons, Union Lodge No. 108, where he was a 32nd degree Mason and past master; Towanda Elks Lodge No. 2191, where he was a past trustee; the Bridge Street Rod and Gun Club; Beirne-Webster VFW 1568, Towanda; the Monroeton Rod and Gun Club; the Fraternal Order of Police; and the Penn-York Wild Pigs Motorcycle Club. He was part of the loving congregation family at the Towanda Independent Baptist Church. In his leisure hours, Frank was an avid hunter and fisherman – and is also described as a jokester. He belonged to the Patton Hill Hunting Club, as well as owning his own cabin in Wheelerville, where he especially enjoyed fishing. In earlier years he loved snowmobiling and his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Along with his strong, ever-busy side, Frank was a devoted family man. He and his loving wife, Wilma, married in 2003 and her sons thought of him as a father. He adored his grandchildren, who called him “Poppy Frank,” and would often take his granddaughter Chloe to the Elks Club for Shirley Temple drinks.

He also was a talented cook and often prepared wings and shrimp at the Elks Club and oyster dinners at the Monroeton Rod and Gun Club. He also was known for his linguine, chili and sausage bread.

Frank was a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers fan and enjoyed watching John Wayne movies with his grandson “Chaseman.”

On Dec. 7, 2013, Frank was severely injured in an accident in the woods. Although his injuries eventually led to his passing, he never gave up his fight to recover. Township meetings often were held at his home, so he could be involved – in fact, he had participated in a meeting just days before his passing. He attended church as long as he could, and even visited his friends at the hunting club one summer.

In addition to his devoted wife, Wilma, Frank is survived by his mother, Margaret Lindsey of Media, Pa.; his sons and daughters-in-law, Charlie and Doris Tuttle and Timothy and Erin Tuttle, all of New York state; his grandchildren, Chloe (his Shirley Temple buddy), Chase, Cora (his “little nurse”), Maddie and Reagan; his sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Frank Cacciutti of Media; his brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Alberta Lindsey of North Carolina; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Albert (Patty) Chilson, Vicki Yeddo, Larry and Dawn Chilson, Tammy and Jerry Hobbs, Doug and Yolanda Chilson, Jeff and Gayle Chilson, and Janet and Kevin Spencer; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

He was predeceased by his father, Edwin Lindsey.

His family is forever grateful to all the departments at SUNY Upstate in Syracuse for the care they gave Frank the past five years and the Guthrie Hospice staff, who assisted during Frank’s illness and after his passing.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Independent Baptist Church, Cherry Street, Towanda. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Lloyd Vaughn officiating. A private burial for the family will be held at Cole Cemetery, Monroeton. Those wishing may make donations to the K-9 program. Make checks to Towanda Borough/K-9 and send to the Towanda Police Department, 10 Park St., Towanda, Pa. 18848.

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave., Towanda, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memories and Condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery

Cole Cemetery

13374 Route 220

Towanda, PA, 18848

Events

NOV **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Independent Baptist Church

109 Cherry Street, Towanda, PA, US, 18848

NOV **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ So very sorry for your loss Wilma. Frank was a all around good man. I met him through my parents back in the early 70's and he never changed. My blessings, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Julie Shay Bump - November 29, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ A very special friend of mine, going to miss you so very much. Loved talking with you and your sense of humor. You're in a better place now and no more suffering for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you Wilma and family. R. I.P. Frank.



Patti Williams Knolles - November 29, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Frank L. Lindsey.



November 28, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“Our condolences to the Lindsey family. What a great man. RIP Frank.” Paul & Shawn Barrouk

Paul Barrouk - November 28, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“Margaret and family, our thoughts and Prayers are with you . He was a wonderful son and Family man.
Rod and Alita Sterling Millard.

Alita Millard - November 28, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“Wilma, So sorry for the loss of Frank. Cherish the memories.

Jim Brown and Helen Wilcox

HELEN WILCOX - November 28, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“My deepest condolences to the Lindsey family. Frank was such a “gentle giant” I will always cherish the memories. Prayers for strength to get get you all through this hard time. ((HUGS))
Xoxox -Jenni Chilson



Jennifer Chilson - November 27, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“frank you will be miss a lot you was a good cop and a loving husband to Wilma and your children .Wilma took good care of you and made you comable to the end.from bruce hunsinger and betty chilson.if you need any thing call us ok

bettychilson bruce hunsinger - November 27, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family of frank he was a great man and a good friend he will truly be missed R.I.P. my friend



kitten & john parker - November 27, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ Frank was s great man. He is going to be missed by all that knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends



Kathy Heskell - November 27, 2018 at 03:41 AM



“ One of the best men I ever met. Would help anyone, he had a great influence on my life. He will be missed.

Lisa Ammerman - November 26, 2018 at 09:42 PM



“ I'm so saddened to read of Frank's passing. He was truly a servant for the community, and we all mourn this loss. I pray for your strength and comfort in the days to come.

With Deepest Sympathy,
Val and John

Val Morningstar - November 26, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ Frank was bigger than life, it was a pleasure and joy to know him and be around him. Wilma may these memories of Frank give you and your family comfort at this time of sorrow. So glad to have known him and call him family. So sorry.
Sending hugs and love, Lisa Miller

Lisa Miller - November 26, 2018 at 08:29 PM



“ Rest in piece uncle Frank you will be miss by all that knew you. It was a blessing to have you in my life

Lisa Griffith - November 26, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Frank L. Lindsey.



November 26, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ He was a good man, and we are proud to have had him as a friend. Our prayers and condolences for Wilma and the rest of his family. Dale & Donna Burrell

Dale Burrell - November 26, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ Dear Wilma and families, Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Frank! He will be deeply missed with so many great memories and friends along the way. Sending you all lots of strength and hugs for the days ahead. Warmest Regards, Elaine & Larry Elliott



Elaine Elliott - November 26, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ Gayle Eddy lit a candle in memory of Frank L. Lindsey



Gayle Eddy - November 26, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ Wilma, heartfelt condolences in your loss of Frank. Our prayers to you and your family. We have many wonderful memories of Frank and you from our mountain homes. God bless.

Lyall Harris and family
Your Wheelerville mountain neighbors

Tammy Howard - November 26, 2018 at 01:24 PM



“ Frank Lindsey family. You have lost one of the best men I have had the pleasure of knowing. He truly was a devoted family man. I had a lot fun times with Frank. We shot a lot of games darts against each other and occasionally he would pick up a pool stick. He never got mad over anything. Always had a smile on his face. A smile that will never be forgotten. I proud to say I can call him a friend. Sorry for the loss if a great man

Boomer Lane - November 26, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ So sorry to read of Frank’s passing, he certainly leaves a multitude of things he accomplished in life for his community. My thoughts and prayers to his family.
Dorothy Shay Sauro



Dorothy Shay Sauro - November 26, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ We well remember Frank as a high school classmate. He was one classmate we could not forget. His smile told the story of "what is Frank up to now?"
I am grateful that I did know Frank, With his service to our country, to his community and to the Lord, the quality of his responsibilities touched many lives. May the Lord grant comfort and consolation to Frank's family at this time.

Paul Fitch

Paul Fitch - November 26, 2018 at 09:12 AM



“ Claire Holton- Lizon lit a candle in memory of Frank L. Lindsey



Claire Holton- Lizon - November 26, 2018 at 07:35 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Frank was a very caring person he will deeply be missed.

Kathy Moore - November 26, 2018 at 07:06 AM



“ Wilma and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Peg and Tom Blanchard

Margaret K Blanchard - November 26, 2018 at 06:25 AM



“ Paul And Karen Kilmer lit a candle in memory of Frank L. Lindsey



Paul and Karen Kilmer - November 25, 2018 at 09:22 PM