



ALGENNON "AL" C. FRANCEKEVICH

February 9, 1933 - April 5, 2021

MEMORIAL VISITATION:

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021

2PM TO 4PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021

3:30PM

DURING THE LAST HALF HOUR OF THE VISITATION

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Al Francekevich, 88 years of age, of New York City, New York, passed away on Monday, April 5, 2021.

He was born on February 9, 1933 in Brooklyn, New York to Anna and Constantine Francekevich.

Al graduated from Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School in 1951 and attended The City College and graduated with Bachelor of Arts Degree. After college he joined the US Army in 1956 and was a motion picture technician. While in the Army he photographed the Atomic bomb testing in Nevada and missile launches in Cape Canaveral.

He met his wife Janet while in the Army and married in 1960.

Al started his own advertising photography company-Al Francekevich Incorporated where he enjoyed working with his many assistants, who became part of the family, as well as his nieces and nephews. Some of his clients were AT&T, American Express, Canon Camera, Dupont, Kodak, GE, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, Polaroid, Proctor & Gamble, and the list goes on.

His photos were published in People, Times, Newsweek, to list just a few, and also wrote columns for Popular Photography.

Al taught photography at the School of Visual Arts for more than 25 years. He received over 50 advertising awards including the Gold Medal of Art Directors, and the Club of New York.

In 1994 he had one of his photographs purchased for permanent collection of the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian.

In his spare time, Al volunteered his time as a member of ASMP and served as both National and New York Board of Directors. He also served on the Joint Ethics Committee for 20 years and was a member of the Photographic Administrators.

Al was a pioneer with his photographic concepts and ideas that were achieved by employing special effects encompassing computers, film techniques, and darkroom magic.

While creating this amazing career, teaching and volunteering his time in New York City, he lived in Ridgewood, New Jersey for 15 years where he and his wife raised their two children, Marc and Amy, enjoying family time. In 1991, his

daughter went to college and he and his wife moved back to Manhattan to his studio on Fifth Avenue.

Al will be remembered as a devoted husband for almost 61 years, a wonderful father to his two children and a loving grandpa to his three grandchildren. He was a great friend with a gentle kindness and generosity and will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife Janet, his loving children Marc Francekevich and Amy Van Den Berg and her husband Karl; his cherished grandchildren Julia and Jake Van Den Berg and Landen De Graff; a loving uncle to his many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, great great nieces and great great nephews, and a dear brother-in-law.

A memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 2pm to 4pm with a memorial service at 3:30pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, New Jersey 07435 ((for GPS use 1 Post Place).

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ I had Al Francekevitch as a young 21 year old (1970) at the School of Visual Arts. Always attentive, knowledgeable, and great critiques. I saw him when retired at his home, 5th Ave. Generous with his time. RIP Joanna R

Joanna Redding - March 01, 2025 at 09:18 AM

MN

“ Dear Janet and Family,
Al was a very good friend and a wonderful photographer.
At the beginning of the computer age he was my mentor.
We have so many good memories when Al was the President of PAI.
All our thoughts and best wishes are with you at the Memorial.
Love,
Brigitte and Marvin Newman

Marvin E. Newman - May 14, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of ALGENNON "AL" C. FRANCEKEVICH.



May 08, 2021 at 07:54 PM

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“ Love, Joanne & Anthony Pinelli and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of ALGENNON "AL" C. FRANCEKEVICH.



Love, Joanne & Anthony Pinelli and Family - May 01, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of ALGENNON "AL" C. FRANCEKEVICH.



April 30, 2021 at 07:23 PM

MN

“ While attending the School of Visual Arts I was fortunate to have Al as one of my instructors, always approachable and willing to share his vast knowledge of his love of teaching photography. My first assistant position, (1973-1977) was working with Al capturing multi exposures on pharmaceutical projects late into the night and wonderful covers for Forbes Magazine. Little did I know that he would also be my first mentor...
My prayers and thoughts are with Janet, Mark, Amy and family.
Michael Neenan

Michael Neenan - April 13, 2021 at 04:38 PM