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Paris, Francis M., 78, of St. Petersburg, Florida, died Sunday, February 9. He was born to the late Meade and Elizabeth Anne Paris, Dec. 16, 1935, in Steubenville, OH. Francis graduated as valedictorian from Steubenville High School, earned a BA from Northwestern University and a Master's in Public Health from the University of California - Berkeley. Francis pursued a career in public health administration, eventually locating to Dayton, OH, where he served as administrator of Children's Medical Center and helped establish the ambulatory care program for the medical school at Wright State University. In 1983, Fran accepted a position at the Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida, where he served as deputy administrator until he retired in 2005. As a sports aficionado, Fran was thrilled when his city was finally awarded a professional baseball team and equally excited when USF joined the ranks of collegiate football. He held season tickets for the Bulls, Rays and Buccaneers and truly enjoyed all sports. His St. Petersburg home was frequently the center of large gatherings for family and friends, and he had a passion for travel, visiting Argentina, Italy, Amsterdam, France, Monaco, England and Hong Kong. Fran is survived by his partner, Edgardo Scott; his sister, Barbara Hjort of Lake Havasu, AZ; three children: David Paris of Brandon; Sandra Tuell of St. Petersburg; Elizabeth Heinz of Peoria, AZ; and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Community Tampa Bay or the American Diabetes Association. The public is invited to greet the family at 2 pm. Thursday at the Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held to honor Fran's life at 3 pm with burial to immediately follow.



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PC

Perry Capurro posted:

Francis was a formidable man at FMHI. I was honored to know him and scared at the same time, he seem larger than life and knowing his daughter Sandy. I tried to stay low on the radar. He was a gentle soul and quiet man and did not say much, hard to believe that was 30 plus years ago. Thanks for your kindness to me and making my stop at USF a memorable one. May you rest in peace Francis....Perry Capurro

October 12 at 3:52 PM

SD

Sandy Mcdonald Davis posted:

Beth and family- I just came across this yesterday. I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I know you had a lot of fun whenever you visited him when you were in college. I remember a road trip one year in college where we dropped you at his house. Much love to you! Loyally, Sandy McDonald Davis and Family

February 24 at 3:35 PM

BA

Bill & Dan Allstate posted:

Francis, We want to thank you for all that you have done for all those people you helped- thousands of people that live better today because you cared, God Bless ,

February 17 at 12:18 PM

DC

Denise Chapman posted:

Sandy, Maggi and I are praying for all of you. We know the pain associated with this type of loss. If there is anything that we can do, just let us know.

February 13 at 10:41 AM



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