



Francis Anthony Locke MD

January 20, 1928 - January 20, 2016

Francis A. Locke, MD, 1928-2016

Francis Anthony Locke, 88, of Adrian, Michigan, died peacefully at home in Napa, CA, on January 20, 2016, after a prolonged illness with family at his side. He is much loved and missed by his adoring wife of 67 years, Kathie, and by his loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Frank was born in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, to the late Edward and Josephine Locke. He and his beloved brother Paul were fast friends, sports enthusiasts and were also raised to appreciate culture, art, dance and music. He remained a life-long fan of his home team, the Pittsburgh Pirates.

He received his BA summa cum laude from Washington & Jefferson in 1949, and his MD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1953. He completed his residency in Ob-Gyn at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit from 1955-1959. He became board certified in OB-Gyn in 1963.

He served his country in both the US Army and the US Navy. He served in the US Army from 1944-46 at the end of World War II and was present at the war crimes trials in Japan. He served as a Naval Flight Surgeon in the US Navy

from 1953-1955. This service led to a lifelong interest in flying and he soloed in Michigan with the Jacobs Flying Service.

He married his wife, the former H. Kathryn Cutshall, in 1949 and together they moved to Adrian, MI, in 1959. Over the next 56 years he raised five cherished children, maintained a successful OB-Gyn medical practice and was well known for his generosity of spirit, love of tennis and golf, his many kindnesses and his gentle sense of humor. He had a soft spot for Tom Mix and the Ralston Straightshooters and the Ralston Round Up song.

He filled many leadership roles during his career and served as President of the Lenawee County Medical Society, Chief of Medical Staff, Chair of the Department of Ob-Gyn and Chair of the Department of Surgery at Bixby Medical Center. He served more than twenty years as a member of the Michigan State Medical Society Committee of Maternal and Perinatal Health.

In 1995 on his retirement he was cited with a Special Tribute by the Governor of Michigan for his years of service. During his busy medical practice he delivered more than 6,000 babies and provided medical care to thousands of patients.

In his community he served as an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, served on the Board of Associates at Adrian College, was a founding member of the Lenawee Civil War Roundtable and was a Rotarian. His ongoing support of the Croswell Opera House and the Adrian Symphony Orchestra contributed to their continuing success.

He and his wife travelled the world over many years creating particularly fond and enduring memories of Ecuador, the Pyramids and the lush jungles of Central America.

Frank is survived by his wife, Kathryn Locke of Napa, CA, by his brother, Paul Locke, of Santa Cruz, CA, and by five children: Timothy Locke of Napa CA, Rebecca Hoffman (David) of Vancouver WA, Daniel Locke (Marcy) of Sandy UT, James Locke (Wendy) of Sharon MA and Lisbeth Locke of Wahoo, NE. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation and viewing will take place Friday, January 29, 2016, at the Wagley Funeral Home, 1501 W Maumee Street, Adrian MI, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at First Presbyterian Church, 156 E Maumee Street, Adrian MI at 11:30 AM with Rev. Sarah Ross officiating. Memorial services will be followed by burial in Oakwood Cemetery. A reception for family and friends will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org or to the First Presbyterian Church. Envelopes will be available at the service. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI

Visitation

JAN 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Memorial Service

JAN 30. 11:30 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
156 E. Maumee Street
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Francis Anthony Locke MD

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Dr. Locke was with my husband and I through 4.5 pregnancies, delivered 2 of the 4 (his associates were on call for the other 2) and helped us through a miscarriage. As a young mother, he was always gracious, caring and professional to me. Our 4 sons are the greatest gifts to us and Dr. Locke helped usher them into our lives. We now have 3 daughter-in-laws and 6 grandchildren added to our family with (hopefully) a few more to come. He gave me kind, gentle and experienced care, thank you.

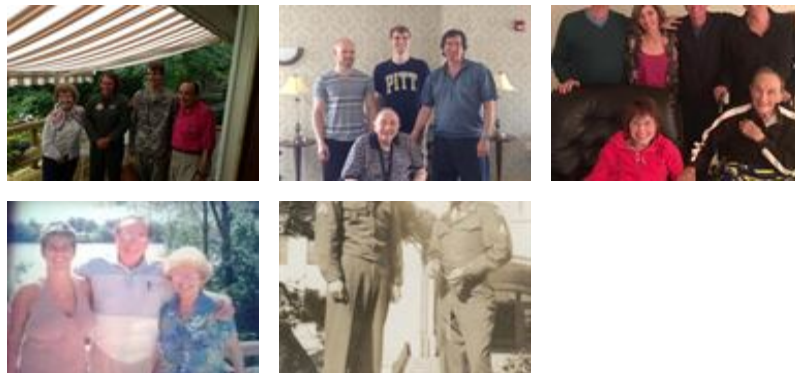
Our love, sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Locke, your children and their families.

With warm Regards, Connie and John Seiser

Connie Seiser - February 01, 2016 at 08:56 AM



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Wagley Funeral Home - January 29, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ Marty and I are sorry to hear of the loss of your Father, Father-in-law & Grandfather. Hold your family close and remember the other side of the moon is not so very far away.
Margaret & Marty Steinberg

Margaret Chandler-Steinberg - January 28, 2016 at 03:53 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - January 28, 2016 at 12:37 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - January 28, 2016 at 08:16 AM

SS

“ Frank was well-beloved at the hospital, by both physicians, nurses, and all employees. Always ready with a friendly smile for everyone he met. I remember that when he retired, he had the best-attended retirement party of anyone I can recall; even congressman Walberg came. Frank loved history, and he was the local expert on the battle of Chickamauga.

Thoroughly dedicated to the care of the sick, stalwart in the support of family and friends, in the first rank as a patron of culture, learning and the arts; he will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

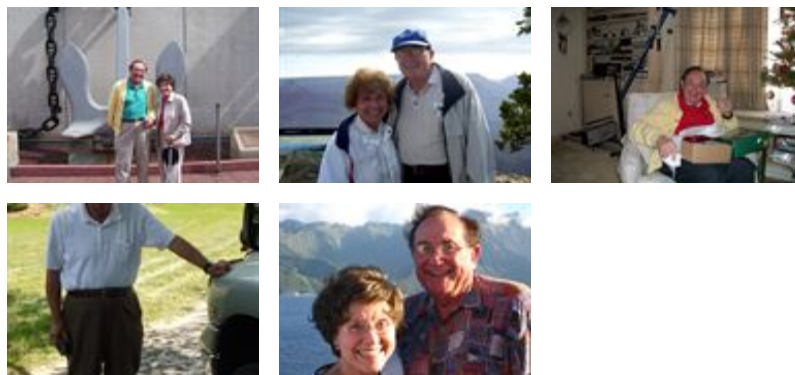
Goodbye, old friend.

Steven and Anne Sherman

Steven Sherman - January 27, 2016 at 08:51 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - January 27, 2016 at 12:29 PM

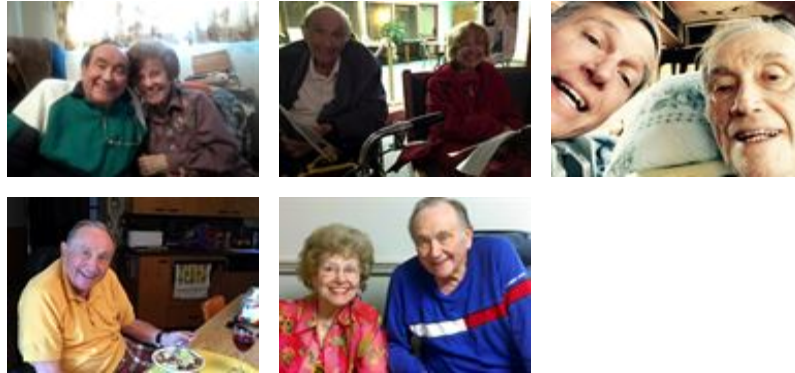
KH

“ Thank you Dr. Locke for being one of my doctors when my son was born in 1987. Thoughts and prayers to your family.

Kimberly Hubbell - January 26, 2016 at 05:38 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - January 26, 2016 at 10:06 AM

VL

“ *Dr. Locke was my sister's father-in-law. He was distinguished and funny and always available for his kids and grandkids. He was most happy when he was surrounded by his family. His love for Kathy was full and deep. He will be so missed by his family. Dr. Locke was an amazing man and a dedicated Doctor.*

Vicky Lang - January 25, 2016 at 08:11 PM

PP

“ *My sympathy to each loved one . I went to school with Jamie and Dr. Locke delivered both our daughters on the same day 1 year apart, December 30th. They're 33 and 34 now. He was the kindest, most gentle man in his work. RIP Dr. Francis A. Locke*

Patty Pearson - January 25, 2016 at 07:15 PM

MR

“ *What a wonderful Dr with a great smile & gentle manner he was one of a kind to his patient's in Lenawee County! Visited with him during his rehab at LMC he still had that great smile during his time of suffering.*

Margie Reed - January 24, 2016 at 04:32 PM

DS

“ *Dr. Locke was the most gentle & sweetest of men! He attended a weekly conference where I saw & talked to him. He always called me by name & treated me as a friend! I pray the Lord gives you all comfort and peace! Please accept my sincere condolences!*

Darcel Shankle - January 24, 2016 at 02:34 PM

KR

“ *Frank delivered my son and was a wonderful, gentle Doc! I also enjoyed playing tennis with him on Dr Stewart's court! RIP Dr Locke!*

Kathy Reid - January 24, 2016 at 11:57 AM

JS

“ *Rip Dr locke your a great man and will be dearly missed by many.. You have my deepest condolences..*

Jeanette sebring - January 24, 2016 at 11:10 AM



“ *Dr. Locke delivered my 4 kids . He is-was a great doctor. RIP Dr. Locke.*

Velma Hood - January 23, 2016 at 11:08 AM

LL

Thank you so much

Lisbeth locke - January 23, 2016 at 01:26 PM

TG

“ *To Dr Locke's family...he will be dearly missed...He gave so much of himself to the communitySo many babies delivered...and he was a kind and gentle man Terry Griewahn*



Terry Griewahn - January 23, 2016 at 10:35 AM

LL

Thank you so much

Lisbeth locke - January 23, 2016 at 01:27 PM

JW

“ *Hi, so sorry to hear of Dr locke's passing. He brought me into this world and years later my wonderful son. I just thought he was a wonderful person. God bless your family.*

janine emerson walters - January 23, 2016 at 09:48 AM

KG

“ *What a blessing this man was to so many people. Such a gentle and caring gentleman who made a great impact on the community in a quiet manner. He will be sadly missed. Bill and I had many fond memories of working with both Frank and Kathie at our church. I am sorry the distance from North Carolina keeps me from being there to honor his life with all of you on Saturday.*

Kathryn Green - January 23, 2016 at 08:41 AM

JR

“ I was a weekly visitor to the Locke home for piano lessons with Mrs. Locke. It was a warm and inviting place to be. Praying for comfort for all of you.

Jackie Lemon Reynolds - January 23, 2016 at 06:45 AM

LL

“ Words can't express the loss I feel for the most incredible man on this planet and I am so blessed that he loved me like one of his own. Dad i. love you so much



Lisbeth Locke - January 22, 2016 at 04:56 PM

BK

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Brad Kendall

Brad Kendall - January 23, 2016 at 10:31 AM

SA

Dr. Locke was one of a kind. He was so caring and warm to me as his patient and I always enjoyed running into him at the grocery store. He seemed genuinely happy to acknowledge me and I always respected him for that! He was a great doctor and person!

Sue Allshouse - January 23, 2016 at 01:59 PM

NA

There is no replacement for Frank Locke, except the beautiful children he and Kathie raised. What an exceptional family and legacy he leaves. While we are terribly sad about his passing, we are and will be forever grateful to have known this absolute Angel among us. He will forever be missed and cherished in so many memories of all who had the pleasure of knowing him. We love you all, and miss Kathie so much. Wes and Nancy Dermeyer

Nancy - January 23, 2016 at 06:28 PM

MM

Frank was a wonderful man; kind, gentle and a committed member of the Adrian Rotary Club. Thanks, Frank, for being a great man and role model.

Mark M

Mark Murray - January 24, 2016 at 08:03 PM

RP

So sorry for your loss Lisbeth. Please take care and know that many people share your grief.

Robin Pawson

Robin Pawson - January 25, 2016 at 11:41 AM