



## Frank Joseph Follis

January 5, 1939 - June 22, 2009

Frank Joseph Follis, age 70, of Bolivar, Missouri passed away June 22, 2009 at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar, Missouri

He was born January 5, 1939 in Springfield, Missouri to Carl Follis and Dora Melanowski Follis.

On July 30, 1965 he was united in marriage to Marilyn Baker. To this union was born three sons, Jay, Joe and Jack.

After graduating from Willard High School in 1957, Frank enlisted in the United States Marines and after boot camp went through ROTC training at Southwest Missouri State. Frank graduated from SMS College in 1961 with a degree in Music.

He attended Drury College from 1961 to 1963 and graduated with a degree in Sociology and Psychology. After graduation he began working for the Division of Family Services and while working attended Southwest Baptist College and received his Masters Degree in Psychology in 1973.

Although, most of his career was in social service and healthcare, Frank was an accomplished musician. He had mastered several instruments. He gave private music lessons during and after his college years. Among the long list

of noted students, one stood out, Robert Stroud, the Birdman of Alcatraz, one of his students while teaching music at the Federal Medical Penitentiary.

In 1970 Frank became the administrator of Bolivar Nursing Home where he served in that capacity for 19 years. During that period Frank served on several state legislative committees and served in several capacities for the Missouri Healthcare Association, which included Treasure, Secretary and eventually President of the Association in 1981.

He was also involved in a family partnership which owned and operated 32 facilities throughout the State of Missouri serving the developmentally disabled. In that capacity he served on several local, regional and state boards. Frank was instrumental in starting the Bolivar Sheltered Workshop. He continued to work with the partnership until his death.

He was an active member of the First Assembly of God Church in Bolivar, Missouri.

Of all the accomplishments Frank achieved, his most treasured moments was with his family. He was loved and adored by his wife, sons, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren. Over the past few years, although he was dealing with health issues, he rarely missed a ballgame or function that the grandchildren were in. They could always count on Pa being there.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Dora Follis, and a daughter-in-law, Angela Follis.

Frank is survived by his wife, Marilyn of the home, three sons, Jay, Joe and Jack, two daughter-in-laws, Amy and Jennifer, five grandchildren, Kaleb, Kolby, Jacey, Jackson and Jed, a brother, John Follis and wife Bev, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am, Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the First Assembly of God Church in Bolivar, Missouri with Rev. Gary Ankrom and Rev. Billy Russell officiating under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Burial will follow at Mt. View Cemetery in Polk, Missouri with Full Military Honors provided by the AMVETS Post #114 of Flemington, Missouri. There will be no formal visitation per the request of the family. Friends may stop by the Butler Funeral Home for viewing and sign the guest book from 10:00am-5:00pm, Wednesday, June 24, 2009. Pallbearers will be William Graham, Jack Baker, Chris Nickos, John Kallenback, Steve Keller, and Dean Griggs. Honorary Pallbearers will be Max Bacon, David Cribbs, Jack McCrimmon, Greg Powhida, Richard Appleby and Charles Fraser.

The family suggests contributions to the Carrie Babb Cancer Center in Bolivar, Missouri or to the Bolivar High School Music Department in memory of Frank.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Joseph Follis*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Frank Joseph Follis*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Marilyn and Family - We are saddened by the news of Frank's passing. Our family is thinking of you and praying for each of you during this very difficult time. May God give you strength and sustain each of you with fond memories, until you meet again in Heaven.*

*Sincerely,*

*Shelly Wyatt (McMasters) and Rita Estes (McMasters) & family*

**Shelly McMasters-Wyatt** - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I feel I'm a better person for knowing Frank and working for him for all those years. We should all be as accepting and loving as he was. The world lost a heart of gold with his passing. May God bless you all, you are in my prayers*

**Carolyn Moriarty** - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ The few years we have lived in Bolivar and known the Follis family, it has been evident that the pillar in their family is Frank! We have felt your pain each time he went into the hospital these past months and have hoped and prayed, like you, that he would overcome his ailments. Though his passing will have eminent pain for all of you, we hope that you have comfort in knowing that you will meet him again soon. We are so sorry that Frank has passed. We love you, Brett, Kristi, Kelsie and Ashtyn

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**Brett and Kristi Thomson** - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Marilyn Are prayers are with you.

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**Jerry & Vicki Carson** - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Let us know if you need anything or if we can do anything to help.

*Jeremy, Tiffany, Reagan, and Kaden Hunt*

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**Jeremy and Tiffany Hunt and Kids** - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Marilyn, Jay, Joe and Jack, We were saddened by your loss. We'll always remember Frank at Jack and Tony's ballgames. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Jim and Helen Molchan*

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**molchan,jim and helen** - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ My families thoughts and prayers are with your family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Tiffany Hunt** - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Marilyn and Family ~ We are so sorry to hear about Frank. Your family has been such a great blessing to our community. We pray that God will grant you peace during this time.

*Love ya all!*

*Jesse, Christy, Hannah, Allee and Emma Sheppeck*

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**Jesse & Christy Sheppeck** - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Marilyn & Family - I am so sad that Frank had to leave this earth so soon. I pray that you will find strength in the memories and joy that you shared with him while he was here. You are his legacy - I know he is very proud.

*Warm wishes,  
Cyrie & Michael Cunningham*

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**Cyrie (Coover) Cunningham** - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. We will always remember his determination. His spirit lives on in his children and grandchildren.

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**Doug Powhida** - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ *Our hearts ache for all of you. Frank will be so greatly missed. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives and get to know such a great man.*

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**Waylyn & Michelle Darby** - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM