



Francis James Borden

December 12, 1947 - July 3, 2016

Pawleys Island

Francis Borden of Pawleys Island passed away at Georgetown Hospital on Sunday, July 3, 2016. He was the incredibly loving and dedicated husband of Maureen Borden for forty two years and father and grandfather of Erin and Reilly Borden of Raleigh, NC.

Born in Waterbury, CT, he was the son of James and Margaret Borden. After graduation from Wilby High School, he served in the United States Air Force as a military policeman for four years. He then graduated from the University of New Haven in 1975. During his thirty year career with the Durham NC Police Department he served in a variety of roles including patrolman, detective, crime stopper coordinator and spokesman for the department and he was the recipient of numerous honors and accolades.

After retirement, he and Maureen moved to Alston Plantation in Pawleys Island where they developed many close friends. He was a member of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. He was a devout Catholic and an amazing husband, father, grandfather "Uncle Buck" and friend to so many. On patriotic holidays, he remembered to call those who served with him over the years. He loved to sing 60's songs and Karaoke in many local establishments. His signature was "My Girl". He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Knights of Columbus and a volunteer with The Miracle League and Teach My People.

Visitation will be on Friday, July 8, 2016 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Goldfinch Funeral Home at 202 Hinnant Lane in Pawleys Island. A funeral mass and celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 9th at 10:00 AM at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church: 1633 Waverly Rd. in Pawleys Island.

In addition to his wife, daughter and granddaughter, Fran is survived by his sister, Margaret Mullen of Southbury, CT; brothers, James Borden of FL, Raymond Borden of CA and thirty nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Teach My People, 753 Waverly Rd. Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Island is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ I was a caregiver to Mr Borden for a while before his passing and I thoroughly enjoyed the time i was honored to have spent with such an amazing man and his loving wife. God bless you. I will really miss our weekends together
Much love, Kelly

Kelly Thiell - July 09, 2016 at 01:10 PM

GF

“ I had the pleasure of serving with Fran with the Durham Police Department, Fran was a professional, caring and dedicated Police Officer. The retired law enforcement community has lost a good friend.

Gary Felts

Gary Felts - July 09, 2016 at 11:17 AM

GG

“ Gary,Susan &Doug Greeson purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Francis James Borden.



Gary,Susan &Doug Greeson - July 08, 2016 at 09:53 AM

JL

“ Jim, Pat, Sean and Liz purchased the Fairest of All for the
family of Francis James Borden.



Jim, Pat, Sean and Liz - July 07, 2016 at 05:19 PM

SS

“ This picture of you two was priceless. Hope it brings some fond memories of Fran. We miss him singing and doing back up for Rocco. That last night at Gio's was really a tribute to Fran. You could see everyone there who knew him really pulling for him. He looked like he truly enjoyed himself in spite of everything. Know he will be very much missed.



Stephanie Stirgwolt - July 07, 2016 at 08:35 AM

PB

“ My Buddy of over forty years is gone but never forgotten. We met as freshmen in college, each having served as MPs in the military. Along with another veteran, Rick Hoxie, we were twenty somethings taking 101 courses. We had great times which included skipping out for a quick beer between classes. We three amigos ruled the roost and convinced the administration to fund a long weekend in Harrisburg to "attend" a seminar. I don't remember the topic probably because we never spent a moment in the lecture hall.

Life moved on, Fran and Maureen headed to NC, I took a corporate job and Rick remained in CT. We managed to stay in touch with a few visits over the years. No matter the length of time between, our reunions picked up exactly where they left off. Along the way we were privileged to include Erin and my new little Buddy Reilly to the visits. They have to know how loved they are.

Maureen, I can't help but remember the time Fran wanted to surprise you with a flower arraignment: a funeral spray left on your folk's front yard. He was nothing if not funny and I loved him.

Phil Bailey

Phil Bailey - July 07, 2016 at 07:44 AM

BS

“ Barbara, Rich & Marilyn, Robert & Karen Schiaroli purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Francis James Borden.



Barbara, Rich & Marilyn, Robert & Karen Schiaroli - July 06, 2016 at 08:21 PM

JP

“ Fran was a dedicated passionate Durham Police Officer in his full 30 year career and wonderful human being. I am sorry for his family's loss.

Jon Peter

Jon Peter - July 06, 2016 at 06:39 PM

CN

“ Charles Nordan lit a candle in memory of Francis James Borden



Charles Nordan - July 06, 2016 at 05:31 PM

Anne Browning

“ I am so sorry for your loss. What an amazing man. Many prayers.

Anne Browning - July 06, 2016 at 03:47 PM

BG

“ Beverly Griffin lit a candle in memory of Francis James Borden



Beverly Griffin - July 06, 2016 at 02:34 PM

Maurice Hayes

“ Maurice Hayes lit a candle in memory of Francis James Borden



Maurice Hayes - July 06, 2016 at 02:24 PM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Airman !!!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - July 06, 2016 at 07:54 AM

DP

“ Don Paschall lit a candle in memory of Francis James Borden



Don Paschall - July 06, 2016 at 01:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis James Borden.



July 06, 2016 at 01:05 AM

JK

“ I had the opportunity to work with Fran at the Durham Police Department for many years. He was always enjoyable to work with , professional in his demeanor, and an asset for the police department his entire career . I will miss his sense of humor and the 60s songs. I pray GOD'S comfort will flow over the entire family.

John Knight - July 05, 2016 at 10:14 PM

BR

“ Fran was a great friend and we shared some good times. Not hearing Doc Barry again is going to be unusual. Just know you are in my prayers and thoughts. God will give the strength you need to ease this rime. I know both of you were strong believers and He will see you comfortable Maureen. Fran is upstairs singing a few '60s melodies and having a blast. Love you all.
Barry

Barry Rice - July 05, 2016 at 06:39 PM

LV

“ Sam and I are so terribly sad to learn of Fran's passing. We pray that our Lord surrounds Maureen, family and friends with His love to help ease your pain through this difficult time. We send our deepest sympathy and love.

Lucy and Sam Vinci

Lucy Vinci - July 05, 2016 at 06:29 PM

BC

“ My deepest condolences to Maureen and the entire family. I feel privileged to have been able to meet and share some laughs with Fran and Maureen (Thanks to Uncle David and Aunt Cindy). The memories I have are a few but they are full of laughter and fun thanks to Fran's zest for life! You will be missed!

Beth Vinci Cox - July 05, 2016 at 05:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Francis James Borden.



July 05, 2016 at 05:14 PM

LW

“ My deepest sympathy at your loss. Fran and I worked together in Durham law enforcement. He assisted me in navigating the public information outreach after a significant hostage incident at Duke Medical Center over twenty years ago. He was clever, relaxed and confident - all of which served me in good stead under trying circumstances. He was a good friend and good troop.

Lew Wardell - July 05, 2016 at 04:42 PM

AC

“ Let us not forget the promise of Christ, that those that believe in Him shall inherit eternal life. My Prayers go out to the family and friends of Fran "The Man" Borden. He was and will always be remembered as a really good man by my account. We worked manys years together and it was a pleasure to know him.

AJ Carter

A.J. Carter - July 05, 2016 at 04:16 PM

WW

“ Maureen, our deepest sympathy and love to you and your family. So very sorry to hear of Fran's passing. We both enjoyed knowing and working with him. You will remain in our prayers.

Wayne and Dot Watson



Wayne & Dot Watson - July 05, 2016 at 03:35 PM

HJ

“ Fran was a very much a positive role model as a police officer, and more importantly as a man. I had not seen Fran in many years but still feel a great loss with his passing. Best wishes to his family and friends.

Hal Jordan

Hal Jordan - July 05, 2016 at 03:33 PM

BS

“ Prayers for his family and friends. Fran was always quick with a joke or story and encouraged a lot of young officers during his career. Rest easy Fran. Godspeed!

Brian Smith - July 05, 2016 at 03:14 PM

DC

“ Darlene Clayton lit a candle in memory of Francis James Borden



Darlene Clayton - July 05, 2016 at 02:59 PM

DL

I miss My brother!

David Laeng - July 05, 2016 at 05:12 PM

NB

Fran and I shared an office at the Tempest Building. Fran always made it fun to come to work. RIP to a great guy. Norm Beck

Norman Beck - July 05, 2016 at 06:45 PM



A super good guy, and great officer! RIP my friend, you will be missed!

Terry Wilkins - July 05, 2016 at 07:17 PM



Fran brightened each day in CID at Durham PD with his incredible smile, his corny jokes and, of course, his amazing singing! He was a fantastic officer who was quick with a laugh, but also quick to lend support and compassion when needed. His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of those of us who were fortunate enough to work with him. RIP, "Warden Borden". You will be missed.

Beverly Griffin - July 05, 2016 at 07:48 PM

JL

Rest in peace dear friend. Jim

jim and pat lovell - July 05, 2016 at 09:17 PM

BH

*Maureen our heart felt condolences to you and your family. Fran was a truly caring person and showed it in so many different ways. I know there are a lot of people who are the better for having had the chance to know Fran. RIP Brother.
Brent & Margaret Herron*

Brent Herron - July 06, 2016 at 08:07 AM

JW

*Fran will always be remembered by me for his professional advice and friendship when I served with him on the Durham CrimeStoppers. He touched the lives of so many people and was an example to follow on how to deal with people on both sides of the law. He was a constant reminder that we are all God's children. Rest in peace Fran. You earned it by your actions taken in His name.
Jim Wheeler*

Jim Wheeler - July 06, 2016 at 09:27 AM