



Mr. Franklin Delano Savage

April 22, 1937 - February 26, 2024

Franklin Delano Savage was born April 22, 1937 in Accomac, VA . He was the youngest of 8 children (6 boys, 2 girls) born to Jack and Addie (Finney) Savage. He passed away on February 26, 2024 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital surrounded by family after a long and courageous battle with lung disease. Frank accepted Jesus Christ at a very young age. He attended the Accomack County Public Schools and was a honor roll student. He left high school for 2 years to take care of his mother. He graduated from Mary Nottingham Smith High School in 1957..

Frank married his one and only true love Hilda “Pauline” Bagwell in 1958. From this union, they had 5 children. Pauline died unexpectedly at the very young of age of 32, leaving behind children ranging from 3 to 12. At the age of 33, Frank became a single father. He worked several jobs simultaneously to feed and care for this family. The Accomac - Church Road Community exemplified the term “it takes a village”.

Frank worked as a bus driver for the Accomack County Public Schools for 59 years. He truly was an Icon in the community. He loved the tens of thousands student riders and they loved and admired him. Parents entrusted him as part of their extended family because they knew how much he cared for and kept their children safe. Reviewing of report cards gave him an opportunity to praise jobs well done and encourage students that he knew had great potential.

Frank enjoyed time with his family and was proud of each and every one of

them. He attended their activities every opportunity he was able. He enjoyed watching sports and was an avid Atlanta Braves fan. He preferred to watch women's basketball because he thought they may not be as athletic but had better fundamental skills.

He enjoyed hunting with his friends. Other pastimes he enjoyed was reading and playing spades and pinochle.

Preceding him in death were wife Hilda Pauline Savage; Parents Jack and Addie Savage; Brothers William, Leroy, Samuel, Edward, Wilbert; and sister Helen.

He leaves behind children Beverly Bagwell of Accomac, VA; Franklin (Natasha) of Accomac, VA; Keith (Patricia) Savage of Fairfax, VA; Cynthia Savage Reid of Accomac, VA; Michelle (Derwin) Savage Reid of Harborton, VA

Grandchildren Kesheal Bagwell Queenan of Savannah, GA; Lawrence (Terris) Bagwell of Magnolia, DE; Kim Bagwell of Accomac, VA; Kiasha (Quinton) Johnson of Belle Haven, VA; Kentral Savage of Accomac, VA; Cornell (Kavesha) Reid, Jr. of Melfa, VA; Kadeen Duffy of Virginia Beach; Kiara (Jordan) Ball of Houston, TX; Kethan Savage of Falls Church, VA; Kwantrell Reid of Accomac, VA; 11 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and host of other relatives; Special friend Barbara Strand.

Cemetery Details

House of Ruth Cemetery

Accomac, VA 23301

Previous Events

Wake

MAR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Williams & Wharton Funeral Home
22177 Wharton Road
Accomac, VA 23301

Viewing

MAR 9. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Nandua High School
26350 Lankford Hwy
Onley, VA 23418

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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26350 Lankford Hwy
Onley, VA 23418

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - August 26, 2024 at 05:20 AM

YP

“ *Heartfelt prayers to the family 🙏 Fond memories of Frank as my bus driver and family friend. Rest well in the arms of Jesus 🙏*
Yvonne



Yvonne Notham Pennell - March 09, 2024 at 01:26 PM

DW

“ *Sending my sincere prayers and sympathy to the Savage Family.*

Denise White

Denise White - March 09, 2024 at 01:05 PM

BR

“ *To the family of Frank Savage- the most popular bus driver ever. Who didn't know Frank. I never rode your bus Frank but you were known probably in other countries as the A Number One driver. Sandra and I were great friends as well. Those were good times and families were close.*



Brenda Cooper Reid - March 09, 2024 at 12:43 PM

KE

Thanks so much for those tremendously kind words. I remember those times in the 60's too.

Keith - March 11, 2024 at 05:35 PM

RA

“ *Condolences to the family of Mr. Frank. Mr. Frank was a lovingly father and respected member of his community. Bus #2 was known as Mr. Frank's bus and I thoroughly enjoyed riding his bus with all the Church road and Daugherty kids. May God provide you with comfort, Regina Allen-Sharpe*

Regina Allen-Sharpe - March 09, 2024 at 07:32 AM

RA

“ *Regina A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Franklin Delano Savage.*

Regina A. - March 09, 2024 at 07:02 AM

MD

“ *To the Savage family, heaven has gained a well respected gentleman. A man whose first priority was his family. Frank was a friend of our family for a long time. Our family shared many memories of him. He was the bus driver for three generations of our family. My mother served as a true confidant to him. We remember many times he would even call her and say " Betty, how do I fix such and such". Not wanting him to destroy dinner for his family, she would say "i will do it". Family, i know he will be missed. We are sure he is in heaven during the bus. We will continue to keep the family in our prayers. The Nock Family*

Margaret Dix - March 08, 2024 at 09:59 PM

DC

“ To the Savage Family, I am so sorry to hear about Gubby.He was my Bus Driver but a close friend of the Garris Family. He and my Uncle Robert were Life Time Friends.You were a Wonderful Man that we all loved.Rest Well with your Sweet Pauline. i Remember her also. Forever in my memory Diane Garris Catoe

Diane garris Catoe - March 08, 2024 at 10:49 AM

CM

To the Savage family my prayers are with y'all Mr Frank was a good kind person

Clinton Matthews - March 09, 2024 at 09:39 AM

VB

Frank Savage, what an honorable man. To the family, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless and keep you in His care.

Vivian Thompson Brunson - March 10, 2024 at 01:36 PM

DC

“ Diane Garris Catoe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Delano Savage



Diane garris Catoe - March 08, 2024 at 10:43 AM

DC

“ Dear Frank alias Gummy, I am sorry to hear about your pass. You were my Bus Driver and Dear Friend of the Garris Famiy. You and my Uncle Robert were Life Time Friends. You were a Great Man and I will always have you in my Heart . Rest with your Sweet Pauline. Love you Always, Diane Garris Catoe



Diane garris Catoe - March 07, 2024 at 08:43 PM

ML

“ To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was a wonderful person who touched the lives of many. May you find strength and comfort in the memories you shared together.

Myrna White Laws

Myrna Laws - March 05, 2024 at 08:21 PM

LB

“ Greatest Man Mr. Frank Savage. Great memories at The Parksley Migrant Head start. Riding on the bus as of Bus Aide. I enjoy working with Mr. Frank great laugh's, He was respect, intelligent out going, caring person. One thing about Mr. Frank he always had favorite rule his speed limit 45 miles that the rule lol. Rest easy my friend. I'm going miss you

Larhonda Byrd - March 05, 2024 at 03:13 PM

TY

“ Mr. Frank Savages' memory will forever live on. His legacy bus number awaits him at the gates of Heaven! May you rest peacefully, sir! My deepest sympathy for the family.

Tynisha - March 05, 2024 at 09:00 AM

ML

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Myrna White Laws

Myrna White Laws - March 04, 2024 at 08:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Franklin



Pope Funeral Homes - March 04, 2024 at 12:16 PM

MW

Rev. Franklin West

Marcie w White - March 04, 2024 at 08:09 PM

AW

“ One of the nicest bus drivers growing up. Always the same personality every time you met him.

Anthony White - March 03, 2024 at 06:58 PM

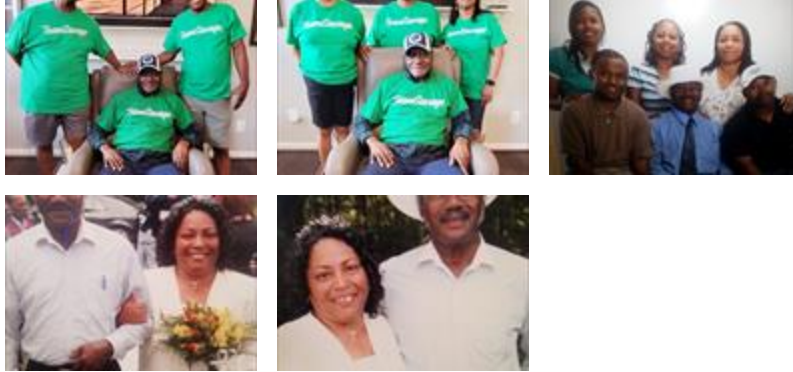
RS

“ To the Savage family. I am sending condolences on behalf of the Parks family. I have known him for most of my life. Your Dad was an awesome man, well known and respected by everyone. He will definitely be missed. Respectfully submitted.

Randall Parks, Sr. - March 03, 2024 at 06:15 PM

LB

“ I am so thankful that i have so many memories of celebrating my Grandfather's life and all his achievements. He was the strongest Man i have ever known and i am more than proud to be his Grandson. Job well done Gramps !!!



Lawrence Bagwell - March 03, 2024 at 12:09 PM

TB

“ As we bid farewell to Mr. Frank Savage, we not only mourn his passing but also celebrate his life. I was blessed to be a part of his life and in his family for over 20 years. I will miss our time together but cherish the memories.

Your memory will forever be a beacon of light in our hearts. Rest in peace, dear gramps. You may have left our side, but you will never leave our hearts.

Terris Bagwell - March 02, 2024 at 08:16 PM

LB



Lawrence Bagwell - March 04, 2024 at 09:00 PM

KS

“ My dad Franklin D. Savage was one with many talents and was very well respected and loved by all in the community of Accomack County. He raised his kids with the help from many in the community after my mother Hilda Pauline passed at an early age of 32. It was the first time that I ever saw my dad cry and he took on the challenge of not only raising his own kids which ranged from 3 to 12 but also as a school bus driver he mentored many other kids. He taught himself how to speak Spanish fluently when he worked with the Migrant Program in the County Accomack. It is for these reasons and so many more that I'm extremely proud to be called Frank Savages son. He's my HERO!!!

Keith A. Savage - March 01, 2024 at 12:04 PM

MW

*To the Savage Family,
I was sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Frank was a kind gentleman and liked by many. He will be greatly missed.
Marcie White*

Marcie w White - March 05, 2024 at 02:29 PM