



## Francis J. "Frank" Dixon

November 3, 1929 - December 16, 2021

Francis J. Dixon died December 16, 2021. He was 92 years old. Frank is survived by Elsie, his wife of 72 years, children Christine Dixon, JoAnn Dixon White (Dennis) and Thomas Dixon (Diane), nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Frank served in the United States Army for two years during the Korean Conflict and upon discharge went to work for Proctor and Gamble, ultimately as District Sales Manager based in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. After several years in this position he was offered the opportunity to run a new chain of discount drug stores headquartered in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Under his leadership the chain grew from 23 to 93 outlets in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. When the Keystone chain was taken over by Rite Aid Corporation, Frank decided to stay in Lebanon County and purchased a local scrapyards. Seeing recycling of resources as the way of the future, Frank renamed the business Brandywine Recyclers and opened branches in Myerstown, Annville, Ephrata and Lancaster.

Real estate development was another interest of Frank's and he purchased bay front property in Avalon, New Jersey, where he had a summer home. Avalon Bay Colony ultimately has 60 homes, all with waterfront access.

In 1988, Frank established the Francis J. Dixon Charitable Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to improve quality of life for Lebanon County citizens through access to education and health care. The Dixon Foundation was instrumental in bringing a branch campus of Harrisburg Community College (HACC) to downtown Lebanon and provided tuition assistance to more than 4,000 students who might otherwise not have had the opportunity for higher education.

There is a longstanding relationship between the Dixon Foundation and the Wellspan Good Samaritan Hospital, including the Dixon Health Center at 4th and Willow Streets in Lebanon. The Foundation has been the single largest contributor to Good Samaritan in the history of the hospital.

A recent development of which Frank was particularly proud is the relocation of Lebanon City Hall to the HACC Lebanon Building in downtown Lebanon, which he believed would be key to the revitalization of the city center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 10:30 AM from St Mary's Church, 8th & Cumberland Streets, Lebanon. Immediately following the

Mass there will be a reception at the Lebanon Country Club. Private interment will be at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Porterfield-Scheid Funeral Directors & Cremation Services, Ltd., Lebanon. For further information please call 717-272-4634 or to share on line condolences visit [www.porterfieldscheidfh.com](http://www.porterfieldscheidfh.com).

# Events

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**JAN** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:30AM

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
2 N. 8th Dstreet, Lebanon, PA, US, 17046

**JAN** **Gathering** 11:45AM - 02:30PM

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Lebanon Country Club  
PA, US

# Comments

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“ Frank was committed to the City of Lebanon and during my time as Mayor, we had many good discussions on our common vision for the City. I appreciated his support and thoughtful, always optimistic, outlook. He will be sorely missed.

Jackie Z. Parker

Jackie Parker - January 07 at 08:41 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Francis J. "Frank" Dixon.



January 05 at 10:25 AM

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“ I first met Frank in 1987 when I was hired by the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority to coordinate recycling in Lancaster County. Frank was so excited to the possibilities to be involved. He called me my first week on the job and took me lunch. Not long after, he bought an old foundry in Lancaster and cleaned it up so he could start taking paper, metal, glass, cardboard, etc. there. He loved the fact that I had grown up in Lebanon and was now in the waste business. He really was a man who acted on his passions, whether it was his business or his philanthropy. Our little part of the world here in southcentral Pa is a better place because Frank Dixon called it his home. I am forever grateful to have known him. My sincerest condolences to his family. I am sure you are very proud of his life!

Jim Warner  
Lancaster, PA

james D warner - December 23, 2021 at 01:22 PM

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“ I first met Frank Dixon when being interviewed for the role of Campus Dean at the Lebanon Campus of HACC. Very quickly after being hired into that role, Frank became my mentor and a deep friendship developed. We shared a passion seeing disadvantaged students becoming successful graduates with a two year college degree. He was thrilled when we developed an articulation agreement, the first of its kind then, with Lebanon Valley College. On July 1, 2001, I was with Frank Dixon when he had his first hole in one. Many lessons about life and success in business or share with me while on a golf course with Frank. His kind moments towards me and my wife and others at the Lebanon Campus of HACC created lasting memories. Dr Frank J Dixon was an earned doctorate degree based on his lifelong goal to share a portion of his successes with others. It was my honor to be a very small part of his very large life. My deepest condolences to his wife and the rest of his family. I will always cherish my private and public moments with Dr. Dixon.

Anthony (Tony) Filippelli

Anthony Filippelli - December 21, 2021 at 03:51 PM

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“ Dear Aunt Elsie, Christine, JoAnn, and Tom,

“What’s important is what I can leave to a life that’s been so good to me.” I remembered this quote from an interview Uncle Frank gave to a local Lebanon reporter. And he certainly left a legacy of giving and caring for his community that will be almost impossible to fill. He will be greatly missed by all.

Love,

Jane

Jane Miller DiLisio - December 20, 2021 at 01:26 PM

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“ Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. Frank was a one-of-a-kind person that lived a truly remarkable life. I first met Frank and Elsie at Quentin Riding Club in mid 80's and had many inspiring and empowering conversations in past 35 years. I like to believe that when we lose someone, they still live through us. The time spent with those we have lost makes them a part of us. A soaring eagle will always remind us of Frank. Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where Frank shines down to let us know he is happy in the arms of our Lord and Maker. May He who knows our sorrow bring peace, comfort, and healing to our souls, each and every one...You are in my thoughts and heartfelt prayers.

Brenda Miller  
RE/MAX Cornerstone



**Brenda Miller RE/MAX Cornerstone** - December 20, 2021 at 09:09 AM

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“ Dear Aunt Elsie, Christine, JoAnn, and Tom,

I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I will treasure forever the many memories I have of Uncle Frank. I'm sure Grandmom, Mom, and Uncle Paul are happy to have him in their company now.

Fondly,

Leslie

**Leslie** - December 19, 2021 at 07:57 PM