

Francis J. Fisher, Jr. (February 13, 1942 - August 2, 2010)

FISHER Francis Joseph, Jr. (Frank) died of pancreatic cancer August 2nd peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife of forty-four years, Mary, children Cece (Mat) Gerdenich, Jane (Scott Thierauf), George (Barb Riley), John (Gail), and Catherine (Josh) Bradley; grandchildren Claire, Anne, Grace, Jack, George, Isabelle, Benjamin, Cara, and Joseph; his sister, Sister Mary of the Holy Spirit of the Little Sisters of the Poor; and the Ryan family of Glenaguile, County Tipperary, Ireland. He was preceded in death by Francis, his infant son, in 1966.

Frank was born to Frank Fisher and Veronica Kennedy Fisher on February 13, 1942 in Jamaica, New York. He was educated at St. Francis Preparatory School in Brooklyn, New York and graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1963.

Frank met Mary Willett, daughter of Thompson and Virginia Willett of Bardstown, Kentucky, while they were both attending college in Baltimore, Maryland and they married on June 19, 1965. Frank earned a Master of Arts in history from New York University in 1965.

Frank then entered the United States Navy where he was an instructor at the Naval Academy Preparatory School; he attained the rank of Lieutenant. Frank and Mary moved to Cincinnati in 1968, where he began his career in trust banking at Fifth Third Bank. He earned a law degree from the Chase Law School in 1975 and was appointed Trust Officer at Provident Bank in the same year.

In 1987 Frank headed the trust department of Kentucky National Bank in Covington in 1987, and then returned to Fifth Third Bank in 1991. Frank faithfully served his clients and the professional community for over forty years, retiring from Fifth Third Bank in 2009 as a Vice President and Senior Trust Officer. Frank was an active member of local and national bar and banking associations.

Frank also used his professional training and talents to serve several community organizations including the City of Cincinnati Community Development Advisory Board, Devou Park Advisory Committee, Holly Hill Children's Home, Legal Aid Society, and Walnut Hills High School Parents Association. Frank had a strong personal interest in the care of the elderly and served on the boards of the Cincinnati Area Senior Services and the [Alzheimer's Association](#) of Greater Cincinnati.

An advocate of life-long learning and personal development, Frank was sworn into the capitalized bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in 2007 and became a Certified Financial Planner in that year. Frank, an avid historian with a particular interest in the Civil War, was a member of the Civil War Round Table and frequently visited historical sites. Frank led and promoted a very active lifestyle, culminating with his participation in the Flying Pig Marathon in 2006.

Visitation is at St. Rose Church, Riverside Drive at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, followed by Mass at 12:10 pm. Internment at Spring Grove Cemetery, with military honors. His family welcomes everyone to a celebration of his life at the Palm Court of the Netherland Hilton from 3 to 6 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor (15 Audubon

Plaza Dr, Louisville, KY, 40217), the Francis J. Fisher Research Award at Johns Hopkins University (3400 N. Charles Street, 126 New Engineering Building, Baltimore, Maryland 21218), or to the charity of your choice. The family thanks Christ Hospital and Hospice of Cincinnati, as well as the loving care of family friends Mary Kay Rengering, R.N., Carl Roehrig, R.N., Brandon Stahlman, R.N., and Holly Stahlman R.N., Geo. H. Rohde & Son serving the family.

