



## Rev. Louis J. Franz

July 27, 1931 - July 11, 2018

Rev. Louis J. Franz, 86, of Perryville died July 11, 2018 at St. Mary's Of The Barrens in Perryville, MO.

He was born July 27, 1931 in New Orleans, son of Valentine Joseph and Hilda Marie (Trege) Franz Jr.

Rev. Franz entered Novitiate at St. Mary's of the Barrens in Perryville on May 23, 1948, Professed Vows at St. Mary's of the Barrens, Perryville on May 23, 1950, Ordained Deacon at St. Mary's of the Barren , Perryville on October 7, 1956, Ordained Priest at St. Mary's of the Barrens, Perryville Joseph E. Ritter on June 2, 1957, Provincial of the Southern Province and Superior of the St. Mary's of the Barrens.

Survived by nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held at Mary Mother of God Chapel at St. Mary's of the Barrens on Sunday, July 15 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm with a wake at 7:00 pm. Funeral Mass will be held at Mary Mother of God Chapel at St. Marys' of the Barrens on Monday, July 16 at 10:00 am with Provincial Rev. Ray Van Dorpe officiating. Burial in Vincentian Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to St. Mary's of the Barrens Seminary. Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville, MO provided the arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at [youngandsonsfuneral.com](http://youngandsonsfuneral.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Louis J. Franz*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *Father Louis Franz was rector of St. John's Seminary College when I was a student in the late 1960's. He was also my English professor, and I remember what a vital and challenging teacher he was. I have served the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as a priest for over 46 years, and I remain grateful for his part in my formation. May he enjoy the fruit of his labors as a compassionate shepherd.*  
*Father John S Schiavone*

Fr. John S. Schiavonr - October 12, 2019 at 02:39 AM



“ *Our family loves you, Father Lou. You have a true shepherds heart. We will keep your spirit in our daily lives.*

August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Father Franz was a remarkable priest who touched so many lives at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Page, AZ. I know he is in a good place.*

Gary Griffith - July 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Uncle Louis was a warm, wonderful person who was always there for us. He was there for the baptisms, weddings and funerals of all of our family members and we cherished the time that we had with him He will be greatly missed but so happy that he is at peace in Heaven

Helen Franz Eshleman - July 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ At first an engaging literature professor, then spiritual director, then religious superior and then a co-worker at the seminary in Houston. A priest who was able to transition from the pre-Vatican II church. Had the flexibility to move from seminary teaching and administration to work in rural parishes and prison ministry. A wonderful man and priest whom I consider a mentor and friend.

Joseph Barta - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you good sir ... your influence on this world has been one of inimitable compassion and will remain long into the night.

July 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ For those of us who do or have lived in Tuba City, we remember Fr. Lou as a curious intellectual person and very articulate. His vocation was unquestioned. His love for the Vincentian and Daughters of Charity communities was so deep it is beyond description. An authority on Canon Law-- freely encouraging individual decisions. And, most importantly, a living example of a happy man.... I could say more, the obituary is an understatement--an overreach in humility ... but if the example you leave is that of a content happy person... what more does one need to say...

Tom Chabin - July 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ A friend, spiritual guide and advisor, that had THE most impact and effect on my ministry as a Permanent Deacon. Looked forward too and appreciated many, many religious, political and life conversations. Will truly be missed, but am happy for his place now and continued journey. One of those individuals/priests that represented what he believed - both in Jesus and St. Vincent. Prayers for the family. Know he will be missed by relatives AND the Vincentian communities. Prayers and blessings, Deacon Roy Stringfellow.

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**Dcn. Roy Stringfellos** - July 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Fr. Lou was very influential to my faith during my teenage years and had a way of being straightforward and gentle at the same time. He built our small church from nothing into a thriving and energetic parish and will forever be cherished by the parishioners. I am so honored to have had enlightening conversations, thought provoking homilies and a warm relationship with this man. He will be forever in my heart and prayers. Thank you for sharing your spirit, Fr. Lou.

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**Abby Killam** - July 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Well done, Lou...good and faithful servant. Life is not ended, only changed. Pray for all of us! Ed Noriega

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**Edward Noriega** - July 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM