



## Fred A. Hough

January 13, 1926 - October 12, 2024

Wantage - Fred A. Hough, age 98, peacefully passed away on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Wantage on January 13, 1926 to the late Frank A. and Harriet E. (Van Houten) Hough, Fred graduated from Sussex High School in 1944 and has been a lifelong resident of Wantage Township. He was a lifelong dairy farmer and was a member of the Sussex County Fair Committee, Agway Board of Directors, Sussex County Board of Agriculture, Sussex County Milk Producers, Sussex County Farmland Preservation, Sussex County Soil and Conservation Commission, and the New Jersey Wildlife Fish and Game. He also was active in his town and was elected several terms to serve the residents on the Wantage Township Committee and also served as Mayor. In this role, he enjoyed being the officiant of 175 weddings during his time as Mayor. Mr. Hough was also a dedicated member of the Frankford Plains United Methodist Church for over 79 years and served on the Frankford Plains Cemetery Association for many years. Besides working on his dairy farm, he enjoyed tending to his vegetable garden and spending time outside fishing, hunting, digging for arrowheads and adding to his old bottle collection. Mr. Hough was predeceased by his loving wife of 68 years, Betty D. Hough in 2019, his great granddaughter, Mikalah Rose Price, and his brother and sister. He is survived by his sons, Allen Hough of Bouckville, New York and Tom Hough and his wife Susan of Sussex; his daughters, Kathy Price and her husband Lester of Whitney Point, New York, Barbara Bowers of Ohio, and

Karen Hough and her husband Scott Simpson of Augusta; 11 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Frankford Plains United Methodist Church, 99 Plains Road, Augusta. Interment to immediately follow at Frankford Plains Cemetery. Friends may pay their respects to the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Fred Hough's memory to Frankford Plains United Methodist Church, 99 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ 07822. The family would like to extend a very heartfelt and sincere thank you to everyone who helped care for Fred; especially Compassionate Care Hospice of Budd Lake and From the Heart Elder Care of Vernon. All the caretakers, nurses, and healthcare workers went above and beyond for Fred A. Hough. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Frankford Plains Cemetery

Plains Road  
Frankford Twp, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
(973) 875-3272  
alexis@pinkelfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

OCT 19. 12:30 PM (ET)

Frankford Plains United Methodist Church  
99 Plains Road  
Augusta, NJ 07822

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I am so sorry to receive this news too late for the visitation. When Fred Hough was Mayor of Wantage he officiated at my wedding. I had never met him before and was meeting him for the first time the day of the wedding. He turned out to be not only very nice but a good sport too. We had our wedding at our home in Wantage. I rode up the street to Frank Sinatra singing "Summerwind" on a white Arabian horse. My father met me at the top of the driveway where we walked to the side of our pond on the property. Mayor Hough performed the service, and we rode off on a motorcycle with balloons on it around the house. I believe he had some fun that day and I could not have been happier that he did that for us. Thanks Mayor Hough and rest in peace.

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**Barbara Ellen Bartro** - October 20, 2024 at 06:27 PM

CC

“ 28 years ago while traveling to Binghamton, New York for a weekend, my husband suffered a life-threatening incident. He required emergency surgery and we would be stranded there for 2 weeks. I was in shock when I walked into a family restaurant and there sat Fred & Betty Hough and some of there family having dinner. When I told him of my situation he handed me money for food and clothing to hold me over during that time. I will never forget what a kind, loving and giving person that Fred was. We will miss you Fred. Rest in peace. Cathy Clink

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**Catherine Clink** - October 20, 2024 at 06:38 AM

DH

“ To the Fred Hough family! Your father was an integral part of my life being a friend of my father. He would stop at the house on Rt. 23, and Dad and your Dad would discuss Wantage Township business, share laughter, jokes, and the current events of the times. They had a name for one another that I can pronounce, but not spell; as I do not know if it is truly a, “real word.” Lol 😂 They were old school with honesty, hard work, never quit attitude. Your Dad was a true servant of both his community and family, and respected man on many avenues. Kind, and always had a smile when he came over or stopped by. A true leader, and loved by all! He will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know and love him. I can still see Mr Hough and Dad chuckling at the dining room table. We are incredibly sorry to Allen, Kathy, Barbara, Karen, & Tommy, as well as all your families on your heartfelt loss of a most memorable, wonderful man. May God give you strength, great grace, as well as love and peace; to carry on in the days, weeks, and months ahead! Our deepest sympathies - Rayna, & Debbie Howell

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**Debbie Howell** - October 19, 2024 at 11:14 AM

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“ Growing up on Davis Road, Fred and his farm were our “backyard neighbors.” When I was a kid playing outside, Fred would drive past on his tractor and I would always wave & yell, “Hey, Fred!,” And he would always respond, “Hey ,Wilma!“ it always made me laugh, and it made our family smile. Fred’s kindness as a neighbor remains a deeply fond memory for our family. My deepest sympathies to the entire Hough Family. I’m grateful for Fred being a part of our lives. Much love to you all. XO.

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**Rusty Reynolds** - October 18, 2024 at 01:37 PM

DJ

“ *Living next door - well- almost-going through a hay field that separated us-was a wonderful experience and a way to become a good neighbor. The Jaeger family was near and dear to Fred and his family for many years. We traded tractors, bags of great ear corn, hickory nuts for baking, times together, the Chicken Dance at church socials. A time that was gentler and kinder and our neighbors were important to us. We remember Fred and everyone with love and sadness for his passing. He will always be on his tractor someplace. Alfie and Dale Jaeger and the Jaeger family.*

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**Dale Jaeger** - October 18, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Fred A. Hough.*



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October 17, 2024 at 10:29 AM

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“ *Sincere condolences to the Hough family from the Kuczenski and Lorenzo's family's so sorry for your lost .*



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**Dolores anne Hansen (kuczenski)** - October 17, 2024 at 12:39 AM

JK

“ Dear Hough family, my deepest condolences and sympathies to your families at the passing of Fred. I praise God for a life well lived. Fred and my grandfather served together on the Sussex County Soil Conservation and I worked with Fred when I worked for USDA-NRCS. I always enjoyed seeing him at the Sussex County Board of Agriculture chicken barbecue.  
Sincerely, Jim Kleindienst

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**James Kleindienst** - October 16, 2024 at 06:59 PM

JS

“ Jan, Gary, and Nancy the Martin siblings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred A. Hough.

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**Jan, Gary, and Nancy the Martin siblings** - October 15, 2024 at 03:18 PM

JS

“ Jan, Gary, and Nancy the Martin siblings purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Fred A. Hough.



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**Jan, Gary, and Nancy the Martin siblings** - October 15, 2024 at 03:18 PM

EG

“ Dear Allen & Tommy, Kathy, Barbara, & Karen,

*I am so very sorry. I've been reading your dad's Life Story this morning through his obit. It is surely his Life's story. What didn't he do. I've been thinking of him a lot since not hearing from him in a long time and didn't know what was happening to him lately, other than getting older as we both have been. I admit to having 10 years to catch up to him. Gosh, such a long friend...I don't think he ever got over my Frank going. They did share a unique friendship, as Fred did with anyone he ever met. So many stories, so many laughs along with tears. Always wonderful visits when we'd stop at the farm before heading home. I only got to stop in once after Frank was gone and will not forget that. Hickory Nuts! Always his wonderful Hickory Nuts that he picked, sorted and shelled himself. I loved them.*

*I will not be attending services but you will all be on my mind and in my heart. I hope you are all well and adjusting to today's world. It is certainly not the way Fred Hough would run it. God Bless you all. ...and he's with his Betty :-)*

*Very Sincerely,*

*Eleanor Gromlich*

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**Eleanor Gromlich** - October 15, 2024 at 12:43 PM

RH

“ *I did not know Fred very well, but, i have very fond memories of his friendly smile and his always friendly attitude. I myself have been on the fair committee for 25 years and always enjoyed seeing Fred. He was definitely an asset to our fair organization. Most sincerely,*  
*Richard Hammler*

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**Richard Hammler** - October 15, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Fred A. Hough.



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October 14, 2024 at 02:20 PM