



Sean L. Friel

December 5, 1927 - January 10, 2025

Wantage - Sean L. Friel, age 97, passed away on Friday, January 10, 2025 at Newton Medical Center. Born in Donegal, Ireland to the late John and Mary Ann (Grant) Friel, Sean came to the United States in 1963 and resided in New York City. While living in New York, New York, he met his future bride, Kathleen Donohue and they wed in 1965. The couple lived in Queens, New York and moved to Hamburg, where they lived until moving to Wantage in 2010. Sean was a contractor, employed at the Flat Iron Building in New York City until his retirement. After his retirement, he went back to the work force and enjoyed 20 years at the Franklin Walmart as a friendly greeter until he retired from there at the age of 89. He loved to spend time with his family; especially telling stories of Ireland to his grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his beloved wife, Kathleen (Donohue) Friel on October 23, 2019 and his sisters, Mary Josephine and Kathleen. He is survived by his son, Sean G. Friel of Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania; his daughter, Jennifer Forsythe and her husband Kenneth of Wantage; and his grandchildren, Jeremy, Jonathan and Sean Anthony.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at the the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment will immediately follow at Frankford Plains Cemetery, 100 Plains Road, Augusta. Friends may pay their respects to the family an hour before the funeral service

from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Frankford Plains Cemetery

Plains Road
Frankford Twp, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I remember Mr. Friel fondly from Hamburg School and also from Walmart as he always had a smile and time for a chat when you saw him. He was such a kind and generous person. Condolences and prayers to his friends and family--may he rest in peace.*

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