

Francis Joseph Ochs Jr passed away April 13, 2024, following a short illness. He is preceded in death by Mary, his beloved wife of 52 years, in March of 2022, and is survived by his son, Frank Ochs, daughter-in-law Jeanine Peccatiello, and grandchildren Amelia and Frankie Ochs of Batavia, Illinois; and his daughter Susie Ochs, son-in-law Sanderson Roberts, and grandson Christopher Roberts of Oakland, California.

Frank Ochs was born January 5, 1947, in Summit, New Jersey. He was the second oldest of nine siblings, grew up loving sports, and first met his future wife, Mary McAneny, all the way back in kindergarten. Frank attended Catholic schools, playing baseball for Bayley-Ellard High School's class of 1964. Frank's earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Villanova University in 1968, and married his high school sweetheart Mary in July of 1969.



Frank and Mary lived in Delaware, where he earned his MBA at the University of Delaware while working as an engineer at Boeing. The couple had their son in 1977 and moved to Wisconsin, where Frank worked at Enstrom Helicopter. Their daughter joined the family in 1979, the same year Frank and some colleagues started ERDA Inc, an aviation design and engineering firm, which they built to more than 250 employees and sold in 2000 to DeCrane Aircraft.

Frank and Mary raised their family in Marinette, Wisconsin, devoting their time to their kids' activities like the YMCA swim team, soccer, baseball, and band. They were very involved at Holy Family Catholic Church and spent a lot of time volunteering at the parish school. Frank enjoyed hobbies like gardening, playing poker, and rooting for the Green Bay Packers.

Frank retired in 2000, and he and Mary soon moved to Hernando, Florida, where they got busy making wonderful friends and having fun all the time. Frank played golf, pickleball, and bridge, and loved getting visits from their grandkids. Both Frank and Mary are greatly missed

Funeral services will be held at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto on Wednesday April 24 at 1:00 p.m. Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, Florida is in charge of arrangements.