



## Frank Gorsline

April 5, 1936 - April 19, 2023

Frank Gorsline, 87, of Vancouver, Washington went to be with his Savior on April 19, 2023. Frank passed away peacefully surrounded by his devoted family and cherished friends.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Battleground Community Center, 912 E. Main Street on Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Jon Siebert officiating.

Frank was born in Sherwood, Michigan on April 5th, 1936. He is a graduate of Union City High School in Michigan. After high school graduation, he attended Spring Arbor Junior College, then transferred to Seattle Pacific University, Washington. After completing university, he attended Western Evangelical Seminary. Frank was an ordained minister with the Evangelical Church of North America. He served as a minister of music, education and youth in churches in Michigan, Washington, California and Oregon prior to full time missions work that he entered into in 1968. In 2021, Frank, with the help of his loving wife, completed his autobiography entitled, *Miracles in Young Lives*. It was at Seattle Pacific University that Frank met the love of his life, Lyonie Saylor, whom he later in life referred to as his Sweet Lyonie. During the last year of his life, Frank wrote her a song entitled, "She's my Sweet Lyonie and I Love Her". They were married nine months after they first met, on September 2nd, 1960, in Bellingham, Washington. A gifted tenor soloist, Frank was part of the Seattle Pacific University Quartet. As a couple, Frank and Lyonie shared a passion to serve as missionaries in a foreign country and in 1968

they accepted an assignment in Brazil with OMS (One Mission Society). As an extension of his ministry, Frank recorded four long-play albums over his lifetime. The first, a solo album, just before going to Brazil, the second in Portuguese, as a member of a trio in Brazil and the last two were solo albums that he compiled over the years in the states. After returning to the states from a 4-year term in Brazil, Frank transitioned into the role of Director of Career Guidance and Youth Ministries with OMS. He traveled North America sharing the challenge of missions, recruiting, organizing and leading teams to many countries. In his 40 plus years of service, Frank and his wife were instrumental in mobilizing and sending over 4,000 people to participate in overseas short-term missions projects. The decade before his retirement, Frank's focus was strictly on Brazil, the country and people he had come to deeply love. Frank's energy and passion for missions was infectious. His ministry and decision to serve the Lord impacted many, many lives.

As a husband and father, Frank was deeply devoted to his family! His children grew up knowing that their father truly loved their mother. He adored his Lyonie. He had a contagious laugh and sense of humor and was the best dad joke teller... ever! He invested in relationship with his family, he was intentional; even to the point of creating a PERT chart one year in planning a family vacation, something his adult children smile about to this day. He made Christ the center of the family home, he led family devotions after dinner, he taught his kids to be gracious to others, he was their greatest fan. He was a one of a kind, a champion.

As a grandfather, he carried that same devoted love into relationship with each of his eight beloved grandchildren. He supported their many and varied interests, sports, and talents. He prioritized supporting them, showing up and cheering loudly. He also faithfully prayed for each of them by name.

Frank is survived by his wife, Lyonie of 62 years; son, Steve Gorsline and wife, Janet; daughter, Teresa Robertson Dauenhauer and husband, Kelly; daughter, Deanna Koehler and husband Duane; and eight adult grandchildren: Ryan Gorsline, Molly Gorsline Olds (husband Tyler), Tim

Gorsline, Johnny Robertson (fiancée Grace Thomas), Victoria Robertson, Lindsey Koehler, Joshua Koehler and Joel Koehler.

Frank was known by family and friends alike for his joyous shouting of "HALLELUJAH"! He is and will continue to be deeply missed, his absence in our lives leaves a huge ache and vacancy that cannot be filled.

Memorials may be given to the Frank Gorsline Scholarship Fund at One Mission Society, [onemissionsociety.org](http://onemissionsociety.org) or 317-888-3333.

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 04:09 PM

MS

“ Hello, my memories of Frank go back to 1968. He came and sang at our church. His wife was so sweet. My folks loved them and I remember praying for them as they went to Brazil. Many years have passed but my late husband and I never forgot that wonderful couple who loved Jesus and others. My folks, Clyde and Myrtle have been gone from this world for a time, and now my

husband, Kent. What rejoicing and glee they are having with Frank now, and Moses, Elijah Peter, Luther, etc. All because of Jesus! May you know His comfort and joy even in your missing times of Frank.

*Mary Beth Nielsen Seldal*

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**Mary Beth Seldal** - June 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Thanks to Frank and Lyonie for their ministry to many young people in the 1970's - of which I was one. OMS trips to Haiti, Ecuador, a summer teaching English in Shinjuku Japan...all lead me to Asbury University. Frank's guidance, leadership, and caring spirit influenced me to continue ministry in mission and music. I picture my Mom at the piano playing the Welcome Home song as Frank walked through the pearly gates.

*Peace to Frank's family as they process Frank's Homegoing~*

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**Barbara (Edwards) Fisk** - July 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Our sympathy & prayers to Lyonie and family. We are so glad we became friends with Frank & Lyonie and enjoyed the brief time we spent with such Godly people. Love to you! Myrt & Warren Dexter

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**Myrt** - May 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I remember the day I met Frank several years ago. My husband and I were visiting summit view church for the first time and I had my back to him as I was talking to someone else. He came up behind me and put his hand on my shoulder saying "I'm praying for you this week, sweetie!" I turned around with a smile not knowing who this was but joyfully said thank you. My sister Melody also attended summit view and has been for a handful of years before me and we did look similar from behind. When Frank realized I was not Melody he quickly said "Oh, I'm so sorry never mind you're not who I thought you were! Oh no! I'm so sorry again! I will still pray for you too!" I told him Melody was my sister and introduced myself. We had a good laugh about it and then on, always greeted each other with "I'll pray for you!" Franks glowing smile and joy for the Lord blessed everyone who met Him.

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**Robin W** - May 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Because of "Uncle Frank" I was able to go to Brazil with OMS as a summer NOW corpsman.... Changed my life and heart forever. Though he is now absent from the body, he is present with our Lord! We will meet again.

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**Amelia Pate** - May 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Q: How did you meet Frank?

*A: Frank was walking into Summit View Church with a big smile on his face and a joyful heart blessing everyone he met. He showed great kindness to my dad who needed a friend. Their time serving as Lunch Buddies was not only an opportunity to bless the children, it also was a blessing for my dad to have time with Frank. He truly gloried the Lord in everything he did. Thank you, Lord, that we have a hope and a future to be together again. To God be the glory.*

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**Seta Timbreza** - May 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *I never knew Frank, but my Father, Frank Wiley who died in 2015, spoke of him off and on throughout my life. He was very impressed with his singing talent.*

*I am sorry for the sorrow the family is going through, but I rejoice that he is at his heavenly home. I bet my Dad is there to greet him.*

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**Lorinda Wiley Denton** - April 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *I remember Frank and his singing. As I remember he sang at Jennings Lodge summer assembly. He was a very dear friend. The whole family is very special to me.*

*Love*

*Joy Odom*

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**Joy Odom** - April 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Estamos tristes, mas o céu está em festa*

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**Gerson da Silva** - April 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ It was my honor to serve as Frank and Lyonie's pastor for a while. Frank was very humble, extremely talented and kind. He was authentic, a genuine Christian and very supportive to me, a young minister.

*My life has been enriched just to know these wonderful people.*

**WE WILL MEET AGAIN..**

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**Jim Marshall** - April 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ My dad and me sharing a moment together when he officiated at my wedding. Oh Dad, I love you so much!!! I miss you, I miss you, I miss you! ~ Teresa

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**Teresa** - April 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Franklin Floyd Gorsline** - April 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM