

Morris "Mo" Henning Francine, 84, of Johns Creek, Georgia, went to be with the Lord to celebrate his birthday and homegoing on September 13, 2022. Mo was born September 13, 1938 in Turlock, California. He was the youngest of four children born to Henning and Maria "Marie" Bergstom Francine, who were second-generation immigrants from Sweden. As a young boy, he was lovingly doted on by his three older sisters. He attended Turlock High School where he was a Yell Leader, sang in the choir, participated in school plays, was president of the Thespians, and graduated in 1956. He went on to complete his Bachelor of Arts undergraduate degree at Trinity College in Deerfield, IL; it was there that he met the love of his life, Eleanor "Ellie" Olsen. They married in September of 1960 and lived in the Chicago area, where they had three children: Jonathon, Timothy, and Peter. Mo attended Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and became the youth pastor at Elim Evangelical Free Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois. In 1968, he then transitioned to work for ServiceMaster, located in Chicago; here he focused on recruiting managers. In 1977, Mo and Ellie moved their family to Stone Mountain in the Atlanta area, where they were active members of Smoke Rise Baptist Church. Mo continued his work with ServiceMaster until late 1982; in 1983, Mo started his own company, Commercial Cleaning Services, Inc., which he managed for twenty years. After a move to the Johns Creek area in 1985, he soon became an active member of Perimeter Church, serving as an elder, as well as participating in several mission trips to Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Poland, and Tanzania. In 2000, Mo began working for Perimeter as the Director of Front Door Ministries. He served at Perimeter for ten years, thriving and finding great joy in his interaction with others. He also managed a large group of volunteers each week, including the church welcome team, the ushers, and the church coffee bar. In 2010, Mo transitioned to join Ellie as part of the Perimeter School Adventure Program until they both officially retired in 2013. In 2007, Mo and Ellie moved to the North Georgia mountains of Jasper, Georgia and settled into the Big Canoe community. They joined Trinity Church in Jasper where Mo served as an elder and was an active member on the missions board. During this time, he was able to travel to China with fellow church and mission workers. Mo enjoyed golf and working in the yard. He was an avid runner, participating in 15 July 4th Peachtree Road Races, as well as being a devoted Chicago Bears and Atlanta Braves fan. He had a keen sense of style. Mo was a trusted, faithful friend who never met a stranger and always had a kind, gentle word to share. He kept his gaze heavenward with a heart for those less fortunate, especially remembering those in the mission field since his mother's parents were missionaries in Japan. He actively participated in the lives of his sons and grandchildren, leaving an indelible mark. Even at the end of his life, he was actively leading or involved in three Bible studies, continuing to invest in the lives of others. His legacy will continue through the many lives he touched through ministry, business, missions, and volunteering. Mo is preceded in death by his parents: Henning and Marie Francine; wife: Ellie Francine; and sons: Jonathan Francine and Peter Francine. Mo is survived by his son: Timothy (Mary) Francine of Suwanee, GA; grandchildren: Hilton Henning Francine (23) of Birmingham, AL, Harper Elizabeth Francine (21) of Suwanee, and Hollis Timothy Francine (19) of Suwanee; sisters: Lorraine Olson of Turlock, CA, Marvel Kirkham of Redlands, CA, and Bobbie Mattson of Brentwood, TN; nieces and nephews: Dana Syverson, Karen Rapp, Janet Maxwell, Steve von Rajcs, Teri Taylor, Pam Harmon & Bruce Mattson; numerous cousins and countless friends.

A C E L E B R A T I O N O F T H E

Life O F

Morris Henning Francine

September 13, 1938 - September 13, 2022



October 1, 2022

11:00 am

Cecil B. Day Chapel of Perimeter Church

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

You will never fail.

2 Peter 1:5-7, 10b

Note of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the outpouring of your love, support and prayers for us during this time. We know Mo was special to many of you, and we're honored to be able to celebrate his life with you. May his legacy continue to influence us all.

Much love and appreciation,

Tim and Mary, Hilton, Harper and Hollis Francine

In Lieu of Flowers

Donations honoring Mo may be dropped off at the service or mailed to these ministries that were dear to his heart:

Perimeter Church Global Outreach, 9500 Medlock Bridge Rd, Johns Creek, GA 30097

Trinity Church Global Missions, 2685 Steve Tate Hwy, Marble Hill, Georgia, 30148

Perimeter School "Francine Gardens", 9500 Medlock Bridge Rd, Johns Creek, GA 30097 for the ongoing maintenance of Francine Gardens, a beautiful nature area established to honor Ellie and Mo upon their retirement from Perimeter School.

Share a Memory

Cards are available for guests to write out a memory or story about Mo. Please stop by the table in the reception to share a message for the family. The family will be encouraged and will cherish your stories.

Please join the family at a reception immediately following the service downstairs in the Ministry Center.

Order of Service

Prelude	Cameron Bible
Family Processional	Cameron Bible
Welcome and Prayer	Rev. Bob Carter
Congregational Song <i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	Cameron Bible Lydia Sooter
Scripture Reading <i>II Peter 1:1-11 (ESV)</i>	Jason Allen
Presentational Song <i>I Will Rise</i>	Cameron Bible Lydia Sooter
Tributes	Scott Aubuchon and Jeff Beemon Hilton, Harper and Hollis Francine Jean Harrivel
Presentational Song <i>May the Mind of Christ My Savior</i>	Cameron Bible Lydia Sooter
Pastoral Message	Rev. Bob Carter
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Bob Carter
Congregational Song <i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Cameron Bible Lydia Sooter
Prayer and Benediction Trinity Church, Marble Hill, GA	Pastor Jeff Gangel
Family Recessional <i>10,000 Reasons</i>	Cameron Bible