



## Mr. Francis Allen Gregory

January 17, 1923 - May 4, 2019

Francis (Frank) A. Gregory, age 96, left us on May 4th, 2019, to be with our Lord in Heaven. Frank was a resident of Lillian, AL. for 32 years and was a native of Wisconsin, born on January 17, 1923, to Louis and Ellen Gregory. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, five siblings and his wife of 53 years, Francis Seitz Gregory who passed in 2002.

Frank is survived by his precious Soul-Mate Marilyn "Lynn" Frank of Lillian, AL and three nieces, Mary Jo Schreiber, Patricia Kurtz, and Beverley (Gregory) Mundt.

Frank and Lynn meet in worship at Lillian UMC and for 6 ½ years they grew in love and friendship caring for one another with compassion and deep admiration.

Frank served his country in WWII in the U.S. Coast Guard. He spent 4 ½ years on an "Ice Breaker" in the North Atlantic in the Antarctica, in Greenland and Iceland, clearing the heavy ice flows for our war ships and on the look-out for German U-Boats. His ship, the famous U.S.S. Eastwind, captured a German ship with it's sailors, and took it all the way back to Boston, Massachusetts which was their home base. His ship also just missed being torpedoed by a mere 5 feet. He was honorably discharged after the war ended in 1946.

Following his service to his country he returned to Wisconsin working as an Electrical Engineer for Eaton Corporation for 35 years and then retired in 1984. He and his wife found "Spanish Cove" to be a delightful area and moved down. Frank was a very dedicated volunteer of the Spanish Cove Care Force, helping so very many people and had made so many friends. Frank was a humble and unassuming man who loved his Lord and loved to help his neighbor.

Celebration of Life Service will be held in the sanctuary of Lillian United Methodist Church, Thursday, May 9th with visitation from 1 - 2:30 PM and Service at 2:30 PM. He will then be flown up to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for a short visitation and burial in the "Holy Family

Cemetery", in Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin.