



Louis J Foley

April 3, 1939 - July 30, 2023

Princeton - Dr. Louis Joseph Foley M.D., 84, of Princeton, Illinois, passed peacefully on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at Pavilion of Ottawa.

Louis was born on April 3, 1939 at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley, Illinois to Archie and Celestine (Fenoglio) Foley. He graduated from Hall High School in 1957, and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1961, with a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Science. He completed his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1965, a Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria in 1971, with a specialty in Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Iowa. Dr. Foley was a Diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He established his medical practice in Princeton, Illinois, serving Perry Memorial Hospital, St. Margaret's, and Illinois Valley Community Hospital. He was appointed Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery during his medical career and was an Aviation Medical Examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration. He served in the United States Army Medical Corps and the United States Army Reserve.

Beyond his professional achievements, "Doc" cherished his role as a father above all else. He instilled in his children the importance of family and unconditional love. He was a farmer, a firearms enthusiast and hunter, an

instrument rated private pilot, and a professional musician who loved big band music and ballroom dancing. He was an Eagle Scout, a member of the American Legion Post 125, and a member of St. Louis Parish in Princeton.

He is survived by two sons, Louis Foley Jr. of Sumter, SC, and Darryn Foley, of Blythewood, SC; four daughters, Cheryle (Mark) Williams of Princeton, IL, Michelle (Steven) Keutzer of Princeton, IL, Karen Riva of Ottawa, IL, and Laura (Adam) Warhausen of Freeland, MI; thirteen grandchildren, Catherine (Robert) Bussmann and Elizabeth Foley, Mark Jr. "Mack" and Bennett Williams, Savannah Mistarz and James Foley, Lily Ann, Caroline, William and Kendall Keutzer, Mary Riva, Jared and Eli Warhausen; one great granddaughter, Elizabeth Bussmann; cousins and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Beth, in infancy, his parents, his sister, Marlene Manahan, his daughter-in-law, Suzanna C. Foley, and a dear friend, Gail K. Bonucci.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Legion Post #125 in Princeton, Illinois.

Visitation will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2023 at Norberg Memorial Home Inc and Monuments in Princeton, IL.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 5, 2023 at St. Louis Catholic Church with Pastor Monsignor James Kruse officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton with military rites accorded by the American Legion Post #125.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Mass

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Louis Catholic Church - Princeton
616 S Gosse Blvd
Princeton, IL 61356

Graveside Service

AUG 5. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Such a kind & gentle man and special doctor. My sympathy to the family*

joyce washer - August 02, 2023 at 11:19 PM

KL

“ *Blessings to the family. Dr. Foley was my doctor when we moved to the area and stayed my Dr until we moved away. I am so grateful to all the support and medical care I received. The family has amazing memories. I'm sure for such a remarkable man.*

Kim Lisanby-Barber - August 02, 2023 at 07:00 PM

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“ *Your Cole Veterinary family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis J Foley.*

Your Cole Veterinary family - August 02, 2023 at 01:18 PM

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“ *Your Cole Veterinary family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Louis J Foley.*



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SK

“ I worked as an RN for Dr. Foley until marrying and moving away in 1979. He and Karen were good friends and the Godparents of my eldest son. My condolences to the family on the loss of a great doctor and wonderful man.

Sharon Kerr - August 02, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MM

“ Dr. Foley was my Dr from 1970's until he retired. He was always kind, gentle and extremely patient with me. Throughout my years becoming a parent, and as we both raised our children in Princeton we shared stories and much advice. As he approached later years he suggested I continue my own love of dancing as “the best kind of exercise “ agreed! I asked him not to retire and he said “as long as I can still remember how to get to the hospital, I'll continue”. That eventually didn't work out, so at my last visit I gave him a compass, just in case he lost his way. I'm sure he never did. Thank you Doc. For all you've done for me and my family. I'm sure you are still dancing .

margaret martinkus - August 02, 2023 at 03:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis J Foley.

August 01, 2023 at 11:48 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Louis J Foley.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis J Foley.

August 01, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louis J Foley.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis J Foley.

August 01, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Louis J Foley.



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“ My sincere condolences to the entire Foley family. May he rest in peace.! Dave

David Allan Sokolnicki - August 01, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis J Foley.

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louis J Foley.



August 01, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ What a great Man and I wanted to share the flying of a certain “bird” in the trenches of Korea for international communication purposes story, but that was best told by him 🙄. Doc knew everyone and everyone knew him. I’m beyond impressed that being a doctor wasn’t enough knowledge and skill, but also learning to be a pilot and farmer and carpenter! He was constantly learning new things such as musical instruments, ballroom dancing, federal firearms license, a foreign language, etc With effort, Nothing was impossible to attain and that was a great example to his children and grandchildren

Lou Riva - August 01, 2023 at 12:05 PM