



Frank Mortimer Finch

January 22, 1951 - December 21, 2025

Frank Mortimer Finch, 74, of Gladys, died Sunday, December 21, 2025, at his home. He was the husband of Ruth E. (Teed) Finch for forty-four years.

He was born on January 22, 1951, in Schenectady, New York, the son of the late William Stephen Finch and Dorothy Louise (Mortimer) Finch. A retired Physician Assistant, Frank enjoyed woodworking, riding unicycles, studying the Bible, helping others, and participating in various mission trips around the world.

Frank dedicated his life to making the name of Christ known among the nations. From 1980 to 1997, he served the Lord as a medical missionary in the Philippines at Palawan Baptist Hospital, in the town of Roxas, on the island of Palawan. He also served there as an Assistant Church Planter. After his family returned from the Philippines, Frank continued to serve people's physical and spiritual needs by participating almost annually in mission trips around the world and engaging in the local communities where he lived over the years in NY, WV, PA, FL, and VA.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, Stephen H. Finch (Natacha) of Menasha, WI, Peter W. Finch (Yuri) of Lehigh Acres, FL, Kristina E. Reaves (Jimmy) of Gladys, and Sydney Finch (Niels) of Baltimore, MD; one sibling, Pamela Finch Italia (Ray) of Mount Airy, MD; and nine grandchildren,

Alexandria, Jordania, Dorian, Matthew, April, Maggie, Summer, Gideon, and Savannah.

A celebration of life will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2026, in the gym of Hyland Heights Baptist Church, with Gene Steele officiating. Light refreshments will be served. Per Frank's request, please wear something bright or colorful.

In lieu of flowers, Frank had suggested that those wishing to make memorial contributions consider Palawan Baptist Hospital, where he served as a medical missionary on the island of Palawan, Philippines. Gifts may be made online at <https://give.abwe.org/projects/palawan-baptist-hospital>. Please include the phrase "In memory of Frank Finch" with your donation.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista, is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

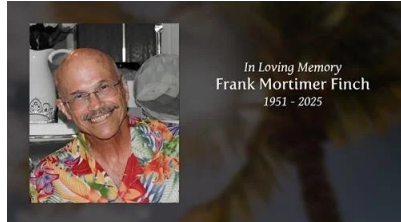
JAN 3. 5:00 PM (ET)

Hyland Heights Baptist Church
100 English Tavern Rd.
Rustburg, VA 24588

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Mortimer Finch*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 02 at 10:23 AM

TH

Frank memories of you will be with me forever. When I met you I knew you were a man of God. Our few conversations confirmed it. I prayed for you and your family during your illness but, God always had you. Your sister in Christ.

Tammy Hylton - January 20 at 12:13 PM

FJ

“ *Dear Ruth and Family, we rejoice that Frank is finally home with our Lord. The fellowship that we enjoyed with you and Frank at McGregor Baptist Church is a sweet and treasured memory. We look forward to seeing him again! We have made a contribution in his memory to the Palawan Hospital.*

*Love in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Frank & Ramona Johnson*

Frank Johnson - January 07 at 10:42 AM



“ 3 files added to the album *Memorial Service*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 04 at 11:20 AM

TT

“ *Frank & Ruth, with Stephen and Peter, were our 'fun family ' to us and our 2 young children. We'd all go hiking, have pot luck dinners, sing, and attend language school together in Lipa City, Batangas, Philippines.*

Great friends, treasured memories!



Tim & Jadonna Trout - January 02 at 08:06 PM

RB

“ *Rex and Janet Brust purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank Mortimer Finch.*



Rex and Janet Brust - January 02 at 08:21 AM

CK

“ Hi Ruth and family,
So sorry to hear of the home going of Frank. Elaine I have so many wonderful memories of you guys while you were in Palawan. Frank was so joyful, real in his walk with the Lord and in all his relationships with missionaries and national leaders. You certainly left a lasting legacy for the work of the Lord in Palawan. We shared many deep conversations with Frank that show-cased his serious approach to life and ministry. Remember to draw close to the Lord, during this difficult time ahead of you.
Craig & Elaine Kennedy ABWE-Philippines Retired to Twin Brook Camillus Farm in upstate New York. We are about two hours from Franks childhood home.

Craig Kennedy - December 30, 2025 at 01:11 PM

JF

“ Dear Finch Family, We are sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you with precious memories in the days, weeks, months and years ahead.

James D. Festa - December 30, 2025 at 11:46 AM

SS

“ Dear Ruth, very sorry to hear of Frank's death. Praying for you and Paul, Kristi, Peter and Stephen. Remember well our family times together at Zion and your home and ours. Much love from Clarion, Sue

Susan Sproul - December 28, 2025 at 04:01 PM

FD

“ Frank and Colleen Dunlap purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Frank Mortimer Finch.



Frank and Colleen Dunlap - December 27, 2025 at 11:22 AM

TF

“ The Christopher Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank Mortimer Finch.



The Christopher Family - December 24, 2025 at 04:27 PM

MF

“ McGregor Baptist Church Staff & Family purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Frank Mortimer Finch.



McGregor Baptist Church Staff & Family - December 24, 2025 at 09:34 AM

BJ

“ We are deeply saddened by the news. My family and I are truly blessed and grateful to have known the Finch family, who have become dear friends and family to us. Sir Frank served as an ABWE missionary in Palawan, where my dad was a chaplain. Together, they went to rural areas to preach the Gospel and conduct medical missions.
We are praying for God’s comfort, peace, and strength for Ma’am Ruth, Stephen, Peter, Kristi, and Paul during this difficult time.

Bj Juarez - December 24, 2025 at 08:44 AM