FRANCIS VERNAL CRUMLEY, JR.

(February 19, 1939 – January 20, 2026)

Francis Vernal Crumley Jr., (Frank) of Doylestown, PA, died on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the age of 86. Frank was the beloved husband of 62 years to Darlene Dienert Crumley. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his three children: Kim Dilger (Scott) of Palmyra, PA, Kevin Crumley of Santa Cruz, CA, and Keith Crumley (Arianne Hager) of Doylestown, as well as his sister Joy Haas of Lancaster, PA. He is also survived by his two granddaughters Kayla Dilger Shenfeld (David) and Rachel Dilger. Frank was the son of the late Reverend Francis V. Crumley and Maude Idella Duncan Crumley. He was also predeceased by his sister Elsie Barry and her husband Bill.

Frank graduated from Central High School, Baptist Bible Seminary, and the University of Pennsylvania where he earned a Master's Degree in Social Work. He worked as a probation officer in the City of Philadelphia for eleven years. Three of those years were spent in the Family Services Division where he was involved in the placement of dependent and neglected children. He served for eight years in the Philadelphia Adult Probation Department. Following several years as Supervisor of Intensive Services, he was appointed Director of Special Services where he was responsible for the implementation of numerous federal grants funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), through the Pennsylvania Governor's Justice Commission.

From February 1976 to July 2007, Frank served as the Chief Adult Probation Officer for Bucks County. He and his staff provided services for the courts and community-based supervision of offenders placed under Bucks County's jurisdiction. Using core values such as integrity, accountability and trust, offenders were assisted in becoming integrated into the community as non-violent, crime-free contributing members of society. He was passionate about his work and strove to make a positive difference in offenders' lives as well as in the field of Adult Probation. Frank was awarded the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) with their Founders Career Award, which honors the memory and spirit of the founding members of MASCA, who organized a regional association to promote inter-state cooperation and professional training. Frank was a member of the MASCA Board of Trustees for over 25 years.

Frank enjoyed several hobbies as well as spending time with his family. He was a certified Airline Transport Pilot who flew for Hortman Aviation and Custom Air Charter. Many of his flights involved taking donated organs and transplant teams to Geisinger Medical Center. Frank loved flying and encouraged Darlene to earn her private pilot's license and instrument rating. Together they flew to Florida several times. Frank also enjoyed deep sea and surf fishing, golfing, and playing tennis. He loved doing puzzles and spent many hours working on them with his granddaughters at the Jersey shore.

After Frank dedicated his life to God, he had a heart for mission work around the world and supported several organizations. He would wish for contributions to be made in his memory to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, or Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).