



## Francis L. Pongratz

March 30, 1932 - June 17, 2011

Francis LeRoy Pongratz, 79, Topeka, died Friday, June 17, 2011. Francis was born March 30, 1932 in Marshfield WI, the son of Frank and Regina Altman Pongratz. He was known to family and friends as "Yogi". Francis served our country for ten years in the US Air Force and then served in the Army National Guard for 16 years, achieving the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a member of the VFW, Post 7285 and the American Legion. Francis and Patricia Dustin were married in 1956. She preceded him in death in 2006. On June 3, 2009, Francis and Carrie Jennings were married. She survives. Other survivors include his sister, Shirley Haumschild; four step-children, Linda Butler, Leonard Dodson, Brandy Balusek and Krystal Jennings; 15 step-grandchildren and 23 step-greatgrandchildren. Memorial service will be Monday, June 20, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ Patricia lit a candle in memory of Francis L. Pongratz



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Patricia - November 18, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ Francis L. Pongratz

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of one of the friendliest men I worked with at the MATES. I did not work directly with Yogi except when he checked my equipment and repaired it. I was always greeted with a smile and if the job took overtime to get my equipment repaired he always did what was needed and a little more. The Guard hasn't been the same since he retired and the world won't be the same now.

Sincerely

Robert D. Hall

MSG

Retired

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MSG (RET) Robert Hall - June 21, 2011 at 01:20 PM

BO

“ *Melissa and family .. keeping you and your family in our prayers at this time.*

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**Bobbi** - June 20, 2011 at 12:12 PM

JW

“ *linda butch and family we were so sorry to hear about yogi jim and i both have many good memories of him and your family in blenker had many good times and laughs we often bring up things that happened there our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family at this time take care and hang in there no one can take those memories away from you blenker itself is a good memory especially during the time pat and yogi had the bar god be with you all at this sad time it will get easier as time goes on but as i said hang onto those memories that is what will get you threw this rough time jim and donna[mancl]willfahrt*

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**jim and donna willfahrt** - June 20, 2011 at 09:02 AM

LI

“ *HAPPY FATHERS DAY,POP! I love you!*

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**Linda** - June 19, 2011 at 01:11 PM

LI

“ *Pop,  
You are the greatest dad ever! Maybe we were not father and daughter by blood, but Blood does not make a father OR daughter. There was never any step between us and there never will be. I love you and am so thankful and PROUD to be YOUR daughter.*

*Linda*

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**Linda** - June 18, 2011 at 10:41 PM

WA

“ Yogi!!! It was great knowing you as my wife's grandpa. I am thankful for you raising her as you did. You will be missed.

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**Walkerq** - June 18, 2011 at 03:40 PM