



Frank A. Fecser

September 8, 1951 - March 11, 2026

Frank A. Fecser, 74, of Mentor, died on March 11, 2026, at Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights. He was born on September 8, 1951, in Cleveland.

Frank served as Chief Executive Officer of the Positive Education Program (PEP) for 20 years. He was a graduate of Garfield Heights High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Cleveland State University, followed by a Ph.D. from Kent State University.

Frank worked hard throughout his life. After the sudden death of his father, he put himself through college. He began his career as a beloved teacher in the Mentor school system, where he consistently went above and beyond to create meaningful and innovative learning experiences for his students. He then devoted 40 years to PEP, where he met his wife, and served in a variety of roles, including liaison teacher/counselor, principal, and ultimately CEO. Along with his mentor and business partner, Nicholas Long, Frank co-founded the Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) Institute, a model for talking with and helping students in crisis that is now practiced worldwide. Frank also authored numerous professional articles, co-authored several books, and received multiple awards recognizing his leadership in the field of children's mental health, both locally and nationally.

As a young adult, Frank enjoyed hiking and backpacking. After his marriage,

he enthusiastically embraced new adventures, learning to ski—a sport he came to love—as well as white water rafting, canoeing, snorkeling in Bermuda, zip lining in Colorado, and even hang gliding in New Zealand. He especially cherished their regular trips to Europe, both for LSCI and to visit dear friends.

Frank was deeply devoted to his family. He delighted in attending his children's hockey games, ballet and violin recitals, and swim and track meets, as well as simply playing with them or reading to them. This same joy and devotion continued with his grandchildren.

Frank will be remembered for his kind and generous heart and for the countless people he helped—professionally and personally—through both good times and bad.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ellen Fecser; children, Katherine (Ted) Clark, William Fecser, and Sarah (Michael) Marein; grandchildren, Jackson, Sarah, Emmett, Isaac, and Cole; and his sisters, Judy (Don) Davison, and Linda Andrus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Isabelle Fecser.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Frank's life from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2026, at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 7989 Little Mountain Rd., Mentor, OH 44060.

Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Frank to the Positive Education Program, c/o Frank Fecser Staff Innovation Fund; donate online at <https://www.pepcleve.org/support-us> or to St. Andrew Episcopal Church.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew Episcopal Church
7989 Little Mountain Road
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-8842

Tribute Wall

PA

“ To the Fecser Family,

I know that many have shared fond memories and great thoughts about Frank. Let me just say, as a colleague in the "field", he was among those that I was impressed with regarding his leadership skills and caring spirit. Sincerely, Paula Atwood

Paula Atwood - April 05 at 03:42 PM

JH

“ Thinking of you all. It was a pleasure to have Frank as a patient over the years. Sending lots of love and prayers. The UH Mentor Adult PT Staff. He will be truly missed.

Jared Holder - March 31 at 03:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frank A. Fecser.



March 29 at 05:15 PM



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

March 29 at 05:15 PM

MA

“ My name is Mike Acoff and I had the pleasure of driving Frank and his lovely wife home a few times from nice getaways that the couple took. On one of these drives I discovered that he was the former CEO of PEP. Cleveland is so small because I was a former student of PEP and when I shared that information with the couple and our relationship grew even closer. He is truly going to be missed because he had a great impact on a lot of people lives and his contributions to education will never go unnoticed. I am forever grateful to have met the man.

Mike Acoff - March 29 at 11:17 AM

ML

“ Mike Acoff/ Shima limousine purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Frank A. Fecser.



Mike Acoff/ Shima limousine - March 29 at 11:01 AM

ML

“ Mike Acoff/ Shima limousine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank A. Fecser.

Mike Acoff/ Shima limousine - March 29 at 11:01 AM

FS

“ Dear Frank,
Thank you for being an important mentor in
my life.
Thank you for shining your light on the kids,
staff and me.
Sincerely,
Frank Sgro



Frank Sgro - March 28 at 01:52 PM

DB

Dear Fecser Family,

Extending condolences to all of you on the loss of your husband,
father, and grandfather. Prayers for you all.

Doug Baker - March 28 at 06:54 PM

BP

My heart goes out to all of Frank's family. He was such a kind and
generous man - and a remarkable leader. His personal and
professional impact with endure for many generations. I feel blessed to
have know him.

Bruce Perry

Bruce D Perry - March 28 at 08:59 PM

TE

“ Terri purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for
the family of Frank A. Fecser.



Terri - March 28 at 12:46 AM

TE

“ Terri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank A. Fecser.

Terri - March 28 at 12:46 AM

FE

“ From Franky, Gerrit, Katrien, and Eline purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Frank A. Fecser.



From Franky, Gerrit, Katrien, and Eline - March 27 at 09:06 PM

KJ

“ Dr. Fecser was the architect of my career. I walked into his office to interview for an Assistant Coordinator position, but Frank saw something in me I hadn't yet seen in myself. With that characteristic 'nudge,' he told me he believed I could run the entire adolescent program. That moment of being seen and trusted changed everything for me. I am forever grateful for his mentorship and for the way he empowered so many of us at PEP to lead with heart and purpose. Rest in peace, Frank

Kevin Jackson - March 26 at 06:54 PM

LK

“ Love Keith, Amanda, and Kira Krejci purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Frank A. Fecser.



Love Keith, Amanda, and Kira Krejci - March 25 at 05:58 PM

LK

“ Love Keith, Amanda, and Kira Krejci planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank A. Fecser.

Love Keith, Amanda, and Kira Krejci - March 25 at 05:58 PM

JG

“ Frank always tried to tell the most interesting jokes at the most unconventional times- Usually during our state of the union at PEP. We have been there since 1998 and 2000 and still utilize and live by the 12 Re Ed principles in everything we do. He was a calm passionate soul that will always be remembered for everything he did and inspired us to continue to do.
Sincerely,
Bob and Jackie Goodwin

Jacquelyn Goodwin - March 25 at 01:16 PM

HG

“ Hugs~ Kathy and Joseph Gudel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank A. Fecser.



Hugs~ Kathy and Joseph Gudel - March 25 at 11:48 AM

HG

“ Hugs~ Kathy and Joseph Gudel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank A. Fecser.

Hugs~ Kathy and Joseph Gudel - March 25 at 11:48 AM