



"What a Wonderful".....Man

Franz Robert Jackson

November 1, 1912 - May 6, 2008

The song that became Franz's signature in his later years was one made famous by Louis Armstrong,

"What a Wonderful World".

Arguably, Franz did it as well as - even better than - Louis and put his own unique spin on it,
as he did all his tunes. It seems fitting to let those words speak for him, and to us, now:



*I see skies of blue, and clouds of white.
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night.
And I think to myself:
What a Wonderful World.*

*I see trees of green, red roses, too.
They all bloom, for just me and you.
And I think to myself:
What a Wonderful World.*



*The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky.
Are also on the faces of people passing by.
I see friends shaking hands, saying 'How do you do?'
They really mean,
that 'I love you.'*

*I hear babies cry, I watch them grow.
You cut the cord, oh, and you let 'em go.
And I think to myself:
What a Wonderful World.
Yes, I think to myself - What a Wonderful World.*

Yeah, I Believe.

And he made us believe, too.
We will miss you, Dad, Grandpa, Mentor, Performer, Friend.
Swing in Peace, Franz.



Remembering Franz.... The Man and His Music

Welcome

Brad Yazel, Celebrant

A Short Version of A Long Life

Video Slideshow

Remembering Franz (Part I)

Speaker:

David Jewell

Musical Selection: Down By The Riverside

Musical Selection: A Closer Walk With Thee

Remembering Franz (Part II)

Video Tribute to Franz

Otto Kubik, Jr.

Speakers:

Open

Musical Selection: Body and Soul

Franz

Musical Selection: Blue Skies

Judi K - vocalist

Remembering Franz (Part III)

Video Message To Franz

Marcus Belgrave

Speakers:

Van Young, Chris Carani, Judi K, Yves Francois

Musical Selection: Sunny Side of The Street

Musical Selection: Didn't He Ramble

Franz

Musical Selection: Chicago (his hometown)

Remembering Franz (Part IV)

Speaker:

Michelle Jewell

Musical Selection: When The Saints Go Marchin In

Musical Selection: What A Wonderful World

Lisa Roti - vocalist

Musical Selection: Huff and Puff

Franz

*The Jackson and Jewell families wish to thank all of Franz's friends and colleagues for
honoring his memory by participating in this memorial service.*

*We also thank McLaughlin-Clark Funeral Home, the Apostolic Lighthouse Church and the Woodfire Trattoria
for their support and assistance in making this tribute to Franz possible and memorable.*

*And we thank all of Franz's many fans who will keep his memory alive through recordings and recollections ~
he truly made this A Wonderful World.*

There will be a reception at the Woodfire Trattoria in Dowagiac following the service - all are welcome.

Food and drinks will be "on your own", but the camaraderie and nostalgia will be "on the house".