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Baby Grayson Finally Comes Home

**Before & After
Prevailing Hereditary Diseases
By Sophia H. Lewis "Nana"**

By the grace of our faith, we as grandparents expect the new births of our continuous blood lines of generations to be uninterrupted without ever having to face complications. I beg to differ. My grandson, Grayson, was born a beautiful baby boy. Then a few short weeks later, a severe medical condition called Cardiomyopathy drastically affected my grandson's life and then God performed His miracles and blessings.

Grayson had no prior signs or symptoms that indicated he was about to become gravely ill. There was no way for him to alert his parents that his tiny body was soon about to endure the fight of his life. Late one night in August, Grayson started with a grunting breathing sound. I said to my daughter, a first-time mother, **"Grayson's breathing sounds a bit unusual."** She immediately called the pediatrician and he suggested taking him to the nearest emergency room.

As the family sat and waited, the last thing to ever cross our minds was for my daughter to come out to the waiting room of the ER to announce to us that Grayson needed intubation ASAP! I gasped for air. Every second became valuable just like that. Once he was placed on the respirator, his status changed drastically. His blood pressure skyrocketed, glucose levels plummeted, and his heart was being challenged.

Emergency transport was arranged to move him to another hospital, over 60 plus miles from his hometown. The ambulance not only raced against time but also against the heavy rainy weather which ruled out any chance that he could be air lifted to the much-needed children's hospital. As my daughter rode in the ambulance with her extremely sick child, her husband and the rest of us drove through the rainy night on the dark country Carolina roads. You best believe prayers were expressed with each passing mile.

Now my grandson, Grayson, was in the



Grayson with mom Kyra

care and hands of the doctors and nurses who specialized in newborn serious health conditions. All sorts of tests were done to rule out the various possible diagnosis. Before we looked up, days had passed by and Grayson's condition began to go downhill steadily. Once he was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a whole new set of challenges hit his tiny body.

It was touch and go as they attempted to get him off the breathing tube. I recall one doctor saying, **"we will have to listen to Grayson to tell his story rather than try to write one for him"** I realized at that point, it was going to take a miracle for Grayson.

He endured seizures, a stroke, a bleeding blood clot in the brain and the worst, cardiac arrest. The healthcare team worked endlessly around the clock, adjusting the various medications and treatments taking him towards his wellness.

Each day was a ray of hope for restoration. After a little over two months, day by day, the assistive devices began to disappear. The last item removed was the NG feeding tube. It had taken quite the effort for him to regain the ability to latch back onto breast feeding.

Grayson was discharged on September 15th and he is back home and settled in enjoying the comfort of his home with his mother and father. He has a lot of maintenance medications but on that same note he has met many goals while becoming stronger. This has been a difficult life experience, as I watched him fight like the true warrior he is.

We don't know how we will turn out once we are born. To prevail over uncontrollable conditions shows that we are conquerors, when we expend energy fighting for our lives despite the hand we are dealt. My grandson, Grayson, is a fine example of strength.

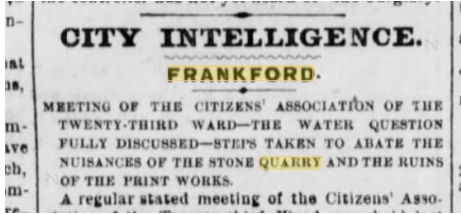
God held him in His arms the entire time of this ordeal. Maybe the only lasting outcome that might affect Grayson is to tire more quickly than others his age but that is yet to be seen. I say this because now as he lives with a minimal to mild stridor, wheezing sound caused by disrupted airflow, after all he had endured.

I recognize God being present the entire time. One last thing, all the supportive prayers have been answered. God blessed Grayson with miracle after miracle and we, his family, are forever grateful.

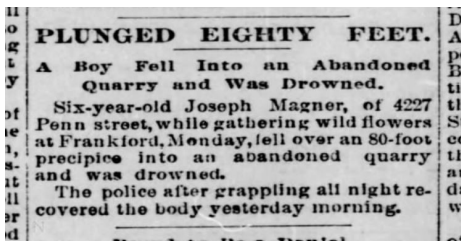
Frankford Quarry Mystery Unveiled

By John Hewitt

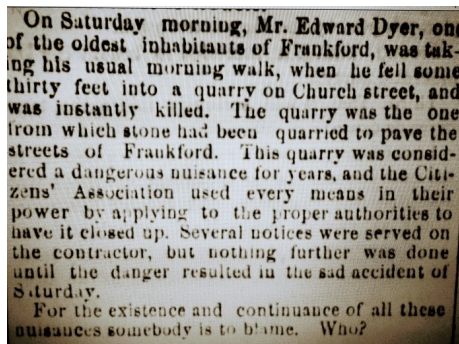
At the Historical Society of Frankford meeting on September 10th, John Hewitt, with the help of Bob Smiley searched and retrieved old newspaper articles about the quarry at the intersections of Adams Avenue and Church Street.



The story is how some 11 children and an adult lost their lives after falling into a Frankford bluestone quarry that later became Deni Playground in about the years 1871 to 1897.



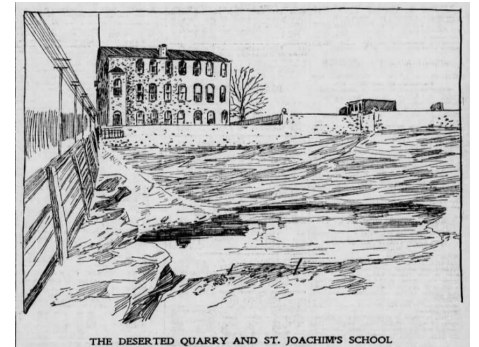
Donald Clark assisted in taking pictures that night. Thank you very much for your help Donald. Pat Smiley spoke about Keep the Faith in Frankford and the upcoming things going on and Joe Taylor from the organization talked about the clean up at Saint Joachim Cemetery.



Pat also talked about Bob Smiley's book coming out and his talk November 12th at the Historical Society of Frankford. There will be updates about the book.

In the absence of Jim Young, President of the Society, Jerry Kolankiewicz did the introduction of speakers. Thank you, Jerry, and a big thanks to Susan Couvreur & the other board members who helped to make this presentation a good one.

Coming up at the meeting on October 8th will be a slide show- Images From The Old Frankford Camera Club of glass slides created by the members of the Frankford Camera Club which was founded in 1889. They were based at Wright's Institute which was located at Unity and Griscom streets.



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"For a day in thy courts is better than a Thousand. I'd rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness"

Psalms 84:10



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October 6
2019
3:30 PM

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- Dinner Served After the 11AM Morning Service

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All the kids around
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the Frankford Chargers field.

From Facebook

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THIS FALL : HARVEST THE FUN

Senior Life Insurance Info Session 10/2

U.S. Census Bureau Employment Info Session 10/22

**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT CELEBRATING NATIONAL
COMING OUT DAY 10/11**

35th Anniversary Banquet 10/18

United Nations Day Cultural Celebration 10/24

Halloween Party with Magician Performance 10/29

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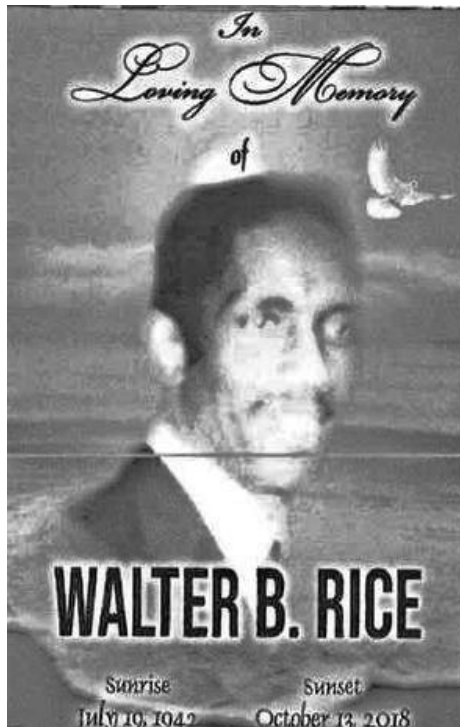
Veteran of the Month—Walter B. Rice

By Richard Johnson

Walter B. Rice was born on July 19, 1942 in Frankford Hospital and was raised in the Tacony section of Philadelphia. Ricey, as he was known, attended Hamilton Disston Elementary School and Lincoln High School.

Ricey joined the Army National Guard and worked at different jobs such as Myerstone Basin Company, Nesbitt and worked at Frankford Hospital for over 20 years and retired.

Ricey, while serving in the National



Guard, served on disaster duty in many places and some of the island countries. During his service, he received his paratrooper wings after making 5 jumps while at Fort Bragg jump school.

Ricey loved his job at Frankford Hospital and was well liked. He knew just as much about hospital problems, you would think he was a doctor. Ricey passed away on October of 2018 and will be missed very much.

Walter B. Rice - Thank you for your service!!!



Operation Warm Coat Giveaway

Thursday, November 7
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Children can get a free, brand new winter coat from Operation Warm, along with a new book!
Participants must register in advance by October 11.
Please contact Ms. LaBae for more information.

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Run/Walk: 9 a.m. (2 hours course limit)
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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movesomethingrun-raymour-flanigan-5k-runwalk-tickets-729758998817>

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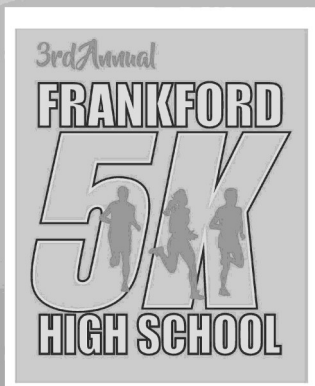
Registration on site!

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If you were registered last year you do not need to re-register!

By Grace Alone & Frankford Memorial UMC
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Game!

LIFE DECISIONS



Is this the beginning or is this end, is this a sentimental journey or are
we just friends.
Should we forget about the years, and hold back the tears for the time
that we spend together.
Running in and out of this thing we call life, falling down a hole that is
as black as charcoal.
Are we lovers or are we friends, walking down this road that I think
will lead to the end.
One day you will step out of the darkness, and declare we're more than
lovers and we're more than friends.
While walking down that road, that will end.
More than lovers always friends.

By
LENNY JAYNES

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Volunteers from the Ray of Hope in
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Coming Up in Frankford

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, October 1, 7pm, Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox Street - The group maintains and supports Overington Park at Orthodox and Leiper Streets. This park has been resurrected and now hosts events almost every month of the year but it can't do it without your active participation. New members needed. Join us the first Tuesday of the month. We meet in the Park from May to September.

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, October 3, 7pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, October 6, 12:00pm - 3:30pm, 4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM: - Peter Miele, Curator Seminary Ridge Museum

Historical Society of Frankford - Tue, October 8, 7:30pm, Historical Society of Frankford, 1507 Orthodox Street - Slide Show- Images From The Old Frankford Camera Club The October lecture will be a slide show of glass slides created by the members of the Frankford Camera Club which was founded in 1889. They were based in the Wright's Institute that was located at Unity and Griscom streets.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting - Thu, October 10, 7pm, Second Baptist Church of Frankford, 1801 Meadow Street

Operation Warm Coat Giveaway - Friday, Oct 11, Frankford Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Children can get a brand new free winter coat and a book but you

must register in advance. Contact Ms. LaBae at 215-685-1473 by October 11th. Coats will be distributed on November 7th between 2:30 and 5:30 at the Library.

Recovery Café - Fri, October 11, 7pm - 9pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue - Every 2nd Fri of every month. St Mark's Church, Frankford hosts a Recovery Café. This Coffeehouse Event to celebrate and encourage those in recovery as well as those who support them. This free event is complete with live music, dessert fare, and positive uplifting fellowship. [Doors open at 6:30]

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, October 15, 7pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott Street

15th Police District PSA1 Meeting - Thu, October 17, 7pm, Jefferson Frankford Hospital, 4900 Frankford Avenue

3rd Annual Frankford High School 5k - Sat, October 19, 9am - 10am, Frankford High School 5000 Oxford Avenue

Fall Festival - Sat, October 19, 10 am - 1 pm, String Theory School Large Street & Dyre Street

Northwood's 1st Annual Fall Festival - Sat, October 26, 11am - 7pm, 4700 Northwood Street - Food, games, prizes, trunk or Treat

Police District Advisory Community Meeting - Mon, October 28, 7pm, 2900 St Vincent Street

Frankford Library

School Age

Preschool Storytime

Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.
Oct 1,8,15,22,29, Nov 5,12,19,26, Dec 3,10,17,24,31

PJ Storytime

Ages 3-6 (older and younger siblings are welcome)
Bring your stuffed animals or blanket and listen to a book before bed
Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 6p-6:45p.
Oct 2,9,16,30, Nov 6,13,20, Dec 4,11,18

Saturday Morning Cartoon Storytime and Movie with Morris Monster

Ages 3-6 (older and younger siblings are welcome).
Enjoy silly stories and cereal before getting your Saturday started.
Select Saturdays. Starting at 11am.
Oct 5,19 Nov 2,16, Dec 14

Adults/Teens

Teen Third Thursdays

Come have fun doing various activities and games. Teens Only
Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30pm.
Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19

FRK Fitness

Get fit and have fun with Frankford Staff. Adults and teens welcome.
Every 3rd Monday. 5:30p-6:30p
Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16

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Resume Help: Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3 (1st Tues) 12p-1p
Job search/Apps: Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10 (2nd Tues) 12p-1p
E-Gadget Help: Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17 (3rd Tues) 12p-1p
Internet/Email: Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 24 (4th Tues) 12p-1p

Laptop Open Lab w/DRS

Use laptops for an extended period with assistance from DRS.
Select Fridays. 12p-2p.
Oct 25, Nov 8, 22, Dec 6

Intro to PowerPoint

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Saturday, Nov 9. 12p-2p

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