



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Frank Young

Frank Young grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, the eldest of four children. He attended Princeton public schools during the transition from segregation to integration, a change that deeply shaped his and his siblings' academic paths. Each of them was inspired by Mrs. Harris, their sixth-grade math and science teacher, to pursue careers in mathematics or science—all eventually earning graduate degrees in those fields.

Frank studied mathematics at Haverford College, where he balanced academics with extracurriculars and volunteer work. During his senior year, he met Julie Nevius at a weekend work camp. They married soon after graduation and began a lifelong partnership rooted in education, family, and service.

Frank continued graduate studies in mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania, supporting his growing family by teaching at Haverford and later at Temple University. Financial stability came when the Youngs became caretakers of Grumblethorpe, a historic 1745 home in Philadelphia. There, they raised two sons and later welcomed Barbara, a high school student from

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Washington, D.C., who became part of their family while attending a private school nearby. The family grew again with the adoption of two daughters, and in 1968, Frank earned his Ph.D. and began teaching at Knox College in Illinois. His academic focus expanded to computer science, leading to summer studies in the field and, in 1975, a Fulbright Lectureship at the University of Lagos in Nigeria. In the 1980s, Frank split his time between Knox and the University of Illinois for further research in software engineering.

Frank became Head of the Computer Science Department at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, where he served for 15 years. Under his leadership, the department evolved into Computer Science and Software Engineering, growing significantly in both faculty and students. It is now one of the largest departments at Rose-Hulman.

Beyond teaching, Frank has been a passionate contributor to the broader computer science education community. He played a major role in the ACM's Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE), organizing conferences and leading national workshops. As an ABET accreditation evaluator, he has reviewed over 65 academic programs. In recognition of his contributions, he received SIGCSE's Lifetime Service Award in 2015 and is a Fellow of the

Computer Science Accreditation Board. Frank's commitment to service extends beyond academia. A lifelong Quaker, he has held leadership roles in both regional and national Quaker organizations, including serving as Presiding Clerk of Illinois Yearly Meeting and giving the Plummer Lecture in 2022. He and Julie also serve on the Moment of Truth Campaign Committee for the American Friends Service Committee.

In civic life, Frank has served on the state boards of the ACLU in both Illinois and Indiana and briefly as Interim Executive Director of the Indiana ACLU in 2012.

After retiring from Rose-Hulman in 2002, Frank taught for a year at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Recognizing the need for accessible living as they aged, the Youngs chose Westminster Village, where Frank's parents had once lived and their daughter had worked. They moved into a villa in 2014.

Since joining the community, Frank has remained actively involved—serving as President of the Residents' Association and currently on the Westminster Village Board of Directors.

Frank's 2022 Plummer Lecture was titled "Listening, Learning, Loving, and Laughing," a reflection of his values and life philosophy. He concluded with a message that continues to guide him: "Listen carefully, Learn constantly, Love deeply, and Laugh often while always witnessing to your beliefs."