



Frank S. Forsythe

September 26, 1932 - December 3, 2019

Our beloved Frank S. Forsythe died at home on December 3, 2019 surrounded by family and friends after a 4 ½ year courageous battle with MSA Parkinson's. He was born in 1932, and graduated from Washington and Jefferson in 1954 with his Bachelor's degree in Economics and a storied football history.

He entered the Army immediately afterward and after training and teaching transportation to enlistees, Frank also played on the Army football team.

Frank started his professional career at Westinghouse working under Admiral Rickover on their nuclear submarine program. After serving 6 years, he moved on to Crucible Steel as their purchasing agent for 3 years. He later worked for Sharon Steel and also served as their purchasing agent for several years. In 1977, he began his career with Cleveland-Cliffs as V.P. of Construction and Engineering, followed by V.P. of Sales and finally as Senior Executive of Operations.

His favorite hobbies included golfing, travel and reading.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rita V. Forsythe of Bonita Springs, FL and his 4 daughters, Ann Dewey (Ned) of Wailu, HI, Carol Burkarth (Rich) of Mechanicsburg, PA, Linda Davis (Mike) of Mentor, OH and Nancy McCaffrey

(Dan) of Signal Mountain, TN; his brother, Dick Forsythe (Chou) of Palacios, TX; 11 cherished grandchildren, Matt Burkarth (Courtney), Evan Kelly (Blake), Claire Watson (Robert), Elin Acierno, Sarah Burkarth, Taylor Dewey, Ryan McCaffrey, Christopher Davis, Kevin McCaffrey, Emily Davis and Madison McCaffrey and 2 great-grandchildren, Walker and Wynn Kelley. He is also survived by his former wife and mother of their 4 daughters, Shirley Donley.

We all would like to thank his 3 outstanding caregivers, Sharon Bailey, Clive McDonald, and Gina Morissaint. We don't know what we would have done without them.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, January 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs with Assistant Pastor Su Kim, officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Resurrection Garden at the First Presbyterian Church immediately following the service. A reception for family and friends will be held in McClure Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his memory may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs 9751 Bonita Beach Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs Resurrection Garden

9751 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Frank S. Forsythe*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *To Frank's Family---unfortunately quite belated, however, I just learned of Franks passing....I worked under and for Frank at Crucible, where I not only learned much from Frank, but also learned to respect him immensely....many years later, I convinced him to join us in a Steelers/Brown's game here in Pittsburgh at which we had a ton of laughs in reviewing our past experiences. He was truly a great man and one that I shall remember till I work for him again.*

Bob Berenda, Pittsburgh Pa.

Bob berenda - August 29, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *We have been friends of Frank and Rita for more years than we want to mention. They have helped me when I was in need and will never forget that. We definitely will miss Frank but believe his suffering is over and he is with our Lord. Our prayers and thoughts are with Rita his wife and pray to God he comforts her in her suffering and in the days to come. God bless you Rita.*

Vilyus Mary Anne & Sid Munoz - December 13, 2019 at 04:18 PM

BJ

“ Frank will be remembered was a first-class guy who stood strong in all circumstances and who loved and enjoyed his friends and family throughout his long and active life.

Bob Jacobs
12/11/2019

Bob Jacobs - December 11, 2019 at 09:09 AM

JG

“ Prayers are with you Rita. Peter and I remember the beautiful dinner we shared at your home with my Mom.

Love to you....Joan Griffin

Joan Griffin - December 09, 2019 at 09:04 AM

DM

“ Frank and Shirley became our good friends in Hudson, Ohio, through our businesses. We shared Florida vacation and many great times with our kids. Frank is missed.

Dr Bruce MacNab - December 06, 2019 at 08:35 PM