



G. Jay Franklin

October 25, 1936 - June 8, 2023

G. Jay Franklin, 86, passed away in Naples, Florida on June 8, 2023.

Jay was born in 1936 to Fred F. Franklin and Joyce (Fultz) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His childhood years were spent in Washington, Indiana and later Indianapolis, Indiana. He attended Purdue University.

Jay had a long and successful career with RCA Consumer Electronics, starting out as a black and white TV repairman at 19 years old and retiring 38 years later as Manager of Warranty Programs and National Technical Field Support. During his career he lived in Kansas City, Missouri, Huntington Beach, California and Indianapolis, Indiana. He moved to Bonita Springs, Florida in 1997, where he continued to reside until his death.

He was an Eagle Scout. He belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Bonita Springs, Florida.

He was preceded in death by wives Barbara (Vogel) and Shirley (Wilson).

Jay is survived by his loyal companion, Lola; his son, Dan (Becky) Franklin; daughters, Diane Carter and Joy Franklin; 3 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren (with 3 more on the way); as well as his brother Ted and many friends.

He will be remembered for his love for his children, diet cokes, margaritas, auto racing; and he was an avid golfer. He was a jack of all trades with a generous heart. He was well-known for his mischievousness. Everyone who knew him has a "Jay story" to tell.

He leaves behind a legacy of honesty, hard work, integrity, and a void that can never be filled.

A Celebration of Life will take place in the future. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Naples Cat Alliance/Purradise Gardens, 921 No Name Lane, Naples, Florida 34120.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ G. Jay Franklin

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“ I met Jay after I started dating Joy, we took a trip to Indianapolis to meet her parents. After all the introductions Jay took me out to the garage to see his silver RX7. Asked me if I wanted to go for a ride, I said sure, and off we went. He drove that Mazda so fast, he was almost equal to a professional race car driver. I held on, but he realized I wasn't scared. It was his way of showing me the pecking order when it came to his daughter.
I always respected him for trying to scare the pants off me. Jay always treated me with respect, may he really rest in peace.
Mick Maniatis

Mick Maniatis - June 10, 2023 at 07:37 PM



Joy Franklin - June 13, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ Emanuel M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of G. Jay Franklin.

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“ Rest In Paradise! I’m sure Barb and Shirley met you at Heaven’s Gate and it’s a beautiful place.

I’m sure by now you’re on your golf cart and finding lots of stray golf balls.

Oh, and one more thing. The answer to the secret question you would always ask me and we would laugh is Nine. Only you and I would know what that means. 😊



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Joy Franklin - June 13, 2023 at 11:13 AM



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