



Charles Lauffer Frank

September 22, 1936 - July 22, 2019

Charles Lauffer Frank, 82, born in Washington Pennsylvania on September 22, 1936, lost his battle with cancer and passed away peacefully in the company of his family on the morning of July 22, 2019.

He was the oldest of four children and is survived by his two sisters Carolyn and Gertrude and is preceded in death by his wife Dorothy, brother Harry and his parents Charles and Clara Frank. His great grand father immigrated to the US from Prussia in the mid 1800s which made Charles fourth generation to the U.S.

Charles graduated from Washington High School in Washington, PA where he went on to serve in the United States Navy on the USS Coral Sea and Saratoga as a radar technician. He married the love of his life Dorothy Jean Kughn and they began their family. After serving in the US Navy he graduated from Penn State and began his career in the computer industry at RCA. After working at RCA he returned to further serve his country working for the Department of Defense at the Pentagon in Washington DC. Later he transferred to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In 1973 he and Dorothy made a decision to move their family to the West coast and settle in Corvallis, Oregon where he finished his career with the EPA. In his retirement he served on the Board of Directors of the OSU Federal Credit Union and was the Treasurer at the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis.

Charles and Dorothy celebrated 61 years of marriage before she passed away in September 2016. Charles and Dorothy had an intensive love for their family and friends. He was very proud of their three children Charles, Cheryl and Mike, their spouses, seven grand children and twelve great grand children. Charles loved life and family and prioritized family over all else. Family vacations were always a priority and a tradition passed on to him from his father and continuing on with his adult children and grand children. Many traveling adventures and memories have been shared by friends and family. He was also an avid fisherman and knew every inch of the Alsea and Siletz rivers.

He was a kind, selfless man, loved by all who ever had the pleasure of meeting him. We were blessed with the time we were given to spend with him. He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life is planned for 11:00 a.m. on July 31st at the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis with a reception to follow.

In lieu of gifts or flowers please send donations to the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis or to Evergreen Hospice in Albany.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church
114 SW 8th St
Corvallis, OR 97333

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“ Chuck Frank was more responsible than any other individual for the smooth functioning of the Corvallis laboratory in the 1980s. At that time when EPA research received greater funding, there were some 350 onsite personnel, a budget of \$85 million in today’s dollars, onsite operations at two locations in Corvallis and one in Newport, and multiple onsite and offsite contracts, cooperative and interagency agreements. Laboratory funds came from multiple sources each with their own rules and restrictions. Chuck was responsible for assuring the laboratory managed this complex of resources in a responsible and effective way. He applied a comprehensive understanding of the bureaucracy and how it worked – what the rules were and how to work with all the people who administered those rules. Somehow he was able to navigate that arcane world to get things done with minimal fuss and the best possible outcome.

He had a selfless dedication to getting things done in a responsible way. He was kind-hearted and honorable - a man of character. He recognized without reservation that his job was to help others succeed and for them to take the credit for their success. To this end he also put together a highly competent and dedicated staff that reflected these values.

There were many challenges in those days. There were differing opinions - things didn’t always work out as hoped. But whenever Chuck was involved, everyone had the sense that together they were doing their best to do the right thing and to do it as competently as possible. He was like one of those athletes who makes the whole team play better - but in this case for a higher purpose. He was an exemplar of what it means to be a public servant.

*Tom Murphy
Director, Corvallis Laboratory, 1979-1999.*

Tom & Ellen Murphy - August 12, 2019 at 01:54 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. May your great memories help you through this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Payne

Nancy Payne - July 30, 2019 at 12:14 PM

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“ Chuck and Dottie were my neighbors. It was my great pleasure to know them.

Chuck always had time to stop and talk. His door was always open.

I look across the

street realizing how much chuck is missed. Very special people lived in Stoneybrook!

Blessings to the Frank family, sorry for your loss.

Vicky Cropley

Vicky Cropley - July 26, 2019 at 01:21 PM