



Frank C. Starbuck

March 8, 1932 - October 14, 2017

Frank C. Starbuck, age 85, of St. Clair, passed away October 14, 2017 at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born March 8, 1932 in Grawn, Michigan to the late Francis (Frank) and Bessie Starbuck, where they lived in what was previously a Grange Hall on a rail spur that was for potato distribution. Thus Frank began life with humble beginnings as the son of a potato broker.

He and his father often traveled between Traverse City and Manistee before there were roads, pushing their Model T through creeks and over rocks, fondly known to them as “kibitzing about”. From these adventures, Frank developed a great appreciation for nature, national parks and forests.

Frank attended University of Michigan, earning a degree in Engineering. He would thumb rides back and forth between Ann Arbor and Grand Traverse County for holidays and summers. To help put himself through college, Frank worked for the Traverse City Canning Company.

After college, he married Janet Ann Cook of Traverse City. He was soon drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War and stationed at Ft. Lee, Virginia. He brought his wife along and they lived in an Airstream trailer where their first son Mark was born.

He was a bright, principled business man and leader. In an early position with Huron Portland Cement, his engineering background led him to participate in developing and perfecting the first self-unloading freighter, and his name is on a patent for one of the improvements. He later worked at the Diamond Crystal Salt Co. in St. Clair as Manager of Marine Transportation, General Manager of Distribution, and retiring as V.P. of Transportation.

Frank was a very spiritual man and devout Christian. His deep religious faith led him and

Jan to the Crossroads Community Church in East China. He was also a physical man and took great care and charge of his health right up to his dying day. He had a great love of fly fishing and the soul of a poet.

Frank was a warrior and remained the intelligent, spiritual compass for his boys, setting the example for love and patience right up to the end. His gentleness and compassion made him a father to all.

He left this earth peacefully, surrounded by his loving family and community.

He was preceded in death by his son; Scott Allen Starbuck, grandson; Nicholas Starbuck, and brother; Harry Starbuck.

He is survived by his wife; Janet Starbuck, his sons; Mark Edward Starbuck, Timothy Earl, Tim's wife Susan, and son Matthew Moore Starbuck. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren, Leslie Allen, Holly Ann, Jessica Rae, Karly Ann, Eden Nicole, Justin Matthew, Samantha Marie, and Madelynn Joy; 5 great-grandchildren, and sister; Helen Friedlander, along with his nieces, nephews, and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are made by L.C. Friederichs and Son Funeral Home, St. Clair. To leave the family a message of comfort please visit: www.lcfanson.com.

Cemetery

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Comments



“ Dear Jan and Family,

We are very sorry to learn of Franks passing but very comforted to know that he is indeed now with the Lord.

Frank was a strong example to me of a man walking the Christian life in a daily, continuing, learning manner.

Jan, Margie wants you to know That you have been a very special blessing by your Warmth, Love, and Fellowship. With great memories of singing together in the Christmas choir.

We want you to know that we are asking the Lord to strengthen and bless you and your family.

May the promises of our Lord, in his Word, be an encouragement to all of you.

With Love, your friends in Christ
Garth and Margie Jones

Garth JONES - October 21, 2017 at 11:40 PM



“ Sorry to read of Frank's passing Janet. Remember him from high school and the fact that he had so far to walk to school, ha-ha.

Dianne Akers-Kennedy.

Dianne Akers-Kennedy - October 21, 2017 at 11:16 AM



“ Dear Tim, Mark and families...I am so sorry for your loss. May grace be with you all.

Sally Muhlitner Beck and family!

Sally Beck - October 17, 2017 at 07:34 AM



“ The members of The American Legion Charles J. Fulton Post 382 in St. Clair express their deep sympathy to the family and friends of our fellow veteran. We are grateful for his military service with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Chaplain David Gillis - October 17, 2017 at 04:50 AM



“ I can hear his voice when I see the picture. Rest well, Uncle Frank.

Gretchen Friedlander - October 16, 2017 at 08:03 PM



“ You were noble, sweet and proud of everything you stood for. You made me smile and I LOVED chatting with you. I promise to take care of Leslie and Aidan all the days of my life. We love you more than you'll ever know. Rest well in heaven, Grandpa!

Christy G. - October 16, 2017 at 07:31 PM



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Mark Starbuck - October 16, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ I'm really sorry to hear about your lose in your family. He sounded like a great family man and a amazing man in community.



David Holland - October 15, 2017 at 10:08 PM