



Frank Bell

March 2, 1938 - March 7, 2024

Franklin Earl Bell (Frank) died peacefully surrounded by family on March 7th, 2024 in Orlando, FL.

Frank is survived by his wife Maureen, his children, John, Kristen and Caroline, their spouses Michele (John) and Trey (Kristen) and his grandchildren John Michael, James, Becca, Christian and Sarah. He was preceded in death by his parents Franklyn and Rita Bell and sister Mary Adaire Scott.

Frank was born in Florence, Alabama on March 2, 1938 and moved frequently in his younger years following his father's work with the TVA. Frank's family settled in Beverly, Massachusetts when he was in the third grade. This is where he would meet his wife of 62 years, Maureen.

Frank graduated from Dartmouth college in 1960 with a BA in economics, during which time he was commissioned into the US Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. He served his country in active duty at the Pentagon for 2 years. At the end of Frank's active duty, he returned to Dartmouth where he received his MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Business in 1963, while continuing in the Army Reserves.

Frank started his career in New York City with Colgate International and later

Scott Paper Company. In subsequent career moves he worked as a manufacturer's representative in Ft. Wayne, IN, Burlington, NC and then in Raleigh, NC where he opened Raleigh-Durham Rubber and Gasket. The later part of Frank's career was focused on management recruiting and diverse international initiatives through his company Bell Associates International. Frank remained in the US Army Reserves as a Lt. Colonel until retirement, receiving the Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal in 1987/88 respectively.

In his retirement, Frank loved meeting people, travel, history, music, trains and took a great interest in his children's and grandchildren's lives. He was active in Raleigh chapter of the Sons of Norway, as well as a prayer group at Our Lady of Lourdes. Frank and Maureen relocated to Orlando, FL in the fall of 2023 to be closer to family.

Frank was deeply loved and will be missed by many.

A funeral mass will be held for Frank at St Margaret Mary's Catholic church in Winter park, FL on March 26th at 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Jude's children's Hospital.
<https://www.stjude.org/about-st-jude/faq/how-can-i-donate-to-st-jude.html>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 N. Park Ave
Winter Park, FL

Tribute Wall

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“*Dad, you were a wonderful man. Funny, smart, adventurous and always our cheerleader. Your spirit is woven into our fabric and you will live on in your children and grandchildren.*

Thank you for all of the gifts you have given us. We carry them with us everywhere we go. Your ability to see people and meet them where they are in life is the gift I cherish most. I grow older, I see it is your 'meter rule' that now often shows up in my daily life, as I start chats with random strangers nearby.

You are greatly loved and will be greatly missed, but have to say that from the day you departed, memories of you and your stories have brought more smiles and laughs than I could have imagined.

*Much love,
Caroline*

Caroline Haukaas - March 29, 2024 at 09:03 AM

AK

“ It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we at the Sons of Norway Raleigh lodge extend our condolences to Maureen and her family upon the passing of Frank. His departure leaves a void in our hearts and the community he touched with his wisdom, leadership and unwavering commitment.

Frank served as both president and vice president of our lodge. He was not only a leader, he was the epitome of excellence and integrity. His intellect, coupled with his Ivy league education illuminated every decision he made, enriching our lodge. He steered with an unwavering commitment to understanding our Norwegian culture and was so proud of his daughter Caroline for her dual citizenship with Norway.

Franks legacy extends beyond his professional accomplishments. He was a devoted family man who raised children who have gone on to achieve remarkable success, a testament to his love, guidance and values.

His absence will be keenly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Andy Kristoffersen
President
SON Raleigh Lodge

Andy Kristoffersen - March 25, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Bell.



March 25, 2024 at 04:28 PM

SF

“ We were good friends of Frank and Maureen in Fort Wayne. And our children were friends. Sorry about Franks passing. Our friends seem to be leaving us ☹️

Susan Ferguson - March 22, 2024 at 11:08 AM

TF

“ The Orlandella Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Frank Bell.



The Orlandella Family - March 21, 2024 at 12:02 PM

DB

“ Frank was an amazing, kind, and interesting man. And a great neighbor!
I miss his exciting stories and his presence.



Donna Broughton

Donna R Broughton - March 20, 2024 at 05:28 PM