



Owen N. Frakes

February 26, 1943 - May 20, 2025

Owen "Big O" Norton Frakes

Owen Norton Frakes, 82, of Longwood passed away May 20, 2025 surrounded by his family. He was born in Cincinnati, OH February 26, 1943. He was raised in Cincinnati and Williamstown, KY. He graduated from Greenhills High School as Class President, Prom King, Ohio Boys' State and Basketball Team Captain. He played basketball at Miami University in Oxford, OH. He was a member of the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He graduated from Rollins College, Winter Park FL, with a BS in Finance and Economics. He attended Embry Riddle and became a pilot. He was a commercial banker and real estate manager in Cincinnati. He was VP of Oceanography Development Corp, in West Palm Beach. He was SE Regional VP for First Mortgage Investors. He was also a Commodity Broker and had a Nationwide Insurance Agency. He went on to be a VP of Finance for Cardinal Industries and Florida Capital Security Corporation. He was co-chair of the University of Florida Foundations Parents Advisory Council. He was a member of the University Club, the Board of Governors for the Orlando Mortgage Bankers Association, Secretary of the Seminole County School Advisory Council, President of the Miami University Alumni Chapter and President of The Springs Homeowners Association. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Winter Park.

He coached his children's sports teams in basketball, football and baseball. He was a loving husband and father. With his big personality, he never met a stranger and quickly created a common bond. He lived in Florida 56 years and loved and appreciated Cincinnati, Kentucky and their Midwestern values. He loved Rollins College, Ohio State, Miami University (Ohio) and the Florida Gators.

He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar Owen Frakes. Alera Norton Frakes Cart and step-father Donald William Cart. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Cynthia Brooke Ault Frakes- Longwood. He is survived by his children Owen Kyle Frakes (Cathy Wojtas) - Orlando, Monica Brooke Frakes Culpepper (Brad) - Tampa and Erika Caroline Frakes McCandless (Mike) - Tampa. He is survived by his grandchildren Rex Owen Culpepper- Tampa, Judge Broward Culpepper- Tampa, Honor Brooke Culpepper- Tampa/NYC, JC Wojtas (Hannah) –Georgia, Layton Wojtas- Orlando and great granddaughter Eleanor Rose Wojtas- Georgia.

Funeral service Saturday June 7, 2 pm at The First United Methodist Church of Winter Park, 125 N. Interlachen Ave. , Winter Park, FL

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church - Winter Park
125 N. Interlachen Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Christa A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Owen N. Frakes.*

Christa A. - June 07, 2025 at 08:15 AM

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“ *I will remember Owen as energetic, full of life and his very friendly outgoing personality. He was always very positive and helpful. 35 years ago, my father emerged from the hospital after a bad accident and Owen brought him a 3 wheeled bicycle to help in his recovery. A really kind, big hearted, guy who will be missed.*

stephen selby - June 06, 2025 at 08:45 AM

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“ *Florida Capital Real Estate staff purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Owen N. Frakes.*



Florida Capital Real Estate staff - June 06, 2025 at 05:40 AM

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“ *Florida Capital Real Estate staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Owen N. Frakes.*

Florida Capital Real Estate staff - June 06, 2025 at 05:40 AM

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“ *Kathy Christy (Selby) purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Owen N. Frakes.*



Kathy Christy (Selby) - June 06, 2025 at 05:27 AM

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“ *Kathy Christy (Selby) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Owen N. Frakes.*

Kathy Christy (Selby) - June 06, 2025 at 05:27 AM

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“ *Jane Beare, Tom Johnson & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Owen N. Frakes.*



Jane Beare, Tom Johnson & Family - June 05, 2025 at 09:41 AM

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“ *Frakes Family,*

So sorry to hear of Mr. Frakes passing. It's been close to 35 years but I still remember the first time I met Owen. It was in Enyart-Alumni Fieldhouse after the first game I coached at Rollins. It was a win over Presbyterian in November of 1990. As his obituary says, his big personality, not to mention our shared love of basketball created a fast common bond. No words can express how he always made me feel welcomed and loved right from the start. He will be missed by all who remain but I know there is an eternal celebration with him leading the way.

Chip Morris - June 05, 2025 at 09:24 AM