



Francis William Downing

November 25, 1940 - March 26, 2021

Francis William Downing of McKinney, Texas passed away on March 26, 2021 at home after a long battle with cancer at the age of 80.

Frank was born on November 25, 1940 to Milton Downing and Mary Teresa (Skinner) Downing in Syracuse, New York. He is survived by his beloved wife and eternal companion, Shirley Mae Downing and their three children, Terri Ogden, Todd Downing and Troy Downing. He also leaves 11 grandchildren, Steele Downing, Riley Downing, Gage Downing, Dallas Ogden, Cole Downing, Colton Ogden, Bailey Downing, Mason Downing, Aysha Ogden, Hailey Downing and Paisley Ogden. He has two great-grandchildren, Lyla Downing and Jax Downing.

Frank grew up in Syracuse, New York on a dairy farm. He joined the Army at the young age of 17. He married his high school sweetheart Shirley on June 7, 1960 and loved and dedicated his life to her for over 60 years of marriage. They were sealed in Twin Falls, Idaho Temple on July 29, 1971. Frank served in the Army for 20 years until he retired on September 30, 1978. Frank served in France, Germany, 2 tours in Vietnam and in Turkey with NATO along with several places in the USA. He received many letters of commendation and in recognition of his exemplary service.

After retirement he worked in the restaurant industry and construction with his son. Frank had an entrepreneurial spirit and tried several small businesses along the way. He loved playing cards, listening to books, carving, sight seeing and being with family.

Frank loved people. He would talk to and befriend anyone and everyone. His wife and kids called him the "friendly puppy". He had two favorite topics: the gospel and helping people get their VA benefits. He carried boxes of The Book of Mormon in his car and gave them to everyone he talked to. If there is a prize in heaven for giving out books were sure he'll win it. Everyone loved Frank.

Frank's funeral service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2021 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 651 East Stacy Road, Fairview, Texas 75069. Frank will be laid to rest Tuesday, May 4, 2021 in the Dallas-Ft.

Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75211, where he will receive military honors.

Dad, we love and miss you.

Memorials

What a great man. You will be missed but i am grateful that one day we will meet again.my friend

BRUCE, APRIL 9, 2021

Mr. Downing was such a pleasant man. I had the honor of meeting him and his family in Buca, Turkey. I enjoyed hanging out with the Downing family at their house, Church service and at the Serinyer pool. My thoughts and prayers are with the Downing family.

LINDA MAREE LEVINE, APRIL 6, 2021

My Heart reaches out to the family. I never had the honor of meeting Francis William Downing but I know his son. I know he had to be a great man, a man with values, and kindness. I know this because of his his son Troy. My Condolences Lorelei Weisbrod

LORELEI WEIBROD, APRIL 5, 2021

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