



Frank Russell Ornstedt

April 1, 1940 - August 22, 2023

Frank R. Ornstedt, 83, of Conway, S.C. and formerly a long-time resident of Blackstone Ma, went to his Heavenly Home on Wednesday, August 22, 2023, after a brief illness in the presence of his loving wife. Frank was born in Boston, MA the son of the late Ragnar F. Ornstedt and Marguerite E. Hanscom Ornstedt.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Rita L. Ornstedt presently of Conway SC; three children, Mark R. Ornstedt of Woonsocket, RI; Karen M. Champagne and spouse, Dennis of Orleans, MA. Brian D. Ornstedt and Spouse Lynne of Boston MA. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Linsey, Cole and Maggie Ornstedt of Barrington, RI and his three siblings: Patricia Tambini and her husband Don of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, Judith Petri of Lancaster, MA & June Banacos of Ashland MA and many nieces and nephews.

Frank was an exceptional husband, dad, pop, & craftsman. He had a lifelong love of fishing, was an avid reader, absolutely loved golf and was known for reciting many poems at the drop of a hat as well as giving everyone who would listen a "history" lesson which he loved. He graduated from Norfolk Agricultural High School and worked as a Class A Machinist for almost forty years after serving three years in the US Army. He raised his family in Blackstone, MA taking weekend camping trips in Cape Cod and Jamestown,

RI as well as many annual road trips. His favorite yearly trip later in life was always Las Vegas. He took up woodworking as midlife approached and made many beautiful pieces of furniture and favored the Shaker style. When he retired, he and the love of his life, Rita, took his lifelong dream road trip to Alaska on a three-month journey stopping at many National parks and points of interest enroute. He will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him.

Services to be held in Massachusetts at a later date to be announced.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frank Russell Ornstedt.

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ Marie R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Russell Ornstedt.

Marie R. - August 28, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ RITA ORNSTEDT lit a candle in memory of Frank Russell Ornstedt



RITA ORNSTEDT - August 27, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Rita and the entire family.

Denise Dowling - August 25, 2023 at 08:21 PM

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“ *Jeanne & I will dearly miss Franks kind considerate fond tales, gatherings of family & friends where all were made to feel like family. His craftsmanship and love of fishing was a hallmark of a life well lived. To his wife Retina our love and deepest sympathy. You were lucky to have found each other with many wonderful years of travel and adventure.*

Duncan Speel - August 25, 2023 at 02:00 PM

JA

“ *Tony and I would love when Frank wandered over to chat with us and maybe have a Miller Lite!! ❤️ Friend and neighbor for many summers! Thoughts and prayers are with Rita, Karen and family! Love, Jeannie Athas*

Jeannie Athas - August 25, 2023 at 12:43 PM

JH

Frank and Jeanne offer our deep sympathy to you and the family. We have known and have been friends since day one. We are so grateful for seeing both of you not too long ago. We have always enjoyed our time together. Thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

Jeanne Hvizdos - August 25, 2023 at 02:32 PM