



Frank W. Tilden

February 1, 1927 - August 15, 2019

Frank Tilden, age 92, of Bristol, TN, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2019. Born on February 1, 1927 in Brooklyn, NY, he grew up on the tip of Long Island in Montauk Point. He earned the Eagle Scout award in 1945, and graduated from Columbia University in the city of New York in 1949. He then worked two years in Military Intelligence in Frankfurt, Germany. He married Peggy O'Hara in 1954 and relocated to several Virginia cities before making Bristol his permanent home in 1960. He worked in the insurance business for almost forty years, first with Robert C. Boswell and then he co-founded his own company, Associated Insurance Services and worked there until his retirement in 1997.

Frank felt that if he was not able to help others then he did not have a purpose on this earth. He was a selfless, giving person, sharing his talents and love with the Bristol community. In the 1960's and 1970's, he was a coach for Avoca Little League baseball and a Boy Scout leader for several years. He was a member of Kiwanis Club for 46 years, including one year as President. Frank served on the Bristol School Board for 6 years and he also served on three committees for the City Council. Since 1960, he was a member of Central Presbyterian Church.

He donated blood for 20 years certifying him as a lifetime member of the Bristol Memorial Hospital blood bank. Inspired by the care of hospice during his wife's bout with cancer, he spent 20 years volunteering for Wellmont Hospice not only caring for the patient but also for their loved ones long after the patients' death. He spent 8 years as a hotline volunteer with Bristol Crisis Center and several years tutoring elementary school students at Avoca Elementary School.

Frank spent over 9300 hours as a Bristol Memorial Regional Medical Center volunteer which included driving the golf cart to assist people to their cars and working at the west wing information desk. As a volunteer, he always asked for your name and if he didn't know it when you came in, he knew it when you left!

His passions besides his volunteer work and family included bowling and golf, Bejeweled, Sudoku, crosswords, hearts, and the Atlanta Braves.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Tilden, twin sister, Pat Casement, and sister, Gloria Geiger. He is survived by his three sons, Mark and wife Emily (Atlanta, GA), Barry

and wife Cindy (Richland, WA), and Tommy and wife Jill (Carrollton, TX). Six grandchildren, Amy, Matt (wife Jessica), Anthony (wife Heather), Andrew (fiancée Lauren), Stephanie and Benjamin Tilden and one great-grandson, Simon Tilden, and another great-grandson on the way.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, Monday, August 19, 2019 at Central Presbyterian Church. Service. The family will receive friends until 4:00 pm after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central Presbyterian Church, 301 Euclid Avenue, Bristol, VA, 24201 or Ballad Hospice House, 1 Medical Park Blvd., Bristol, TN 37620. Condolences may be sent to the family at akardfuneralhome.com.

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Akard Funeral Home, 1912 West State St., Bristol, TN (423) 989-4800 is serving the family of Mr. Tilden

Comments



“ Frank Tilden was an exceptional man. I had the pleasure of knowing him while he served as a devoted volunteer for the Wellmont program. He stood ready to serve in any capacity and had a special gift for making all people, who were cared for by the agency feel special and loved. Frank was a true picture of a hospice volunteer and was an integral part of the success of the Wellmont Hospice program. Our staff loved and admired him and were grateful for the many hours he spent with us and the patients and families.

Angela Dawn Eastridge - August 26, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ My heart breaks knowing the loss of Uncle Frank will have such a profound impact on everyone in his life. My memories stretch back to our youth, growing up and visiting either in NJ or Tenn and seeing the family. Ping Pong tournaments, constant wisecracks and laughter... my mom so admired her twin brother. I just hope they can now tease each other endlessly over the Mets vs Braves. Losing his beautiful wife, Aunt Peggy so soon and knowing that he still continued on strong in his community, proud of the family they raised and helping so many others along the way brings a smile to my face. Truly the end of an era with the last of the Montauk Tilden clan gone. My love and thoughts are with Mark, Barry and Tommy and their families. With warmest regards and hugs, xo
Pam Tilden Novak

Pam Novak - August 24, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ My heart breaks for your family. Our son has a weekly appointment at the hospital where Mr. Tilden volunteered. Every week, Mr. Tilden would greet us as we came and left from the hospital. We saw him every week for 5 months. Last Thursday when he wasn't at the desk, we got concerned. Then reading about his death, it broke our hearts. He was certainly a light and joy to speak to when we'd come into the hospital. It will not be the same without seeing him there. Prayers for peace and comfort for your families during this difficult time.



April and John Smithson - August 22, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ Your THW Design Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Frank W. Tilden.



Your THW Design Family - August 19, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ Very sorry to learn of Franks passing.I always have admired him for his common sense and how he treated everyone.He was a great ambassador to our hospital.Always had a smile for everyone who entered.Glad for him that now he can be reunited with his love.
Sorry out of town today .

douglas weberling - August 19, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ One memory I've always looked back on fondly was when Great Uncle Frank played along with my request to my parents that I be allowed to play the lottery while on a visit to his home. We were watching his TV in the living room and the local lottery came on...I was asking my parents to go buy a ticket, I was probably about 9 years old. My parents tried to explain why I wouldn't win, but Great Uncle Frank played along encouraging me to guess the numbers before they were drawn and if I got them right he'd make sure I had a ticket for following night. Of course I guessed every number wrong, but this is just one of many examples when he related to me in a way that made my time around him very fun. I'll never forget that or the half milk half chocolate milk cereal in the kitchen every morning in his home. He was a great role model for me as a child.

-Justin

Justin Strycharz - August 19, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ Although I met Frank when he worked Escort for BRMC, it is my memories of his smiling face as I came in the West entrance of the hospital that are paramount. Rain or shine he was sitting at his desk at that entrance. He spoke to everyone who came in, and I was always amazed that he knew most of their names. I would stop to speak as I came in; we often talked about our sons playing Little League at the same time. A kind and thoughtful man that it was my privilege to know. He will be deeply missed.

Ruby Gillion

Ruby Gillion - August 19, 2019 at 06:58 AM



“ What an awesome man Frank was! I had the privilege of knowing him for the last 5 years while volunteering at BRMC in Escort! He would call for someone to bring a wheelchair to the West side and always had a way to make me smile! After reading the legacy of his life, he has been doing that all his life. My prayers go out to the family, knowing full well that he has been incredibly loved and loved each and everyone of you the same. I know that with him and John Gibson up in heaven, there will be even more to look forward to.

Barbara Mills - August 18, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank W. Tilden.



August 18, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank W. Tilden.



August 18, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ I worked at Bristol for 22 years. Frank knew me by name and he got to know my children and grandchildren when they came to visit. Wonderful man and friend. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

hope wyatt - August 18, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ 93 files added to the album LifeTributes



Akard Funeral Home - August 17, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ There are so many memories to share of my favorite uncle. From my childhood when Uncle Frank, Aunt Peggy and their three boys, my cousins, Mark, Barry and Tommy would spend a week at our home in NJ, was the grandest time of the summer. I would stay in our backyard, before fences, and wait to see their car ready to turn in our street. His smile, laughter, love for his family, ping pong tournaments that he would psych you out to insure his Victory, to beach trips, singing along to the radio, razzing his boys, were all made special by his presence. As I grew up and had children of my own, I wanted them to know this very special person and be influenced by him. We made vacations to Tenn to spend time with Uncle Frank and enjoyed swinging buckets of golf balls, playing uno, furthering the latest puzzle while the game was on. Of course we would root for our Mets over his Braves. Our children always were thrilled to see him again, my regret is that they did not get to know, Aunt Peggy. So many fun memories in the simple daily happenings. Like finding a cake one of his daughter in laws made at Easter time and discovering it on top of his refrigerator in August. We were sworn to secrecy. His time at the hospital and Hospice were extremely important to him and I always admired that through his own heartache of loosing the love of his , wife, he made his life count and have meaning, by pouring himself into others. Truly an end of an era for the Tilden family, my deepest condolences for each and every family member. He will continue to be deeply loved and admired. Oh, and because he was a special uncle, he was the only one allowed to call my daughter, Cassie.

Linda Lee Geiger Strycharz - August 17, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ Frank was a gem when I worked with him at the Hospice House, I always looked forward to his volunteer shift. He was so helpful and so kind to the patients. Later, I enjoyed coming into the hospital and seeing him manning his desk. We always had a short conversation and he never forgot my name and little antidotes from our time at the Hospice House. RIP Frank, you will be missed.

Joan Sells - August 17, 2019 at 07:27 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank W. Tilden.



August 16, 2019 at 09:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Frank W. Tilden.



August 16, 2019 at 09:29 PM