



Frank M. Wick

December 25, 1932 - June 11, 2023

Frank M. Wick 12/25/1932 -- 6/11/2023

Our dad, Frank Wick, was an identical twin. To talk about Frank without his brother Al would be incomplete – like speaking of half a person rather than the whole. Their birth story was a little miracle. Grandma and Grandpa Wick did not think they could have children. The twins were a surprise later in life and they were born on Christmas Day 1932– a very special gift! They were named after their parents: Albert Wick and Frances McCauley Wick. Al was 3 minutes older.

Both twins were smart, athletic, hardworking and had many friends. They grew up in the Olney section of Philadelphia and they spent summers in Brant Beach NJ. They both had sailboats and spent their time between the yacht club and the beach. Later they brought their families to Brant Beach for the summers and surfed and swam on the beach with the kids.

Frank and Al both attended Penn State, joined the ROTC program, became members of the Beta House and were co-captains of the gymnastics team, winning the national championship in 1954. Frank specialized in the side horse. One of the rare times they chose to do something separately involved their military service -- Frank joined the Navy while Al joined the Army.

After Penn State and military service, Frank got his masters in finance and worked at Fidelity Bank. Al joined the family business, Lindley Electric Supply Company. Frank left Fidelity to help Al at Lindley Electric around the time that their father passed. They continued to run this profitable company until they sold it and retired. Frank and Al checked in with each other at least daily even when on vacation.

Much of the time Frank and Al drove very similar cars and they pursued the same sports. They were skiers, runners and bikers. Sports were taken quite seriously – Frank was a downhill ski racer, ran marathons and did multiple 30-mile bike races over the years. Both Frank and Al are listed in the book of the Boston Marathon for finishing under 3 hours in the master's category.

Frank always said his wife, Mary Ellen, was the love of his life. They married in 1961. Losing her in 2010, just short of their 50th anniversary, was one of the hardest things he ever experienced. Frank was a loving husband to Mary Ellen, father to Julie, stepfather to Lorna and Ellen, and grandfather to Adrienne, Bryan, Christopher, Tom and Aj.

Frank was very generous with his time, talents, and treasure. He was active in his church and community and loved by many. He was always very thankful for the blessed life he led, for his home and his wonderful family, friends and neighbors. He really loved Lantwyn Lane!

A celebration of Frank's life will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m. at the Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 E. Athens Ave, Ardmore PA 19003 www.chadwickmckinney.com. Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for those who are not able to attend the service.

In lieu of flowers, friends and loved ones are invited to make a contribution in Frank's name to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 196 Woodbine Avenue, Narberth PA 19072.

We rejoice for Frank, as he is now reunited with Uncle Al, with our mother Mary Ellen, our sister Lorna and many others. We will always love our dad, Frank, and his contribution to our lives and many others will not be forgotten.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Lutheran Churchyard

corner of Athens Avenue and Wynnewood
Road
Ardmore, PA

Previous Events

The family will receive guests

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, Inc.
30 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003
(610) 642-6303

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

EG

“ Thank you, Bruce, Carter and Mary for your kind words.

Ellen Grill - June 24, 2023 at 05:15 PM

TT

“ I Have so many Fond Memories of all the M.S. Bike rides we did together with Al, Brad, Diane & John.

I was so fortunate to have Met Frank & them and to become his, and their Friend.

I will miss Frank & will Cherish those Memories Always.

Tony Tesoriero

Tony Tesoriero - June 18, 2023 at 11:15 AM

EG

Thank you, Tony.

Ellen Grill - June 19, 2023 at 05:14 PM

BM

Many years ago, Frank and three other men from Holy Trinity created an outreach to Grace Lutheran Food Bank in Mantua. They collected canned goods periodically and supplied turkeys at Thanksgiving.

Because of their initial outreach the Mission to Grace has grown to over 500 pounds of food and produce delivered each week as well as over 300 turkeys at Thanksgiving. Thousands of meals have been enjoyed because of the love and compassion of these men!

Bruce McCluskey

Bruce McCluskey - June 20, 2023 at 04:14 PM

BM

We'll miss you Frank!

Bruce McCluskey - June 20, 2023 at 04:15 PM

CW

Frank and Mary Ellen were so welcoming to us when we joined Holy Trinity 20+ years ago. We served on a couple of committees together, I (Mary) always cherished his point-of-view and delighted in how irascible his opinions could be. We shall miss that smile and the twinkle in his eye.

Carter & Mary Williamson - June 20, 2023 at 05:19 PM