



Frank H. Waltermann

November 14, 1938 - August 2, 2015

Frank H. Waltermann, age 76, of Richmond, died Sunday morning (August 2, 2015) at his residence. He was born in Richmond on November 14, 1938 to Joseph M. and Mary Amelia (Deuser) Waltermann and had lived here all of his life. He was a graduate of Richmond High School. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division and served at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and in Panama. Frank enjoyed skydiving and continued it as a hobby for many years after. He returned to Indiana and graduated from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science. His father had started a funeral business in 1910 and Frank joined the funeral business as a co-owner in Riggle and Waltermann in 1960. Frank was an active participant in the Indiana Funeral Directors Association and was president of the association in 1976. He was interested in political science and government and continued his education receiving a bachelor's degree from Indiana University East and a master's degree from Ball State University. He ran for Mayor of Richmond and won two consecutive terms from 1984 to 1991. His father had also been a mayor from 1935-1938. Frank remained in public service working for the State of Indiana in the State Personnel Department and then later as the Human Resources Director for the Richmond State Hospital. At the end of his career he enjoyed sharing his knowledge and experience in politics and government with students as an adjunct instructor at Indiana University East. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and of the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include his wife, Mary Merchanthouse; children Anne (Marc) Murphy of Fishers, Indiana, Joe (Julie) Waltermann of Greenwood, Indiana and Marc (Hannah) Waltermann of Fishers, Indiana; step-children Julie (Art) Gately of Skokie, Illinois and Marty (Jamie) Merchanthouse of West Jordan, Utah; sister Gertrude Cloud of Tucson, Arizona; brother Charles Waltermann of Richmond; 8 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 3 nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Frank, Jr. Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday (August 8, 2015) in Saint Andrew Church. Father John Luerman will officiate. Burial will be in Saint Andrew Cemetery where military graveside services will be conducted by the Wayne County Honor Guard. Friends may call on Friday (August 7, 2015) from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Riggle - Waltermann Mortuary. Memorial contributions may be made to either of two groups that were important to Frank: Girls Inc. of Wayne County, PO Box 43, Richmond,

IN 47375 or to the Wayne County Foundation for Richmond Rose Garden, 33 South 7th St. Richmond, IN 47374. www.riggle-waltermann.com

Comments



“ We are very sorry to hear of Frank's death. We traveled many miles with IFDA as I followed him as President in 1976-77. He was a dear friend. You have a our deepest sympathy.

Bob & Helen

Bob & Helen Shelby - October 22, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ Mary and family, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Waltermann's passing. He will always be one of those gentlemen that I truly respect. I treasure all of the conversations we had about life and politics. He will definitely be missed. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. --Stasia

Stasia Veramallay-Hodges - October 22, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ Mary, Ann, Joe, Marc and family - Our sympathies and prayers are with you all during your time of sorrow. This community has lost a true gentleman and leader. He was an inspiration to so many and he will be greatly missed. The Brock family (Sonia, Bob and Charity Irwin - Ann Brock's sister)

Sonia Brock - October 22, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ Mary and family, on behalf of the Indiana Funeral Supply Sales Club, I wish to extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of Frank H. Waltermann. May God bless and comfort each of you and may your cherished memories bring a source of peace. Sincerely, Charles V. Agugliaro

Charles V. Agugliaro - October 22, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ Mary and the Walterman family, Sue and I were so very sorry to read of Frank's passing. He was a really fine man, and gave so much back to his community. He will be greatly missed by all of those who knew him. May he rest in eternal peace.

Bob and Susan Merchanthouse - October 22, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ Mary, Anne, Joe, Marc, and Family,
We are deeply saddened by Frank's passing. Many years ago, he touched our hearts and we were so fond of him that we have kept him in that special place.
We are truly blessed and honored to have known Frank; we will always miss his laughter, quiet conversation, and compassion.
We will treasure the time spent with him and the special memories.
Our thoughts, prayers, and love to all of you,
Betty Steele-Jones, Stephen, Heather, Heidi, and Deskin Jones

Betty Steele-Jones - October 22, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ We are thinking of your family during this difficult time. Mark & Gail

Gail and Mark Richards - October 22, 2015 at 04:21 PM