



Frank Conklin Jr.

March 31, 2017 - March 31, 2017

Cmdr. Frank M Conklin Jr., 81, of Tyler passed away Friday, March 31, 2017 after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's.

Frank was born on July 8, 1935 in San Antonio. In 1958, he realized two dreams, he married Dorothy H. Conklin and earned his wings to become a Navy Fighter pilot. For the next 18 years, he proudly and bravely served our country. After retiring from the Navy, Frank started a second career with the Texas Department of Transportation, which brought he and Dorothy to Tyler.

Frank was preceded in death by his son, Frank M. Conklin III ("Lin"); parents Frank M. and Pauline Conklin; and sisters Frances and Mary.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Dorothy H. Conklin; son Robert K Conklin; brother-in-law Maury Bronstein; nephew Paul Bronstein; and nieces Diane Halperin and Susan Woodman.

A private burial will be in San Antonio at Fort Sam Houston under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

It is the family's desire not to receive flowers or gifts. Donations can be made to Wounded Warrior or to the Conklin/mills team at Carry the Load at <http://www.carrytheload.org/site/TR/2017/General?team id=4932&pg=team&fr id+1670>.

Tribute Wall

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“ Frank and I were in the Navy Pre-flight school in Pensacola Fl. in 1956. We both stayed in the Navy until retirement. He was in Carrier aviation while I flew patrol aircraft. After my wife and I moved to Tyler in 1993 we met Frank and Dot and for about 15 years we would meet at Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant every Monday. Margaret and I are sorry to lose such a good friend. He will be missed.

John & Margaret Hall

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“ I'm sorry to hear of Frank's death. I know he has struggled with health issues for a long time. Most of my contact with him was as a golfer at Cascades. I always enjoyed playing with him and enjoyed visiting with him about his family and his days as a navy pilot. I appreciated seeing the film of him flying from an aircraft carrier. I also enjoyed hearing him speak fondly of his family. He was proud of them and their accomplishments. I remember how proud he was when he got to visit his old ship as she was retired and got to bring a memento from her home with him. That was a great trip that he enjoyed making with his son. I also remember a long visit he and I had when he was in the hospital following his surgery. Although my association with him was primarily limited to the Cascades, I always felt he was an honorable, upright man. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

-----Wayne Berryman

Wayne Berryman - April 05, 2017 at 10:31 AM