



Frank A . Aten

July 23, 1920 - June 20, 2015

Frank Albert Aten of Chestertown, MD, passed from this life on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Heron Point in Chestertown, MD. He was 94.

Frank A. Aten was born July 23, 1920, in Burt, IA, the son of the late Rev. Sidney H. Aten and Jennie Leach Aten. Mr. Aten was a 1937 graduate of Delta High School and later attended Iowa State University where he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Chemical Engineering in 1941. That same year he went to work for Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago, IL, where he held various management positions in the Chemical Manufacturing Division until his retirement in 1974. From 1968 thru 1973, he was the General Manager of Abbott's start-up Puerto Rico Complex in Arecibo, PR.

Frank and his late wife (Emily) Ruth were married in 1945 and had been married 53 years before her passing in 1998. Prior to moving to Chestertown, Frank and Ruth lived in Southern Pines, NC, where they were avid golfers, and where he enjoyed gardening, woodworking, reading and traveling. Frank had a strong commitment to his faith. He was a lifelong Presbyterian, actively engaged in the church communities in which he lived, often serving as Deacon, Elder and Clerk of Session. While in Southern Pines, he enjoyed going to the local prison and reading to those who were incarcerated.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sister,

Mary Irene Larson.

Mr. Aten is survived by a daughter, the Rev. Emily Jane Schwenker of Chadds Ford, PA; a son, John E. Aten and wife Wanda of Morristown, TN; three grandchildren, Tina R. Aten of Morristown, TN, Eric A. Aten and wife Jennifer of Morristown, TN, Danielle A. Martin (Schwenker) and husband David of Marlton, NJ; a brother, John E. Aten of Lake Forrest, IL; and a sister, Ethel M. Hansen, of Columbus, OH.

Interment will be held Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Pinelawn Memorial Park in Southern Pines, NC.

A service celebrating his life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown in Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown, 905 Gateway Drive, Chestertown, MD 21620 or to Meeting Ground Inc., 107 Delaware Ave, Elkton, MD 21921.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank A . Aten*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Frank A . Aten*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To The AtenFamily Yours have my sympathy I am one of the girls that took care of Mr. Aten sorrowly submitted Sharon Mcclinton*

Sharon Mcclinton - July 04, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ *Sherrie Hill lit a candle in memory of Frank A . Aten*



Sherrie Hill - June 30, 2015 at 06:10 AM



“ *As his Chestertown church family, we celebrate Frank's life and memory - and give thanks to God! -- the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown*

Sara Holben - June 25, 2015 at 11:01 AM

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“ Eric Aten lit a candle in memory of Frank A .
Aten



Eric Aten - June 24, 2015 at 06:06 PM

MR

“ Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory
of Frank A . Aten



Maryann Ruehrmund - June 24, 2015 at 08:05 AM

ER

“ I loved my Grandfather very much. As a little boy, I would stay with him at Whispering Pines NC. We loved to play UNO together and he would let me hit golf balls in his front yard, I never hit them so great. He constantly tried to teach me math and always told me great stories about the family as well as the history. As I grew up a little more I stayed with him again, this time at Chestertown MD. With my cousin Daniel. Again great times! As he was getting older and staying strong as an Ox, what I loved talking to him about most and one of his favorite things to discuss was our family Genealogy. I will greatly miss those conversations. He was a intelligent man with a big heart, he was strong willed and loved family. Frank Aten will be missed dearly by many and will now be watching over all of us from heaven reunited with his lovely wife Emily Ruth Aten. Grandpa, I love you so much, check on me from time to time. God bless.

Eric - June 21, 2015 at 08:42 PM