



Franklin Neale Saunders

July 21, 1941 - March 29, 2016

Franklin Neale Saunders of Stevensville, MD, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton after collapsing at his home on Easter night. He died peacefully surrounded by his loving family. He was 74.

Born on July 21, 1941, in Tibitha, ViA, he was the son of the late Winfield Scott and Mary Edna Newsome Saunders. Frank is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lois Simmons Saunders of Stevensville; daughter, Karen Saunders (Brian Sutton) of New Market; son, Kevin Saunders (Chrisie) of Stevensville; five grandchildren, Luke, Ben and Caden Theodore and Jacob and Emily Saunders; sisters, Violet Whay (Sonny) and Sharon Jett, both of VA; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Lucile and Joseph Robertson.

Frank grew up in Virginia's Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay area. He served in the US Coast Guard for six years. While stationed in Portland, ME, he spent time aboard the CGC Baratara as well as traveled to the South Pole. In his last two years in the USCG, he became a diesel engineer aboard a commercial fishing boat, traveling from the home port of Reedville, VA, to ports north to Maine and south to Texas. During this time, he served as an undercover drug enforcement officer.

Frank had a successful 31-year career with Shoppers Food Warehouse (formerly Jumbo Food Stores) in the Maryland and Washington, DC, area. He progressed from Apprentice Meat Cutter, to Vice President and Buyer of the company's meat and seafood markets. More recently, he owned and operated Eastern Bay Marketing.

Over the years, Frank was a member of both Berwyn Baptist Church in College Park, MD, and Riverdale Baptist Church in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Fondly known as "Pops," his great love was his family time. Cooking out, going to Chincoteague Island, boating, crabbing, or attending sports events were some favorite pastimes. Hunting, fishing and crabbing with his son, Kevin, and many friends was his passion. In his downtime, Frank was an avid reader. Frank's home was always open, and he entertained frequently. He touched all who knew him with his great advice, humorous stories, and generosity.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, MD, on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at 3 p.m., where family and friends may visit from 1-3 p.m.

Contributions may be made in his name to the American Sleep Apnea Association, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Ste.1025, Washington, DC 20006, or Romancoke on the Bay Community Association, Frank Saunders Memorial Fund, 229 Allegany Rd, Stevensville, MD 21666.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Franklin Neale Saunders*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 07, 2016 at 01:34 PM



“ *Franklin Neale Saunders*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Franklin Neale Saunders*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Franklin Neale Saunders*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Steve, Vivian and Barbara purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Franklin Neale Saunders.*



Steve, Vivian and Barbara - April 07, 2016 at 08:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Franklin Neale Saunders.*



April 07, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin Neale Saunders.*



April 06, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin Neale Saunders.*



April 05, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Franklin Neale Saunders.*



April 03, 2016 at 02:41 PM

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“Lois, I so enjoyed talking with Frank at the reunion! He was such a personable fellow, full of life and joy! I'll bet he kept you on your toes! Wishing I could have known him longer! Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and hearts! Love to you with prayers for ALL..Sally

Sally Hicks - March 31, 2016 at 01:56 PM

AB

*Dear Lois, I don't know if you remember me, bit I certainly remember you and Frank!
You opened up your new home to me to make it yours. It was such a pleasure getting to know you so well listening to Frank's stories, and having him make me such great lunches! What a character, full of loyal and love.
I am sure he will be greatly missed. With my deepest and most sincere condolences and sympathy.
Love,
Anna Beighlie
Abracadoovers@gmail.com*

Anna Beighlie - April 08, 2016 at 11:12 AM