



Frank Benjamin Dori

August 2, 1929 - July 23, 2020

Frank Benjamin Dori of Houston passed away July 23, 2020, at the age of 90. Frank was born August 2, 1929, in New York, New York to Angelo and Matilda Dori. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Angelo. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary, with whom he danced through married life for 69 years of love, laughter, challenges and adventures.

Frank spent his youth as a somewhat mischievous lad having the city of New York as his personal playground, with a particular interest in gliders and jet propulsion. He played league baseball and belonged to a youth club where he made a brief thespian appearance while attending school and graduating from Cardinal Hayes High School.

At 18, Frank chose to serve his country and explore the world outside of the Big Apple by enlisting in the United States Navy. Eventually assigned to the USS Amphion whose mission was as a repair ship and as a transport vessel to European war refugees emigrating to the US., Petty Officer Second Class Frank Dori devoted nearly four years of service to this mission - and to perfecting "the mustache".

Civilian life brought joy in marriage to Mary Rubbo, adding three darling daughters to the family, achievement in graduating from Fordham University and success in his 35-year career with Bechtel Corporation. Bechtel facilitated the traveling spirit by assigning the Dori family to job sites in New Jersey, Michigan, Louisiana, New York, Pennsylvania and finally to the great State of Texas completing his accounting career as a division Comptroller.

Frank continued his childhood interest in aviation by building small- and large-scale model airplanes and developed a passion for golf. Playing over a hundred courses, including The Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland, Frank proudly shot a hole-in-one in his golfing career. Frank, a knights of Columbus member, volunteered his accounting talents at St. John Vianney; his many other talents were shared as 23-year volunteer at West Houston Medical Center. He grew a variety of roses, his favorite flower. Frank is remembered as a philosopher, historian, artist, and traveler who embraced life with integrity, faith, sharp wit and a new yorker Style.

Frank is also survived by his daughters and their husbands, Diane and Sonny Miller, Donna and Glenn Saltamachia and Debra and Rick Wilson. His Many grandchildren and great grandchildren remember him lovingly as “Grumpa”, “grandpa” and “Papa Frank”- the sage, the patriarch, “the most interesting man in the world”. He is in our hearts always. Rest peacefully, Frank Dori. The Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX, on Thursday, July 30, at 10:30 am with Frank being laid to rest at a later date. Social Distancing and masking are in effect at the church. A Celebration of life will be held in early August 2021 – save the date. In Lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to St. John Vianney’s Social Ministries. <https://stjohnvianney.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/SocialMinistry>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Tribute Wall



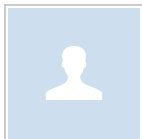
“ I first met Frank when he hired me as a junior accountant in 1973 while I was attending UH. Frank, Alan Ramage and Lawrence Gold were the financial leaders. I played golf with Frank several times, including the time he hit another golfer walking in the rough about 175 yards away and Frank ran all the way to him to make sure he was okay. Frank also could write his name forward and backward at the same time using both hands! Anyway, I just wanted to give my condolences to the family. He was a great man and mentor. Matt Nelson

Matt Nelson - September 06, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ I was a classmate of his daughter, Diane, in Tunkhannock, PA. I remember being crushed when the family moved away. I just found a school picture of Diane today as I was going through scrapbooks. Diana Maciorkoski Casteel

Diana Casteel - December 18, 2023 at 06:16 PM



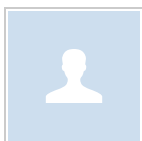
“ Frank Benjamin Dori

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Frank Benjamin Dori

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Frank Benjamin Dori

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Frank Benjamin Dori*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *One of my fondest memories of Uncle Frank was the first time he saw me hit a golf ball and literally said, "You're doing it all wrong." After some pointers it got better but not much. To this day I remember that everytime I tee off on the first hole and it makes me smile. Rest in peace Uncle Frank and say hi to mom for me.*

Chris Gatus - July 30, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *I was incredibly blessed to know Grandpa as an adult. Some of my favorite moments with him were sitting at the dining room table, sipping on some Chianti, and learning little nuggets of history from him, be they personal anecdotes or real world events he lived through. He lived a long and interesting life, in which I'm grateful to have played a part. I love you Grandpa, Grumpa, Precious ... and thank you 🥰*

Stephanie Saltamachia - July 30, 2020 at 10:03 AM

JM

“ My first encounter with meeting Frank was back in October 1976 being selected for an interview at Bechtel which I was hired. I had the great opportunity in his few remaining years prior to his retirement to understand his wisdom and knowledge, mentoring many subordinates at the time. I was pleasantly surprised many years later to learn of his and Mary's active role at St. John Vianney's through a couple of acquaintances who happen to attend the same church and knew Frank. That chance interview resulted in a very rewarding 40+ year career for me which I am forever grateful to Frank for having the confidence in selecting me.

Joe J. Marusik

Joe Marusik - July 29, 2020 at 03:30 PM

BC

Frank was part of a five member car pool from the Ashford area to Bechtel, 1971 to 1976. Tom McLean, Chuck Humes, Dick Setterlund, Bob Carpenter and Frank. Thanks to Frank's strong opinions on a variety of topics, the conversations were always lively. Sometimes we would say outlandish things just to get him started . A fine man, admired by his coworkers.

Bob Carpenter

Bob Carpentet - July 30, 2020 at 10:38 AM

JS

“ **REST IN PEACE DEAR FRIEND!
MAY THE GOOD LORD JOIN YOU ON YOUR FIRST NINE
HOLES**

JOE SALTAMACHIA - July 29, 2020 at 03:21 PM

JF

“ A knowledgeable and kind mentor during my time with Bechtel. He helped provide a solid foundation that carried me through the many years that followed that experience. His thoughtful guidance and encouragement are still very much appreciated.

Jim Fisher - July 29, 2020 at 01:59 PM

JR

“ Frank and Mary have meant so much to me....for over 50 years. If I wasn't at my house, I was at my 'Bestie's' (Donna), and her folks. Some of the most special memories for me are sitting in Donna's living room, watching the end of the Miracle on Ice hockey game of the 1980 Olympics. Or, listening to all his wonderful stories when I visited (such a great storyteller!). But the most wonderful memory was standing next to Frank, sharing the honor of being Nick's godparent. He has left quite a void but many wonderful memories. All my prayers and love to you, Mary, and all of the family. ❤️

Jill & Richard Rutter - July 28, 2020 at 10:42 PM

AG

“ I will think of him everytime I pick up a golf club, and our many wonderful conversations we had when I bumped into him while he was marshaling at Bear Creek golf club. Rest in peace "uncle Frank," and say hi to momma for me.

Andrew Gatus - July 28, 2020 at 06:14 PM

AT

“ We'll miss our fellow New Yorker, remembering the lots of laughs over good food and many great conversations as we carpooled. Rest in peace Frank

Anna and Tom - July 28, 2020 at 03:40 PM



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Dettling Funeral Home - July 28, 2020 at 02:10 PM



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