



Franklin Frank Arthur Trostel

April 4, 1936 - February 7, 2014

Frank Trostel had a wonderful life, suddenly cut short. From a modest beginning in Garrett, Indiana, he went on to go to Manchester College in North Manchester, followed by medical training at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He graduated 3rd in his class in 1961. Following graduation, he moved to Portland, Oregon, where he was in private practice for the next 34 years. He was loved by his patients, who depended on his expertise, as well as his wisdom, humor and practical advice to a wide range of problems. One of the favorite parts of his practice was the delivery of babies, whom he delivered, took care of to adulthood and helped deliver of babies of their own. He was deeply involved in the medical profession. Being Chief of Staff at Portland Osteopathic Hospital, serving as President and later Executive Director of the Oregon Osteopathic Association, being on the Board of Directors at Portland Osteopathic Hospital, serving as Acting Administrator and Medical Director for four years at the same hospital, were only the beginning of his involvement. He was appointed to the Board of Medical Examiners by Governor Bob Straub and reappointed by Governor Tom McCall. Many organizations and committees benefited from his participation. In addition to his very busy life in the medical community, he found time to start a family by marrying Dorothy Schreier. They had two daughters. Aviation had always been a passion, so in 1963 he became a pilot, qualifying for private, commercial and seaplane ratings, with an IFR endorsement. He joined the Oregon Civil Air Patrol, serving as Medical Officer and check pilot in

the L19 Bird dog and Cherokee 180 aircraft. In 1969 he became a Senior Aviation Medical Examiner for the FAA. This was an aspect of his medical practice that he enormously enjoyed. Talking to pilots of the smallest single engine airplanes, to pilots of 747s and everything in between, was always a highlight of his day. He continued as Senior Aviation Medical Examiner until retirement in 2001. He and his second wife, Ariste Lapschee, moved to Bend, Oregon in 1996. They loved the area and the people. There he practiced medicine for 5 years in Sisters, OR, followed by 4 years at Volunteers in Medicine, upon retirement from private practice. The honors he received in the course of his professional life were numerous. Frank Trostel was a man of many interests. Medicine, aviation, wood-working, birding, wild flower hunting, photography, travel in the United States (Hawaii and the Southwest were favorite destinations), as well as Europe, he found engrossing. Spending time in Pacific City at the cabin there, for fishing, crabbing, boating and family get-togethers, were favorite pastimes. History, books, classical music (except opera) and languages, all filled his spare time. He was eternally curious about all aspects of life. One of the most important things in his life was his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ariste, his two daughters, Lisa and Jill, and step sons, Trent and Loren, all of whom are deeply saddened by his passing. In addition, there are six grandchildren, as well as his sister in Ohio and his brother in the Portland area. He had an extended family and many friends that he cherished and who cherished him. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

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Tribute Wall

GA

“ Just found out of Dr Trostels passing through my moms Dr Cook yesterday, our condolences to the family, he was our family Doctor for many years and gave me my flight physicals, and my mother adored his gentleness and caring, say hello to my father when you see him, and God bless. Guy and Millie Armitage and sister Julie Cook.

guy armitage - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. My mother Jenny Seibert and I worked for him many years while he was in practice in Portland. He was a excellent doctor and person. Peace be with him and his family. Alan and Susan Womack.

Susan Womack - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

UL

“ Frank was a wonderful addition to all of our family! What great fun we all had especially at our vacation homes in Pacific City!

udo and Julie Lindikoff - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

UL

“ Frank will be dearly missed by all of our family. We had lots of fun at our homes in Pacific City and going out in our boats in the Nestucca River. As close relatives, we have lost a long time friend. Our thoughts are with Ariste.

udo and Julie Lindikoff - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ 5811 N 210 W Howe, IN 46746 Frank & I spent four years as classmates at Garrett High School, graduating in 1954. We both enrolled at Manchester College, Frank in Premed and I enrolled in Secondary Education. We roomed together for three of our four years there and before Frank enrolled at the Chicago School of Osteopathic Medicine. I visited him once while he was in Chicago. Then he went west and I didn't see him till our 25th High School reunion again at our 50th class reunion. We did touch base once or twice via e-mail. He was a very special person. God Bless!

Thomas L Smith - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Sad to be writing this about long-time pal, and high school classmate, Frank T. We spent our high school years together in Garrett, Indiana, with our entire class only 57 strong. Frank went to a country elementary school, so I did not know him until about grade 7 or maybe 9. He was one of our smarter students (our class salutatorian not sure about spelling), with all As except for one B. We both headed west, I to San Diego and he to Portland. Over the years we were able to communicate from time to time and always a pleasant chat, some about our class experience, more about his and Aristes enjoyable times, such as heading out to campgrounds in their RV rig. I will miss those conversations.

Tom Leech - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I got to know Frank when he volunteered at Volunteers In Medicine Clinic of the Cascades. He was an astute physician and a delightful person. I have had the upmost respect for him and have valued his friendship since he moved to Bend. He will be missed. I am saddened by his death.

Ronald E. Carver, M.D. - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I am so honored to have known you. I always enjoyed talking with you and listening to your stories. You were one smart cookie and such a caring person. I have so many great memories of you that I will never forget. You are one special guy. You will be very, very missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ariste and family.

stacie - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ We feel so lucky to have known Frank a little over the past few years. We were all part of a music group that engaged in lively discussions after the music. Here we enjoyed Frank's wide-ranging curiosity and intellect as he listened to others and shared his own perspective. He was a true gentleman; humble, kind, sincere, caring and all with a warm smile and a twinkle in his eyes. We will miss him greatly.

Charles and Elouise Mattox - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ The line written in the obituary, He was eternally curious about all aspects of life, expresses my experience of Frank. While I have not known him for a long time, I always appreciated how he showed such a genuine interest in me, my family, my activities. I always felt he truly was interested, not just being polite. This is a gift and he shared it with everyone. His kind and caring demeanor, gentle smile and listening ear are all a part of the Frank I will always remember. Yes, he will be greatly missed.

Dottie Sayward Wylie - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Such a gift we received by knowing Frank. The twinkle in his eye, his love of learning, his many talents, his humility and the kindness in his heart, these served as examples to all who met him. We treasure our memories of Frank, and send our love to Ariste and family.

Frank and Darleen Rodgers - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ What a special person, who cared for our family from the time we were married in 1964. . . .Delivered our daughter, Lorrie in 1967 and cared for us for another fifteen or more years while we lived on the Portland area. He had a wonderful bedside manner at all times and a great staff to take care of our needs. Have thought of him often and were fortunate to run into him several times in the Bend area since we retired here ten years ago. Our condolences to his family.

David & Donna Sofich - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I first met Frank in 1969. He was a friend, neighbor, fellow pilot, and professional colleague. Losing him makes me sad.

Lee Boswell - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ I've always been pretty sure you'd probably outlive me. As it turned out, I beat you. Every since that day we ran back to Camus and ducked all the weather, I was sure you had a charmed life. Seems like it was charmed. your reputation proceeded you and now 50 some years have past and I'll always remember you as an enthusiastic student, and fun to work with. So, this is your first flight instructor wishing you a happy voyage West. and remember to always fly in the middle of the air. Say Hi to my Dad if you should run into him. I know he'll remember you.

William L. Kullman - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM