



Rudy P. Froeschle

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Rudy P. Froeschle, 90, of North Fort Myers, Florida passed away December 3, 2012. He was born to German immigrants in Hazen, ND, where he and his brother Helmuth were the first two Eagle Scouts in town. He attended NDSU in Fargo, ND, joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 and served as a B-17 pilot until his plane was shot down over Germany. He spent 601 days as a prisoner of war and was awarded the Purple Heart. In 1945 he married Mildred Schow and had four children, Laura Walth, Martha Boyd, Bertha Roberts and Philip Froeschle. After graduating from NDSU, he received a degree in medicine from the University of Illinois Medical School in 1951 and practiced in WI returning to his hometown in 1955. In 1962 he became a resident in Anesthesia at UW-Madison and then practiced in NY where he married Judy Wiggins. They moved to WI where they had two children, Heidi Saidi of Cape Coral and Pete Froeschle. He served as a member and officer in a variety of community, political, pilot, musical, medical and veteran organizations including Commodore of the Cape Coral Sailing Club. He was a proud member of the Quiet Birdmen, a pilot organization and a huge fan of Taco Bell. Rudy played trombone from age 16 until one month ago where he played with a local group at the Lake Kennedy Senior Center. The same group has played together weekly for the past 22 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Wiggins Froeschle; his six children and their spouses, 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. His funeral will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. A celebration of his life will be held locally details of which will be announced in the coming months. Memorials can be made to Hope Hospice in his name at www.hopehospice.org and condolences may be left online at www.fortmyersmemorial.com. The family is being assisted by Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, Florida 33907 239-936-0555.



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VD

Volker Tumbass, M.D. posted:

Dear Judy, dear Family! Rudy was a friend and a mentor. As a young medical student he impressed me deeply. He was mensch, he practiced medicine convincingly, emphatically, so I finally ended up as an anesthesiologist, too. Still love the job! Take good care of yourself! Love Volker

February 7 at 5:01 AM

BS

Beccy Jones Stewart posted:

A wonderful man graced our lives. I know his friendship meant the world to Jus and Tony and I always looked forward to Friday nights at the ice cream shop in N. Ft. Myers where you never knew who would show up. It's nice to know he will in Arlington Cemetery where he is among friends.

December 14 at 2:24 PM

SC

Stephanie Conner posted:

One of the greatest men I will ever know! He touched everyone he came in contact with his easy, gentle spirit, and twinkling eyes. He will always be my hero!

December 11 at 12:46 PM

RO

Rochelle posted:

Dear Family and Friends, Please accept my deepest sympathies to the loss of your dear loved one. Rudy P. Froeschle loved life as mentioned, but he deserved to live more than what he succumbed to. As the man Job says, "Man, born of woman lives but a few days" Job 14:1, he like other bible writers expressed a hope towards something better. Job 14:7, "But there is hope for a tree If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail." Job 14:14, "If a man dies will he live again..." Job 14:15, "You will and I will answer you" Sincerely, dedicatedbiblestudent@hotmail.com

December 10 at 12:02 PM

DC

Darl Rush/Shannon Cline posted:

Rudy and Judy have been our music loving companions for years of attending performances of the Southwest Florida Symphony. We will greatly miss him but know that his spirit and love of music will continue to guide the Orchestra for years to come.

December 9 at 5:08 PM



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Werner And Brigitte Wienke posted:

It's always sad, if a friend passes away, and he and his wife Judy were our oldest friends here in Florida for nearly 20 years. We liked Rudy's humor, his passion for flying and boating and enjoyed his musical contribution and performance in the 'big band'. We miss you and will keep you in our heart for the rest of our time. After an exciting life may you now rest in peace.

December 9 at 10:20 AM



Iver Suess posted:

My sincerest condolences to you and family! Rudy and I were classmates, and were confirmed at the English Lutheran Church in Hazen. We were also in the same BSA group. So many memories of our relationship, and it tears me up that we cannot continue our email sessions. He suffered mightily as a POW in Germany. Rudy flew high, and now has flown as high as the Heavenly Kingdom! May he Rest in Peace. Most Fondly! Iver

December 8 at 8:48 PM



Yves Vercoutter posted:

I knew Rudy for his action during WWII and was very grateful for what he did for us. Thank you for freedom Rudy. Yves Vercoutter from France.

December 8 at 3:40 PM



Dean R. Bordeaux Md posted:

Please accept my sincere sympathy and prayers for your family. Rudy and I were classmates in medical school. Over the years it was always refreshing to communicate with Rudy. Certainly he was the force that made our class reunions possible. May God grant to you His comfort and peace in this trying hour.

December 8 at 1:47 PM



Carol Jurkowski posted:

Rudy, so honored for the short time with you. Rest in peace. Carol/Cape Hospital Volunteer

December 8 at 11:31 AM



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Ken Strohm posted:

He will be missed. I only knew Rudy for a few years but was honored to call him my friend. His life and stories are amazing and I and my friends never tired of hearing them. He was a World War II Veteran, B-17 pilot, POW but most of all a hero. Fair winds under your wings Rudy and may your mission be a milk run. -SALUTE-

December 8 at 10:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rudy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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