



Mr Frank M. Roithmeier

March 13, 1963 - December 13, 2019

Frank M. Roithmeier, 56, of Plant City, Florida, born in Landstuhl, Germany on March 13, 1963, entered into eternal rest on December 13, 2019. He was a surgical tech at Tampa General Hospital. He is survived by his parents Hermann and Gabriele Roithmeier; son, Andrew M. Roithmeier; step son, Adam Zook; siblings Michael J. Roithmeier (Candace Calderon), Karen Moore Garrison (James Jones), and Steven R. Roithmeier (Lillian); nieces and nephews, Amanda K. Roithmeier, Nathaniel T. Moore, Alexandra G. Moore, Savana J. Garrison, Victoria E. Garrison, Nicholas C. Roithmeier, Lucas M. Roithmeier, and Isabella G. Roithmeier; and many loving family and friends. The family wishes to thank the numerous doctors, nurses, and staff who worked with and cared for Frank before and after his stroke. Memorial contributions may be made to your local SPCA. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *What happened how did he pass away*

mary anelli - September 16, 2020 at 05:31 PM

VC

“ *So very sorry, Hermann and Gabriele. We only found out about Frank's passing yesterday. We never knew Frank, but we offer you our condolences as neighbors and friends. Vicky and Bob Collette*

Vicky Collette - December 22, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ Frank and I were on the Jr. Rockets Football and Basketball teams. We went to Berlin to play basketball against their Base/dependent team, when Berlin was still divided by the Berlin Wall. We traveled through one of the corridors by train. It was an overnight trip and it would stop at these train stations with heavily armed East German guards, several times during the night. We didn't sleep much. We got to Berlin exhausted and ate breakfast at a chow hall there, and toured a bit. We went to Checkpoint Charlie and the museum there, and walked right up to the Wall. From our side you could put your hand on it. From the East German side you would be dead before you got that close to the wall (they didn't want you to escape from East Germany to Democracy & Capitalism). You could see the guards in their towers not very far away. Frank and I were awed by the experience. It seemed surreal.

We played the basketball game and lost heavily due to our exhausted state. Berlin was happy to avenge their previous loss to us at Rhein Main. Then Frank and I went touring some more with a couple of the Berlin players. What a tense place to live!

Frank was a great friend to me, and an inspiration. I'm glad I got to see him again at the Reunion.

Tom Cochrane Jr. - December 21, 2019 at 05:58 PM

WT

“ Frank had huge love for his family and friends. We had a birthday dinner in Sanford in 2015 together. He came to town to have good German food. He talked about how proud he was of his son, love of his parents and the future. The Rothmeir's love and devotion to their brother is beautiful.

Waynette Traub - December 21, 2019 at 07:25 AM

JA

“ Frank Roithmeier is a man that is going to be missed. I remember all the fun times we had together on the JR Rockets for three years. I asked him one time, “so why don’t you play for the Frankfurt football team” and he said, “well they don’t let you drink beer on the bus after the game”. Made sense to me, maybe that’s why I waited till my senior year to play for Frankfurt. Frank was there at my first concert I ever went to in Germany (Judas Priest). We had the best time standing in the front row back in 1977. That was 42 years ago..... It was so nice see him at the Frankfurt Reunions. He was a one of a kind man and again will be deeply missed.

John Almarez - December 20, 2019 at 07:16 PM

PG

“ I am truly sorry for Frank Roithmeier’s passing, he was respected and loved like a brother to all ,Especially me! My thoughts and prayers go out to all that he touched!

Philip E. Greenwood - December 19, 2019 at 07:02 PM

CH

“ Frank You will be missed.... You were like a big brother to me in Germany. I always looked up to you and ill never forget the time Frank saved my butt at the tree and turning me on to Fleetwood Mac in 1977. I remember the cover of the rumors album. LOL.. I am at a loss of words. We all knew when Frank was around, he didn’t need to say a word his presents was enough.

My Prayers are with all of the Roithmeier family. Let Go and Let God

Chris Hogan - December 19, 2019 at 02:58 PM

DF

“ Many fond memories of Frank, beers at beefs, late nights in CVOR And lots of weekends doing trauma at TGH Stanley cup finals together going to Vegas for Oktoberfest And looking everywhere for Schneider veiss and lemons for his brother meeting his many friends from Rhein-Main and making sure everyone was picked up from the airport and taken wherever they needed to go. Frank was a gentle giant who loved life his family his friends and his dogs. He never ever hesitated to help anyone anytime no matter what. There is an enormous void but I hope he is at peace he will be missed. Go rest high on that mountain Frank your work on earth is done love and miss you brother.

Duane Kelloway and family - December 18, 2019 at 11:10 PM

DC

“ Frank was a free spirit. We worked together at Bayonet Point in the CVOR. My fondest memory of Frank was during a Halloween Party he somehow ended up on stage with Willie Nelson while dressed in a toga.
It seems like yesterday that we were all at Julie and Frank's wedding. So many memories, he will be missed.

Donna Citro

Donna Citro - December 18, 2019 at 07:02 PM

BF

“It’s not easy to find the words that can describe Frank. He was a guys guy. Decisive, magnetic, strong willed, knowledgeable, smart, loving, powerful presence, intuitive, trusting, altruistic and just overall a man you wanted to hang out with. He was tall and handsome. When we were in Jr High he commanded the social set. I wanted to hang with him just to be as cool as he was. In high school he was a leader to many of us playing football for the Jr Rockets as our lead quarterback. His love for his siblings was amazing. Never talked down about his mom and dad and always owned what was his doing. Integrity, honesty and compassion, he possessed those and lived by them.

When we played football he would say “you and me Fox, we’re gonna make it happen today.” I was the receiver on the team. One day I caught a pass that resulted in a long hospital stay. Frank got the whole team together and they all showed up at my hospital room with the ball from that game, signed by all.

We had many times of throwing back beers together and getting crazy.

The trips to Munich with the team built memories I will never forget. I left Germany in 1981. 1985 went back. Spent a week with Frank at his pad in Morfelden. He was the consummate host. The years went by and until Facebook hit, I hadn’t talked. In the last 13 years, we have talked more than ever. He wanted to put his feet in the Pacific Ocean that is right down the street. After his stroke he said that was his drive force to get better. He had so many complications that it eventually overwhelmed him and took him down.

I miss him so much as many of us do.

Though the years will pass as they have already, I will always have a soft spot in my heart and a beach of sand waiting near by for him to join me.

Brian Fox - December 18, 2019 at 05:13 PM

AR

“ Frank Roithmeier was more than a surgical tech. He was the best father any son could ask for and the best friend that anyone could ever need. He was selfless and acted with the pure intent to help anyone and everyone he came in contact with. He never hesitated to be the first person to help with any task, big or small. He was larger than life and he will forever live on in those he met. He was taken too soon and will be forever missed. I love you Dad.

Andrew Roithmeier - December 18, 2019 at 09:52 AM

DS

“ The Rhein-Main days were so special as young people and knowing Frank was fantastic. A kind soul and a nice guy. I was able to reconnect with Frank visiting last spring while he was in rehab. We had a great time reminiscing about Rhein-Main and Germany in general what fantastic times. It was a shock to learn of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the Roithmeier family during this difficult time.

Doug Stanley - December 18, 2019 at 09:34 AM

LT

“ Thinking of the family and your heavy hearts. Hugs n prayers!! Frank & I were in Jr high & HS together but lost touch after returning stateside. Thankfully we reconnected in Fla while I was visiting. We laughed, we cried. My heart smiled at the fact that we were both working in the health field. I will always be thankful for our friendship and the encouragement Frank shared with me during heartbreaking times. I'm so sorry I didn't get the chance to hug you goodbye my friend. Smile down on us now and then. Leisa B. Tickerhoof



Leisa Tickerhoof - December 18, 2019 at 02:51 AM

DL

“ *Left Germany and last saw him in 1981. So happy we got to renew our friendship 10 years ago! Such a kind soul. Loved being a cheerleader on the Junior Rockets with him as the quarterback!*

Deb Larson-Almarez - December 17, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ *Karen Roithmeier Moore-Garrison lit a candle in memory of Mr Frank M. Roithmeier*



Karen Roithmeier Moore-Garrison - December 17, 2019 at 08:46 PM

AA

“ *Frank Roithmeier was such a sweet man who loved his family his time in Germany 🇩🇪 and games. lol. We had the best time talking about all of the above. There were times he would call where I would be in a place I wouldn't normally take a call but I would take Frank's he always made me smile. And won all the games lol. He will be missed dearly however I will take peace in knowing God has chosen to give us all another wonderful angel to watch over us. ❤️*
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Amy Athertin - December 17, 2019 at 08:18 PM

AH

“ I did not hang out with Frank in Germany - I was best friends with the little sister of one of his closest friends. I remember him as larger than life, but so real and never full of himself. He was kind when we interacted and clearly cared deeply for those close to him. I was Honored to have the opportunity to visit him a few months ago. He was gracious and sweet during our visit. He told me about his kids and it was clear he was super proud of each of them. He shared how much he loved his parents and siblings so much. He expressed appreciation for all Michael did to help him in the areas he couldn't handle himself. We are all better for having known him and he will be deeply missed by so many. I wish i had known him better. Angela Hensley

Angela Hensley - December 17, 2019 at 08:17 PM

SB

“ So many memories!! I remember Frank always looking out for us and trying to make sure we would do right..He loved his family and was such a loving and caring person..My heart breaks for you all..He will forever live in our hearts and memories!!

Sandra Baril - December 17, 2019 at 08:15 PM

DK

“ Frank was always a huge part of the Frankfurt American high school reunion get together's. We will so miss him there in the future

denise sheldon koontz - December 17, 2019 at 07:13 PM

KE

“ Frank Roithmeier was a great man. I remember going to Karen's wedding to David, and Frank and I hanging out all night. He was such a big teddy bear. I was fortunate to see him and Robin in Myrtle Beach about 4 years ago. He was still the same ole lovable Frank. He will truly be missed.

Kim Eubanks - December 17, 2019 at 02:31 PM

RL

“ Frank Roithmeier was a precious, sweet soul. One memory that's so special to me was the day of his brother-in-law's (my brother David's) funeral. Our whole family was together at Karen & David's home. Any time our nephew Nathan, who was just 15 months old at the time would begin to cry, none of us could get to him fast enough before his Uncle Frank had swooped him up in his big teddy bear arms to comfort him. What a sweet, precious memory of a man that will always be loved by those blessed to know him. Thank you Frank for your loving heart!

Ruth Livingston - December 17, 2019 at 08:32 AM

SD

“ Oh the times at Rhein Main I used to watch him . Playing football so strong (and handsome.....like really handsome). Lol. Most of all the love I have for Mike and Karen. My heart is with you both. Frank is whole and fine now with the Lord. Good Bless my friends.

shannon Jelly DiMurro - December 16, 2019 at 10:25 PM

AB

“ A fine human being who will be missed.

I played football with him....went to FAHS with him, worked with him, and grew up with him.

We were kindred souls.

I left Germany and pursued other dreams...

Frank lived his dream by staying in Germany and our paths crossed because God smiles on us when we need comfort.

My comfort was running into Frank after we put away childish things and unfortunately the world made us adults.

I had received a difficult assignment and requested a stop in Frankfurt on the way.

I wanted to see my home before being thrust into the lords work and was a little scared.

Frank gave this young Marine comfort on his first deployment to the Middle East in 1984. I rolled into the hotel bar at RM and saw him sitting at the bar.

I couldn't believe he was still there after graduating from FAHS and man did we have a night! Frank wouldn't let me buy a damn thing and ensured I made my flight the next morning....

I never saw him again but took his advice which will remain between us.

I still live by it today.

Miss his big behind. A fine human being who was as cool as the other side of the pillow.

Til Valhalla brother...

Cuz i know if there is a party, Frank will be there.

Prayers for the fam....

Alex Bailey

FAHS

1981.

Alex Bailey - December 16, 2019 at 08:39 PM