



# Franklin Waples Donovan

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**F**ranklin “Frank” Waples Donovan, age 84 of Millsboro, DE, formerly of Ocean, NJ, passed away on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE. He was born on June 15, 1934 in Milton, DE, son of the late Eldridge and Mildred E. Donovan.

Mr. Donovan was a proud Army National Guardsman, retiring as a Sergeant First Class after almost 25 years of dedicated service, and receiving numerous citations and awards, including Expert and Sharpshooter badges, the NJ Merit Award, and the Army Achievement Medal.

Mr. Donovan was a 32 Degree Mason and past Master of Ocean Lodge 89 in Wall Township, NJ, as well as a member of the Scottish Rite, the Order of the Amaranth, Inc., and Ocean, NJ Chapter 214 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

He was a charter bus driver, in his home state of New Jersey, and was a supervisor for Dart Transit from 2000 until his retirement, continuing to work seasonally for the organization until several weeks ago.

While we could continue to list all the things that Frank Donovan did - what a great cook he was, how he could fix anything, how beautiful and robust his annual garden was, how he created and maintained a beautiful home and grounds for his wife of over 40 years, LouAnne, and his regular long walks with his “best dog boy,” Bogard - what is more important is who he was and why he will be so deeply missed by those closest to him: His strong, steady, knowledgeable presence; teasing sense of humor and ready laugh; his decency and integrity, summed up by a friend who said, on learning of Frank’s passing, “I was a better person for having known him.”

In addition to his parents, Mr. Donovan was preceded in death by his brother, Russell Donovan; and his sister, Virginia Stamper. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons: Franklin Waples Donovan, Jr. and Matthew Waples Donovan (Jeanne); his daughter, Gail Marie Cutrona; his step-daughters: Victoria Vanderheyden and Veni Fields; his 8 grandchildren; his 12 great-



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grandchildren; his nieces: Nancy O'Bier (Donald); Joan Sharp (Bill); Bonnie Walstead and Cheryl Witoski; as well as his great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Masonic Services will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 5:00 PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Mr. Donovan's memory to the Beebe Medical Foundation: 902 Savannah Road; Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 2:00 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



# Events

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## Visitation

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 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET


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BM

**Brian Marston** lit a candle in honor of Franklin.

Frank was my neighbor and a friend for the past 17 years. Always a big wave and a friendly smile every time I saw him. May he RIP knowing how many lives he touched and how much he was loved by LouAnne, Bogard and the rest of his family. Frank, you'll be deeply missed. Rest In Peace my friend! Brian Marston

September 25 at 6:24 PM



ML

**Matthew Lewis** lit a candle in honor of Franklin.

September 25 at 3:45 PM



DC

**Dana Cochran** posted:

Luanne, our hearts are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Please know that Sylvia and I are always here for you. Frank will be remembered fondly; especially for that infectious smile. Deepest Condolences, Thoughts & Prayers are with each of you right now. Dana, Sylvia & Piper

September 25 at 11:07 AM

OP

**Omar Pettyjohn** posted:

Always greeted me with the phrase, "Hey Guy!" While I couldn't help but grin with a smile as I heard that voice no matter what kind of day I was having. We'd often ask each other a question regarding business or life every time we spoke & if neither of us knew, then we'd get back to each other later.

September 24 at 12:04 PM

AS

**Arnetta Shockley** September 24 at 11:38 AM

A nice man. Always smiled when he seen me. I always addressed him as "Mr. Frank" even though he told me not to. I am going to miss seeing him. My condolences to you all.



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**Theresa Baker** lit a candle in honor of Franklin.



September 24 at 5:38 AM



**Theresa Baker** September 24 at 5:43 AM

Sending lots of thoughts & prayers to his Wife, Family and close friends. I only knew him threw his wife Mrs. Lou Ann and what a wonderful man and so loved his dog! As they say, Heaven needed another Angel RIP Mr. Frank.



**Heavy Hines** posted:

Such a great guy to work with. He always had an encouraging word to give me. He was the first to welcome me into the Resort family by inviting me to the yearly dinners that the Resort employees would have at the end of the season... He will be missed. Aldrich "HEAVY" Hines

September 24 at 4:22 AM



**Pat Ditto** lit a candle in honor of Franklin.



September 22 at 10:29 AM



**Mark Waterhouse** posted:

I will sorely miss my friend, partner, and coworker. Franklin was the consummate professional, a true gentleman, and a kind, caring individual who would do anything for a friend. I cherish the many memories of my buddy and how he always referred to me as "Boy". I am a better person for knowing "Big Frank". Rest In Peace, my rebel friend. You changed my life. Mark Waterhouse, Classic Tours.

September 22 at 6:29 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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