



Franciscus Johannes Buytendorp Jr.

September 18, 1939 - August 24, 2020

After a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease, Franciscus Johannes Buytendorp Junior returned to his Heavenly Father on August 24th, 2020 in Elk Ridge, Utah.

Frans is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Linda Jane Harris; his children, Dena Annia Day (Brad), Frans Buytendorp III (Angela), and Allison Jane Mower (Todd); nine grandchildren, Mary Carson Day Flores (Victor), Harris Day, Davis Day, Sadie Jane Buytendorp, Frans Buytendorp IV, Logan Buytendorp, Melanie Mower, Chelsea Mower, and Derek Mower; two great-grandchildren, Victor and Landon Flores; and a sister Ondine Buytendorp of Italy.

Franciscus Johannes Buytendorp Junior was born on September 18, 1939 in The Hague,, Netherlands to Franciscus Johannes Buytendorp Senior and Annemie Bodde. At the end of World War II in 1946, he immigrated with his parents, his grandfather, and an aunt and uncle to Kalamazoo, Michigan. After high school, he joined the United States Navy and served in the Vietnam War. He met the love of his life and married Linda in 1966.

After graduating from California State University, he joined Chemcentral, as a salesman. He was promoted to General Manager in Louisville, Kentucky and to Regional Manager in Atlanta, Georgia. He retired in September of 2001 after years of dedicated service.

After retirement, he and Linda settled at their beach home in Oyster Bay, Florida where he could enjoy sailing his boat, volunteering at the wildlife refuge, and serving as a volunteer fireman. Frans was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed golfing, fishing, and skiing. He also had a black belt in karate, once owning a dojo in California.

He was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was baptized at the age of 27 and served faithfully in many aspects of the church. He loved his family and taught them through his actions and beliefs the steps to returning to Heavenly Father. After a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease, Frans was lovingly taken care of by St. Augustine's Plantation in Tallahassee, Florida; Spring Gardens in Mapleton, Utah, and

by his loving wife, Linda.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Project or Tender Care Hospice.

Alzheimer's Project

301 East Thorpe Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Tender Care Hospice

415 Medical Drive Suite A100

Bountiful, Utah 84010

Comments



“ Dear Linda,

My family remembers well that you and Frans came to my Dad's funeral (William Ball) in 1995. You took us out on your boat the next day for a sail. We remember it as a much needed break and lovely excursion.

We also remember that FJ came to my Grandmother's (Marjorie Buytendorp) funeral when she died at 100 years old in 2006. He was the only other Buytendorp there! We were so honored that he was there.

Although we were not together often, you and Frans were a big influence on me and my family and I thank you for that.

We were sad to hear of Frans passing but we know that he is at peace now and returning to live with Heavenly Father.

Please accept our sincerest condolences for yourself and your family.

Christine Sullivan
David Ball
Brian Ball

Christine Sullivan - August 30, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to all of the family members and friends. I fondly remember the times that Frans volunteered at St Marks National Wildlife Refuge, helping with environmental education programs. Conversations with Frans were always intelligent, interesting and fun. I can distinctly remember very strong discussions between him and Barney (refuge ranger), another friend who is no longer with us. The two of them created many wonderful memories for me to look back on. Perhaps they are debating issues in the after life.

I am glad I got to know him and work with him.

Lori Nicholson

Lori Nicholson - August 26, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ I will greatly miss this wonderful brother-in-law of mine. He was there when I needed a male "father figure" during my high school years.

At 16, he taught me how to drive a stick-shift in the Buytendorp family Volkswagen. But, the best part came when he took me out in his MG... then stopped on an incline. He said, "Ok, Krissey-poo, get out! You're now the driver. I froze... what do you mean I'm the driver? I don't know how to start out on a "HILL". He talked me through it. That lesson came in handy multiple times over the next couple of years.

Another memory was from my senior year in high school... my "life saver" came to the rescue, once again. At that time, all "Laurels" were presented at a formal event. All my friends had fathers there with them. I proudly had Frans as my presenter.

Till we meet again, dear brother-in-law!

Kris (aka Krissey-poo)

Kris Poulos - August 25, 2020 at 06:03 PM



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Mike Poulos - August 25, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ Such a teaser. We all loved Frans. He loved cookies and smiling. Sometimes when I walked by he would bark like a dog to scare me and I would jump and he would laugh. He has the kindest heart and the most loving, caring wife Linda she is a true angel. Look close and you will see her wings. We will miss Frans. He was a favorite.

Teresa Cain - August 25, 2020 at 03:23 PM