



Frank J. Gruber, Jr.

June 26, 1920 - June 26, 2010

Age 90, of St. Paul and Key Largo, Florida Born in Glencoe, Minnesota, parents Frank and Minnie Gruber. Passed away on his 90th birthday June 26, 2010. Preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy; granddaughter, Amy McNulty; sisters, Rosella Opalinski and Petie McDonough. Survived by children, Karen (Michael) McNulty, Frank J IV (Linda) Gruber, Cynthia (Jim) Needham and James (Teresa) Gruber; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Liz Heinz; and brother-in-law, John McDonough. Graduated from Wilson H.S. in St. Paul, 1940. Four time city all-around gymnastics champion. U.S. Navy Officer and Aviator in WWII. A graduate of the University of Minnesota Frank taught Industrial Arts in the St. Paul School System for over 20 years. Owner and operator of Kiddie Amusement Co which operated train and tractor rides in Como Park for 24 years. Frank enjoyed retirement in Key Largo, Florida. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial 10:30AM FRIDAY with visitation one hour prior at ST. ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria, Shoreview. Interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Minnesota Technical Education Association (MTEA) Teacher Education Scholarship Fund; c/o Mr. Gary Gronquist, Executive Director, MTEA; 1330 19th St. W, Hastings, MN 55033; phone: 651/437-3067; Bemidji State University: Bemidji State University Foundation; c/o Ms. Dawn Huseby, Director of Development; checks payable to the BSU Foundation/Department of Technology-Teacher Education Program; 1500 Birchmont Dr. NE #17, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601; phone:

218/755-4039; Como Friends, 1225 Eastbrook Dr., St. Paul, MN 55103.
Please, no flowers.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Karen and Joey - I just came across Frank's funeral notice and was immediately transported back to when we were little kids playing in your basement and out at Como Park together. Memories are indeed wonderful things. I am sorry for your loss.

Lynn(Carley)Woodbury

August 20, 2010

Lynn Carley Woodbury - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ After fifty-plus years since elementary school and thirty-five years of teaching, I fondly remember the people and places of my youth. The playful and joyful memories of Como Park and the railroad, (my wife actually worked on the real thing as a certified brakeman), the winter at Victoria St., and the painful but poignant years at Maternity of Mary, are an inseparable part of our identities. It comes full circle to remember the youthful fathers of the 50's and the times they lived. As life passes us by, the names and places are always remembered, just people fade to thoughts and dreams and grow old. Be at peace and joy in the memories. I'm still a Catholic so I will pray for hope in the future that you will all meet again in happier circumstances. Peace

Mark S. Green - June 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *To the Gruber Family:*

My deepest sympathies to you all at the loss of Frank, beloved Father and Grandfather. I work with Jim and he spoke fondly of his Dad. I'm sure he will miss him greatly, as will the entire family. Take care and support each other during this time of rememberence and in the days and months to come.

Sincerely,

Joe

Joe Morin - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM