



Frank Richard Walmsley

September 4, 1936 - July 4, 2023

Age 86 of North Oaks.

Frank was a north Minneapolis boy, born to Frank and Amelia in 1936. Frank told stories about their vegetable garden and moving the tomato seedlings around to catch the sunlight throughout the day. He graduated from Patrick Henry High School and worked as a linesman installing telephone poles; remembering many of "his" poles for decades. After earning money for college, Frank graduated as an electrical engineer from the University of Minnesota and went on to work at Control Data, Honeywell, Medtronic and Cardiac Pacemakers Incorporated. He was intellectually curious and got in on the ground floor of Minnesota's "Medical Alley." Frank was awarded the Patent of Distinction from Medtronic for inventing the first circuit to monitor pacemaker battery life, significantly helping patients by extending the time between replacements.

Frank had an adventurous spirit and passed it on to his children. He loved to be outdoors hunting, spearfishing, hiking, camping and canoeing. He also liked family car trips pulling a pop-up camper to National Parks. He coached his children's hockey teams and enjoyed watching his grandchildren's soccer games. Our family appreciates the extensive genealogy projects Frank worked on after he retired. He is truly missed.

Frank is survived by his wife of 63 years, Karen; sons, Daniel (Cathy) and Mark (Martha); daughter, Marianne (Kevin Job) O'Malley; 9 grandchildren, Marie (David) Walmsley, Michael Walmsley, Sarah (Samuel) McMullen,

Rachel (Jacob) Klimek, Jake and Hannah Walmsley, Merrina, Matilda and Murphy O'Malley and 4 great-grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by parents, Frank and Amelia; sisters, Jean and Dorothy Sederberg and brother Donald.

Memorial Service: Thursday, July 13th, 2023 at 11:00 AM (visitation 10-11 AM) at Waverly Gardens.

5919 Centerville Rd, North Oaks, MN 55127. Near 35E and Cty Rd J.

Chapel/Auditorium on the lower level.

Memorials preferred to:

Presbyterian Homes and Services 2845 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN

55113 Children's Hospital Association (CHA), Guild 2 347 Smith Ave N, Ste 600A, St Paul, MN 55102

Private Interment at Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ I still remember the day I was interviewed by Frank in 1979 for a job at Medtronic. He wasn't what I thought managers should be like, and at the time, was hesitant to accept his job offer. But, looking back, Frank was clearly the best boss I ever had. I learned so much from him, and I will be forever thankful for the experience of working under him. Thank you Frank. Jack Keimel



Jack Keimel - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lots of great memories of Frank while I was growing up in the Innsbruck neighborhood of the 1970's-early 80's. "Please don't call me Mr. Walmsley. Call me Frank." Great smile. Always interested in what you were doing with your life. I've known his son Mark since kindergarten, "Indian Guides" and youth hockey. "God broke the mold when he made Frank" would be pretty appropriate!

Paul Enderle - July 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ There he is smack in the middle as he should be. The best contributor of the group who motivated everyone to be creative without sandbagging.



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“ *I think of Frank as my perpetual neighbor. We lived across the street from him in Fridley for 20 years, then moved to North Oaks about a year after he did. A long time to be neighbors, rest in peace Frank!*

Dave and Donna Steffens - July 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM