



Frank Monroe Farris

September 21, 1942 - November 11, 2017

Frank Monroe Farris, 75, a native of Bradford, TN and resident of Arlington, TX, passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at a local hospital in Arlington.

Graveside Service: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at DFW National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family request donations be made in Frank's name to a favorite charity.

Frank was born on September 21, 1942, the son of the late Alford M Farris and the late Eunice Bertha Guy Farris. He was a veteran of the US Navy, serving on the Carrier USS Yorktown.

Frank enjoyed cooking BBQ at cook-offs, was a member of International Barbecue Cookers Association and Rock Creek BBQ. He enjoyed traveling, especially the Caribbean.

He was also a Jack Daniels Tennessee Squire.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; his children, daughter Julie Irving (Johnny) of Katy and daughters Jennifer and Jessica; daughter Jodie Young (Sean) of

Rowlett and her children Jordan and Jana and his daughters Krystall, Paige and Lauren; son Jason Farris (Andrea) of Waxahachie, and their son Lucas; brothers; Charlie Farris of Arlington and wife Karin, Mike Farris of Tulsa and girlfriend Kathy.

Cemetery Details

DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **21**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

Jl

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Jennifer Irving - November 25, 2017 at 07:33 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



jason - November 21, 2017 at 09:34 AM

JA

Frank, like mom said, "look at all the fun we had." This is you eating a skunk flavored jelly bean. I could smell it when you bit into it. You influence most everything in my life and I will think of you often as life goes on. Whether I am working, going to the beach, or just drinking a beer in the shade, you will always be a part of it. You made sure I knew you loved me, and I hope you know I love you. See you later Frank.

jason - November 21, 2017 at 09:41 AM

JA

ps. I'm the hairdresser.

jason - November 21, 2017 at 09:42 AM

AF

“ A little over 30 years ago, I was introduced to Frank and Wanda as Jason's girlfriend. Little did I know at the time what that was the start of. Frank started calling me "Giggles"-I was never really sure why-maybe he just could not remember my name or maybe my smile. But, no matter what this name has stuck throughout the years. Every time I saw him, he would hold out his arms and welcome me as "Giggles". Then, a little over 22 years ago, I was welcomed into the family and then my role changed and he gave me a new title -I became Frank's "favorite daughter-in-law" and he my "favorite father-in-law". Yes, I know that I am the only daughter-in-law-so that became a running joke. I am very proud to say that I had the privilege to be your "favorite" and always and forever will be. I love and miss you so much.

Forever your "Giggles"-Andrea

Andrea Farris - November 21, 2017 at 07:51 AM

JC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



JACK W CHANDLER - November 20, 2017 at 11:58 PM

Jl

“ *Your infectious laugh and smile will be truly missed. You made everyone around you enjoy life as much as you. I can remember you telling me, even when I felt the whole world crumbling around me "tomorrow is another day." I try to always keep that in mind. You will be missed!*

Love, Juliemint...the one with the curly hair



Julie Irving - November 20, 2017 at 10:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Monroe Farris.*



November 18, 2017 at 08:19 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Frank Monroe Farris.*



November 17, 2017 at 02:31 PM

CF

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Charlie and Karin

Charlie Farris - November 16, 2017 at 05:38 PM

KR

“ The men of Rock Creek BBQ Club will always miss you.



Kenneth Means Life Member RCBBQ - November 16, 2017 at 10:56 AM

RS

I do believe that is me sitting to the left of Frank with the hat turned backwards. Frank and I always exchanged jokes and he always had a good one to make me laugh. Gonna miss the salsa Frank would bring to RCBBQ and boy could he whip up some great salsa. I, for one, am blessed to have known Frank for these past few years. Rest easy my friend.

Ron Speed

Ron Speed - November 16, 2017 at 01:55 PM

DF

“ You made my childhood so awesome!
Thank you for that! I will miss the cook offs & being your bar tender!
Forever in my heart you will be! Love you Frank 🙏

Donna Fikes - November 15, 2017 at 10:46 PM

TS

“ Wow where to begin frank was always there for me no matter what I
remember meeting him when I was like 5 every since then we were
very close I could always go to franks house when things weren't
good he helped me get to where I am today thanks for all the good
times old friend rest east old fried.

tommy lee stroman - November 15, 2017 at 10:09 PM

JP

“ No matter what, when, or where, Uncle Frank always had on one of
his famous “Hawaiian” shirts. I remember the one he had forever
that looked like Charlie Brown's shirt. Frank never met a stranger
and he always had a smile. Rest well, and “y'all watch out, don't
break that neon!”



jennifer powers - November 15, 2017 at 09:11 PM

JY

“ I am going to miss you Dad. We sure had a lot of good times. It's not goodbye but see you later Frank.

Love,

Jodie

P.s the one with the straight hair



Jodie Young - November 15, 2017 at 12:03 PM

Jl

The one with the curly hair misses him too.

Julie Irving - November 15, 2017 at 07:42 PM



His favorite niece misses him so much!!

Jennifer Shahan - November 15, 2017 at 08:33 PM



Kimberly Powers

This one will miss him too.

Kimberly Powers Weaver - November 15, 2017 at 08:40 PM

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Charlie

Charles Farris - November 15, 2017 at 09:09 PM

KF

The German girl misses you too!

Karin Farris - November 15, 2017 at 09:17 PM

JJ

Frank was one of our best friends from the early days at Traders Village. We had a lot of good times. RIP my friend.

Jim Johnson - November 15, 2017 at 10:13 PM


Donna
Dent

Frank and Wanda took me under their wing when I moved to Texas many years ago but told me I couldn't call them Aunt and Uncle anymore since it made them feel old. We had so many good times and life was always fun even in the bad times. They have been so good to me, Jack and the boys and we love them very much. Frank you will be missed.

Donna Dent - November 15, 2017 at 10:44 PM

BO

Thinking of all the times that I was at Karin and Charlies and you guys came over and we would sit on the back patio and tell jokes and talk and laugh and it was always a great time. My prayers are with you and may the wonderful memories comfort you. Hugs, Bonita

Bonita - November 15, 2017 at 10:58 PM

JS

Wanda and family, we were so sorry to see this. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Frank will be missed by many.

Jeff & Lynn Shivers - November 15, 2017 at 11:38 PM

JP

*Not sure where to begin since there are so many memorable moments over the 50 plus years I've known Frank. One of the oldest was when I was helping Frank and Wanda move from Austin to the Dallas area. Frank had was using a cab-over truck with no heater. It was winter and down into the 20's with strong wind out of the north as we were headed north. We or Frank decided to take the engine cover loose inside the cab to let hot engine heat into the cab. Bad idea since only cold air entered and we couldn't get cover back on. So we froze for several hours. Another time after the Budweiser plant tour we got in line for a free sample and the guide says to Frank "Sorry but you can only have one free sample". Not sure why they singled him out. Wish we could have had many more happy times. Frank will be missed.
Johnny*

Johnny Powers - November 16, 2017 at 11:13 AM



Sweet, Funny Frank. I was saddened to hear of your passing. Thank you for your contagious smile, laughter and the wonderful memories that I will forever have of you. My sincerest condolences to Wanda and family and know that you are all in my prayers. I will be donating in your honor to Snow Ball Express <https://www.snowballexpress.org/>

Angie Jones-Barnes - November 16, 2017 at 11:34 AM

CC

*I met Frank at the Prairie Dog Chili Cook-off around 1980. Frank and Wanda took a liking to the South Side Chili Team. He always had a joke and a shot of whiskey for us. We were under age in 1980 but I believe the statute of limitations has expired.
RIP friend... Till we met again!
Chris Cook*

Chris Cook - November 16, 2017 at 03:05 PM

SB

Frank and Wanda and his kids were all so good to my brother Jason. I use to get called a lot to come pick him up from Franks and would enjoy seeing Frank. We had some nice visits. You will be very missed.

Stacey Brumfield - November 17, 2017 at 11:20 AM

WF

It seems like yesterday I first saw you(so tall, dark, and handsome) standing on a ladder. You looked down at me and my heart melted just like it always did.

I enjoyed every minute of the time we spent together. We always had so much fun together and with friends and family. I loved all the people you "drug up" and many became lifelong great friends.

We had excitement and fun raising our kids, never a dull moment, and as Jason said, "look at all the fun we had." Then came our wonderful loving grandchildren.

I love you and will always be your "WANDA WOMAN".

Wanda Farris - November 17, 2017 at 12:46 PM

CG

I met Frank and Wanda 20-years ago at a party reception in Reno, NV. we just happened to be standing next to each other; complete strangers; struck up a conversation, told jokes, exchanged family photos; needless to say,it was the best party I have ever been to and we became life long friends. Frank could bring joy to anyone he met and had a heart full of kindness and love. The world loss a beautiful human being, but Heaven definitely gained an angel. Missing you my friend

Claudio Gasbarri

Claudio M Gasbarri - November 18, 2017 at 01:51 PM

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Wanda Farris - November 25, 2017 at 02:41 PM

WF

above written by Jennifer Irving to speak at graveside, but couldn't do it or she would cry.

Wanda Farris - November 25, 2017 at 02:43 PM

Jl

What an awesome tribute!

Julie Irving - November 25, 2017 at 02:51 PM