



Dr. Frank J. Schiesser Jr.

March 4, 1926 - January 29, 2021

Frank Joseph Schiesser, Jr., (Pop Pop) went to be with his Lord Jesus on January 29, 2021. He was surrounded by his “Sweetie” of almost 65 years, Helen Anne (Garber) Schiesser, and other family members. Frank lived a long and full life, and was loved by his family, friends and everyone who was blessed to know him. He was born in Abington, PA on March 4, 1926; the third child and first son of Frank Joseph Schiesser, Sr. and Vera Ruth (Rice) Schiesser.

Frank is survived by his wife, Helen, (married May 5th, 1956); his children: Kimberly Swindall (Patrick, Sr.: deceased), Wendy Roy (Bret), Jay Schiesser, Peter Schiesser, Valerie Hoover (Donnie); his grandchildren, Kelley Vervroegen (Erik), Patrick Swindall, Jr., Meghan Greene (Brian), MacKenzie Swindall, Caitlin Dymeck (Stanley), Ryan Swindall (Erin), Molly Swindall, Camille Roy, Anna Roy, Brittini Hoover, Brianna Hoover, Brock Hoover; and his great grandchildren, Griffin Greene and Hunter Dymeck.

Frank graduated from Upper Moreland High School in 1943, where he served as Captain of his basketball team, and was a member of the football and track teams. From 1944 to 1946, he served in the Army Air Corp as a Control Tower Operator in Nordholz, Germany. He graduated from Ursinus College in 1951 and Temple University School of Dentistry in 1955. He performed an Internship with the United States Public Health Service in 1955-1956 before

starting his dental practice in Willow Grove, PA in September of 1956. In January of 1963, he co-founded Chesheim Dental Associates in Erdenheim, PA, where he practiced dentistry until his retirement in 1992.

Beginning in 1958 and well into the 1980s, Frank taught at the Temple University School of Dentistry. Frank belonged to, served on and led numerous dental organizations. He co-authored "The Neutral Zone in Complete Dentures", which was published in 1973. He and his co-author, Victor Beresin, taught hundreds of dental students and dentists in cities at home and abroad.

Frank loved the beach and served as a lifeguard and Lieutenant of The Ocean City New Jersey Beach Patrol from 1943, 1947-1953. He and his partner won the doubles rowing championship in Ocean City 3 years in a row, earning them the right to keep the coveted John B. Kelly trophy. They also won the South Jersey Championships in 1950. In 1978, he was inducted into the Ocean City Beach Patrol Hall of Fame at which time he donated the trophy back to The OCBP. He and Helen loved to attend the annual beach patrol alumni weekends each year.

An avid golfer, he served as President of Manufacturer's Golf and Country Club from 1985 to 1987. However, he was never too busy to attend his children's games, matches or other events. His grandchildren have also been blessed by his participation in their lives. He spent many hours setting up a curriculum to teach them and others about how to live a balanced life based on: Worship, Love, Work and Play. This philosophy was developed by his yearly time spent at The L.D. Pankey Institute in Miami, FL, where he continued his dental education and developed close, lifelong friends who were part of the "Perennial Sophomores" Group. As a result, Pop Pop's classes are legendary among the members of the Schiesser Family.

Frank was an active member in several churches during his lifetime and was determined that anyone he met would know about His Lord Jesus. This is why thousands of people now possess a little metal cross and short poem entitled "The Cross in My Pocket". You are loved and are missed, Pop Pop, but there is no doubt that you were met at the Gates of Heaven with the words "Well Done, My Good and Faithful Servant!"

A private family service for Frank will be held on Tuesday February 16, 2021 at First Baptist Church of Alpharetta at 10:00am. Frank will be buried with Military honors at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA at 1:00pm on February 16. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to First Baptist Church of Alpharetta, 44 Academy Street, Alpharetta, GA 30009 / <https://fbca.com/> or The Pankey Institute, 1 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne FL 33149 / <https://www.pankey.org/>.

The service will be live streamed. A link will be provided by February 15. Please check back.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Previous Events

Private Family Service

FEB 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Alpharetta First Baptist Church
44 Academy Street
Alpharetta, GA 30009

Family Graveside

FEB 16. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Frank J. Schiesser Jr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dr. Schiesser gave me my first job when we moved to Philly. My husband had just started dental school at Temple. I was an English major in college and knew nothing about dentistry. He patiently taught me everything I needed to know with a smile on his face. Chesheim Dental was quite the epitome of a perfect place to work. We will never forget his kindness and encouragement as we navigated dental school and then Perio school. I remember babysitting for all of the Schiesser kids when your parents went to dental meetings. I still have the little metal cross that he gave me and there was never a more Christian loving and giving man to work for. Rest in Peace. You will never be forgotten.*

Love,
Paula & Bob Follweiler

Paula Follweiler - March 02, 2021 at 05:55 PM

AP

“ I write this with tears in my eyes. Frank and Helen are one of the nicest couples I have known. Frank always had a sense of warmth and kindness about him. My son and I carry one of Franks’s little crosses on our key chains. Frank and Helen were long time friends of my parents at Wilderness on Naples. They also attended the same church. My father attended church his entire life but we could never tell if he was a believer or had a personal relationship in Christ. Frank and my father played golf, and bridge together and enjoyed one another’s company very much. Frank was instrumental in assuring that my father clearly accepted Christ as his Lord before my father’s health withered. Frank felt like my substitute father after my father passed in 2013. He exuded such caring and sincere interest in all of us. And I cannot tell how very much I adore and appreciate Helen and Frank for visiting my widowed home bound mother, Kitty, nearly every Sunday and listening to her talk, often telling the same stores, endlessly. She so looked forward to their visits. My mother passed earlier this year, and I imagine she was waiting for Frank up in heaven to talk some more... Frank and Helen were an example of living and loving in faith. I adore them both and am grateful to have known them. I know the heavens rejoiced to welcome Frank home!

So Very Fondly,

Ann (Herzog) Probst

Ann Probst - February 10, 2021 at 12:26 PM

KS

Dad and Mom loved and love your family. We all have a copy of Miss Kitty's book!

Kim Swindall - February 11, 2021 at 08:03 AM

BH

“ Dear Schiesser Family,

Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of Dr. Schiesser. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Schiesser, I had the privilege of knowing Wendy and Jay when I taught at PW High School. That both Wendy and Jay still stand out in my mind so many years later is a testament to the parenting of Dr. Schiesser and Mrs. Schiesser--truly members of America's greatest generation!

Although there is now sadness, I am certain, in time, that the wonderful memories you have of Dr. Schiesser will bring a smile to your lips and a twinkle to your eye every time you think of him!

Sincerest regards,

Bryant Heisinger

Bryant Heisinger - February 05, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JS

Dear Mr. Heisinger (I know I could call you Bryant, but old habits are hard to change !). Thank you for your kind words and know that you had a very positive influence on my life and I know many of your other students as well. You are correct, time heals all and we will have only fond memories of my dad.

Jay Schiesser - February 20, 2021 at 07:04 PM

JJ

“ We were so saddened to hear of the passing of Frank. Frank was one of the last of the originals of the Old York Road Study Club. It was very nice that Ken Stout sent a 25 minute video to Frank and Helen to show them the staff and the redecorating of their dental office. We always enjoyed being in their company at both dental functions and private parties. He will always be remembered with fondness and his smile for everyone!

*With our deepest sympathy,
Jim and Janice Johnson*

Janice Johnson - February 04, 2021 at 09:59 AM

HM

Rest in Peace Frank....I am honored to have known you

Harry Marcy - February 05, 2021 at 02:58 PM

JS

Thank you Jim and Janice for taking the time to leave a note. It is a comfort to hear from those that were impacted by his life.

Jay Schiesser - February 20, 2021 at 07:07 PM

CW

“ Frank is such a great guy and will surely be missed! As a father and a husband I really appreciate and respected watching how he loved his wife and daughters. He was such a respectful gentleman to everyone he came in contact with. He was a pleasure to work with. I could never put a finger on what exactly it was about him, but working with him in therapy always made my day better.

Will see you again one day my friend, and you better still be doing your therapy exercises :)

- Carson Wolf

Carson Wolf - February 04, 2021 at 09:53 AM

KS

Thank you so much Carson for your wonderful, therapeutic work with my Dad and my Mom. You are amazing. You encouraged them and pushed them to achieve more than we ever thought that they could have. I hope to get Mom back to you now that the vaccine is here. You are loved by the Schiesser family.

Kim Swindall - February 11, 2021 at 08:02 AM

PB

“ My husband, Jay, and I were honored to meet Frank and Helen when we chaperoned his flight to see the Service Memorials in Washington, DC, a few years ago. We persuaded Frank that we should push him in a wheelchair to navigate the streets and sidewalks more efficiently and so that he wouldn't get tired so quickly if he sat and we did the work. There was so much to see and we lingered in some places so that we had to race to catch up to his fellow servicemen and women so as not to hold up our ride to the next memorial. Since Janet Guthrie took away my dream of being the first female race car driver, I took it out on Frank and burned rubber with him. He was quite game and laughed, trepidatiously. Jay would do the downhill and I would do the uphill, as he had a back injury and we all made out just fine, and arrived back in Ft Myers at 1am to bagpipes and over a thousand people, including many children, and service personnel were there to welcome our returning soldiers. We had kept in touch w Helen during the day to let her know what he'd seen and how he was doing, including the presence of Bob Dole and the laying of the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown. It was so dramatic and being in his midst and the midst of all the other veterans was heartwarming and tearful. When the fire trucks sprayed water over both sides of the plane when we left at 5am to head up to Washington, it was awesome. To have people welcoming our veterans at Dulles with flags and salutes and cheers was inspiring, but to land, safe, sound and late and have their Florida comrades and friends waiting created tears Ann's throat lumps, and Frank always remembered that day as a special day in his life. We do, too, because we met Frank and his bride and stayed in touch after the Honor Flight.

Frank, you have stripped the bonds of earth to touch the face of God—may your welcome in heaven be even more glorious than your welcome on that cold, miserable rainy day in DC. We're going to miss you, Friend. Helen, we are here for you. We love you both.

Patty Baker

patty Baker - February 03, 2021 at 09:10 PM

VH

The honor flight experience was a highlight of our dad's life, and one he talked about till he passed. Thank you so much, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, for making that available to him and all the other servicemen. On behalf of our dad, we are very grateful!

Valerie Hoover - February 05, 2021 at 03:52 PM

SS

*Sid Silverman, TUSOD 1966
Dr. Schiesser was a wonderful professor and a fine man. I had no idea that he was so accomplished. It is so wonderful that so many were able to have been touched by him during their development at Temple Dental.
May his memory be as a blessing!*

sydney silverman - February 06, 2021 at 08:22 AM

BR

Helen, so sorry for your loss of Frank. He and Jim had some great memories. Jim left us June 2020. Two wonderful men. With love, Bernice

Bernice Ricca - February 06, 2021 at 02:22 PM

KS

The Bakers were/are a tremendous Blessing in the lives of my parents and countless others. Thank you!

Kim Swindall - February 11, 2021 at 08:07 AM