



Frank Stanley Merta

June 30, 1932 - March 14, 2016

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Born in Winslow Arizona to Mary & Stanley Merta

Two years in US Air Force

Graduate of Sacramento State College

He was part of the expansion of the credit card industry and retired in 1993 from GE Capital Corporation.

He dearly loved and was so proud and protective of his family

He is survived by:

Wife: Barbara Merta (married 56 years)

Daughter: Jan Merta Douma

Granddaughters: Geneva Douma and Lauren Douma

Son-in-law: Carl Douma

Brother & sister in law: Roy and Jeanine Stenzel

Brother of the late Mary Ann Mills, Steve Merta, and Paul Merta

Cemetery Details

East Lawn Sierra Hills Memorial Park

5757 Greenback Lane
Sacramento, CA 95841

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Sierra View Funeral Chapel & Crematory, Inc.
6201 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Carmichael, CA 95608
(916) 481-1515
<http://www.sierraviewfuneralchapel.net/>

Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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Sacramento, CA 95841

Tribute Wall

“ Dear Barbara and Jan,

dear Roy and Jeanine,

when a man lays to rest we observe nothing special, they say, because all people share that same fate – someday. But with a special person going home I experience the weakening of vital energies. A face leaves. A landmark fades.

We were all deeply touched and saddened by your message. And it is not easy finding appropriate words respectively writing them down. But looking back on my meetings with Frank I believe he has lived a fulfilling life: He always had a story about just anything and formed it into an allegory to help me out, to give me advice or to drop a hint. This is only possible if someone can fall back on enormous life experience and uses it to his advantage. It is understood that the young visitor from Germany back in the 80s was simply amazed listening. Railroad, hunting, life guard, rattle snakes ... his repertoire was huge and continually changing. Adventure and moral close together, always letting you draw your (own) conclusions. But even the older listener never got bored or disappointed at all, spotting the wisdom in his answers. And he always talked of life with his unique humor, dry, like the Bakersfield area (where we stopped at his parents' house on our way to Anaheim/Disney).

Later on, when I met “Grampa Frank”, I was introduced to his bright family sense. How inspired he was, by his (finally) four ladies!

So, I do believe he himself would have judged his life as an affirmative one, a fulfilling one! And this at least can be a bit of consolation for us during these dark hours. We are very thankful having met Frank and will always remember him with deep respect. He will provide us with his humorous allegories again -- someday.

Our thoughts are with you.

Love,

Waltraud, Gisi, Marina + Marcus



Waltraud, Gisi, Marina + Marcus - March 28, 2016 at 01:51 PM

RS

“ 3 files added to the album *Fond Memories of Frank*



Roy & Jeanine Stenzel - March 22, 2016 at 05:12 PM

BF

“ *Barbro, Peter and Camilla Mitts, with families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank Stanley Merta.*



Barbro, Peter and Camilla Mitts, with families - March 22, 2016 at 04:27 PM

PM

“ Dear Barbara,

We are truly sorry to hear about Frank's passing. He will be missed. Our sincere condolences go out to you and the rest of the family during this time of grief.

Kind regards,

Barbro

Peter & Tessa

Camilla & Joakim, and their children Björn, Benjamin, Bianca and Birk



Peter Mitts - March 22, 2016 at 02:57 PM

PM

Link to a larger version of the above photo: <https://onedrive.live.com/redirect?resid=9D5045821AABB9A0!508&authkey=!AD5VwLQN8qdWtdQ&v=3&itl>

Peter Mitts - March 22, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Tom Aalto - March 22, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Stanley Merta.*



March 21, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ *We feel very sad about the news of Frank passing away. We are very thankful for the good memories of him that will live and last in our minds.*

We send our deepest condolences to Barbara and other members of our family over there.

*Erkki and Irma Aalto
Taru and Lauri with family*

Erkki Aalto - March 21, 2016 at 01:14 PM



“ *Your Finnish Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank Stanley Merta.*



Your Finnish Family - March 21, 2016 at 07:05 AM



“ *Dear Barbara,*

We heard the above sad news yesterday. Frank was so friendly welcoming and helpful man, the finest husband. He was a positive person. We will always remember him as a member of our family. Barbara and Jan, all your family we convey here our condolences of this very sad thing, which we all relatives have faced now.

*Tom and Elsie Aalto
Finland*

Tom Aalto - March 21, 2016 at 06:34 AM

RS

“ *Frank has always been my friend and mentor. I will miss him dearly. Rest well my friend knowing you did a good job.*

Roy Stenzel - March 21, 2016 at 06:09 AM