



Erwin Anton Franek

April 22, 1925 - March 27, 2008

Erwin Anton Franek, 82, of Royal Oak, died March 27, 2008, at St. John Oakland Hospital in Madison Heights. He was born April 22, 1925, in Detroit. Mr. Franek graduated from the Technical Institute of Technology and attended the University of Detroit. He retired from the National Bank of Detroit where he was an auditor/banker. After retirement he became an ever loving guardian of school children at Oakland Elementary School. Mr. Franek loved the children, parents and teachers alike. He was also a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak. Mr. Franek is survived by his siblings, Norma Franek of Royal Oak and Tony Ursula Franek of Bloomfield; nieces, Maria Frank Angileri and Barbara Todd Peters; and great nieces and nephews, John, Sammy and Ben Angileri and Will and Matty Peters.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ I am a parent of a 7 year old who goes to Oakland Elementary. My son knew Mr. Franek very well and loved him as much as every student and parent did. He loved our children with all his heart. We will miss him everyday that goes by. God Bless you Mr. Franek. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. Mike, Leann, Joseph, and Angell Wilk

Leann Wilk - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mr. Franek will be deeply missed. We enjoyed seeing him standing at the door before and after school waiting to talk to the parents and see how their weekend went and waiting to open the door to let the kids run out. He was always there to let the kids in early on a cold and rainy day. I will miss hearing about his garden and all of his other stories. Thank you Mr. Franek for all you have done for our kids at Oakland school. We will miss you.

Joyce, Mark, Zachary, Alex Matthews - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ Dearest Erwin, You are and always will be the very best friend Shauna and I will ever have. We are so blessed to have been in the warm light of your compassionate, caring heart. You shone your love on every child attending Oakland Elementary for so many years no matter what the weather. It's rare for a school to have a guardian angel. I'd be surprised if there were even one other like it in Michigan. How lucky we were to have Erwin Franek be ours. You touched our hearts and inspired everyone whether a child, a parent, a teacher, a neighbor, even the neighborhood. You could never be forgotten, you live on in all of us. Ich lieber du.

Laurie Zetye - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *The Alcini Family, Mrs. Alcini, Rosemarie, Virginia, Bill and ken were sorry to hear of Erwin's death and extend to the family our sympathy. We have many fond memories of Erwin. He was a true gentleman. His smile and friendly disposition will long be remembered. Please let us know when the memorial mass will be held.*

Rosemarie Konczal - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Dear Norma and Family: I am so sorry to read of your beloved brother's death, Norma. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers. With Affection, Maureen*

Maureen Kennedy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *I am a parent of 5 children, 3 of whom have and are attending Oakland Elementary. My husband and I and our family wish to extend our condolences to your family. I am so sad to hear of Erwin's passing. Erwin always smiled at me when I would drop off and pick up the kids, and he always would see to it that the kids made their way safely into the school. I know that I always felt that even if we had had a rough morning, and I had been crabby with the kids, at least I could count on Erwin, an impartial party, to smile and give the kids a little lift before starting their studies. Erwin was a wonderful person, and I'm going to miss him. I was saddened to hear that he was ill. My children were to, and just a few weeks ago my son and his friend were saying that they had made cards for him. We were all praying for him, but I think sometimes the best that God can do is answer our prayers is to take a person out of misery and into eternal peace and happiness. Again, the whole family sends a message of comfort and peace. I know that Erwin is rejoicing with God. Kerri Crane*

Kerri Crane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We all leave an impression on this earth. With the love, devotion and kindness you've shown to others, your impression reaches far and wide. You were a dear friend, an outstanding citizen, an unwavering, dedicated volunteer and always a sparkle of happiness. We feel very fortunate to have known you and to have been a part of your life. May you always hear beautiful music, always see your wonderful gardens and forever feel the embrace of those who's lives you've touched and those who loved you. We already miss you, will always love you and remember you. You will forever live in our hearts. God bless and be with you, Erwin -- Mr. Franek. All our love-- The Siavrakas Family- Dennis, Teresa, Alex and Max

Dennis, Teresa, Alex and Max Siavrakas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM