



## Franklin G. Zilkey

March 30, 1935 - January 8, 2019

The resilient, generous spirit of Franklin Guy Zilkey, 83, was reunited with his loved ones in heaven on January 8, 2019. His loved ones included wife of forty-five years, Herta Loeper Zilkey; mother, Frances Zilkey; and father; Willard Zilkey.

Frank was born in 1935, in Fallon, Nevada. His well-rounded approach to academics and leadership landed him a place at The American Legion Boy's State prior to graduation from Winnemucca High School. He served in the U.S. Army during college. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and graduated from the University of Nevada at Reno with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation remained his employer from internship through senior engineer over the span of almost 35 years. During this time, Frank served on water conservation projects in Nevada, California, Washington, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado.

There were few people untouched by Frank's refreshing combination of wisdom, quiet kindness, dry wit, and humility. He was well-read, especially in history, politics, sports, and science. He lived for serving his family, friends, and community through volunteer opportunities such as The Lion's Club and The Electric City Fire Department. He enjoyed model and full-scale trains, hiking, boating, gardening, football, baseball, animals, and music.

He is survived by his daughter, Leslie Kalvass and son-in-law Cory Kalvass; sister, Laura Rutkowski and brother-in-law Dan Rutkowski; and by his two grandchildren, Carter and Corinne Kalvass.

Visitation will be Noon until the time of service at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (One block West of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Memorial Contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders at <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org>. A blood donation through a local blood bank would also serve as a meaningful commemoration to Frank. For info: (847) 362-3009 or please sign the guestbook at <http://www.burnettdane.com>

# Comments

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“ Frank will truly be missed. He was a great cook who listened, enjoyed sweets, and loved his plants. I had the joy of experiencing both of these with him. He loved, listened, and enjoyed life with the person he was with. I loved him and miss him.

Barbara Wilkins

**Barb Wilkins** - January 15, 2019 at 12:05 PM

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“ Leslie,

So sorry to hear of your father passing away. My deepest condolences. -- Thomas Scott

**Thomas** - January 14, 2019 at 10:52 PM