



Francis J. Short

September 4, 1927 - February 22, 2016

Francis James Short, 88, passed away peacefully Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born Sept. 4, 1927 in Gloucester, New Jersey and was a former resident of Brookfield, Wisconsin and Venice, Florida. He lived in Lincolnshire for the past six years. Jim was the seventh of eight children and met his wife of almost 65 years, Joan Chamberlain, at Capehart Farnsworth in Fort Wayne, IN in 1950. They married in 1951 and moved back to New Jersey where he later graduated with a Bachelor's degree in business administration from Rider College in 1953. In his distinguished corporate career as a Labor Relations and Human Resources executive, he worked for several notable companies including Booz Allen Hamilton, Shure Brothers, Globe Union, Phillip Morris, True Temper, Volkswagen of America and Outboard Marine Corporation. He led the Human Resources function for the last three companies he worked for, and negotiated labor contracts with the United Auto Workers union for VW's first auto assembly plant in the U.S. In business he was known as a tenacious negotiator and a credible executive who held steadfast to his principles. In his personal life he placed a high priority on his family and often referred to marrying Joan as the best decision he ever made. He enjoyed camping, boating, woodworking, crossword puzzles, bridge and renovation projects.

Surviving are his wife Joan Short; five children, Michael (Lynn) Short, Cathryn (Michael) Verzal, Maggie (Matt) Gonring, Thomas (Philippa) Short and Robert

(Diane) Short; 14 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary (King); father Albert; and siblings Florence, Pearl, Albert, Jane, Bertha, Jessie and Bobby.

Private services with the immediate family were held on Monday, Feb. 22 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. The family asks that any memorial contributions be made to the Advocate Hospice, 1441 Branding Lane, Suite 200, Downers Grove, IL 60515. For info: 847-362-3009 or sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Our deepest sympathies to all the members of the Short family. May your beloved father rest in peace.*

Les and Jane

Jane and Les Sturgeon & Family - April 27, 2018 at 05:01 AM

SF

“ *My Dear Uncle,*

I will miss you. Thank you for always being there for me, my Sister and my Parents. I know your whole family meant so much to you and you always showed such pride in us all.

I have such fond memories of you from my childhood through my adulthood.

Aunt Joan and family,

I am sorry for your loss. Unk was the best Son, Brother, Uncle, Husband, and Father. When we would talk on the phone he always told me of the wonderful happenings with his family. He was so proud of you all.

May God Bless him and shine His light upon him. R.I.P. Uncle.

He will be dearly missed by us all.

Love,

*Susan Schofield Brown Fahrnbach and Family
(Florence Short Brown's Daughter)*

Susan B. Fahrnbach - April 27, 2018 at 05:01 AM

LE

“ Dear Aunt Joan and cousins,
I'm sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Jim. I appreciate how generous he was with my Mom and our family. Memories of him at Bojrab's on Thanksgiving. One of my fondest memories with him was when we went to the Indy 500 in your motor home and it was delayed and rained for days. Still brings a smile to my face when I think about trying to dry our clothes with the heat from the oven. He was a good man, may he rest in peace.

Lisa England - April 27, 2018 at 05:01 AM

MC

“ Dear Joan, Kedric and I are so sorry that you have lost your Jim. We are blessed to be a part of the family and memorial service. Love you very much,
Maura and Kedric

Maura and Kedric Chamberlin - April 27, 2018 at 05:01 AM