



Frank Kenneth Maestri

April 19, 1933 - March 8, 2018

Frank Kenneth Maestri, 84, of Springdale, Arkansas, passed away March 8, 2018. He was born April 19, 1933, in Tontitown, Arkansas, to Albano and Agnes Pierce Maestri.

Frank attended Springdale High School, where he was an All-District football player. After high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and was stationed in the Pacific during the Korean War.

Upon receiving his discharge, Frank enrolled at the University of Arkansas, where he majored in transportation and graduated with a degree in business administration. He then went to work as a dispatcher for Willis Shaw Frozen Express in 1963 and retired as the company's president in 1999. Frank was elected to seven consecutive terms as a director of the Arkansas Trucking Association. He also served as president of the Refrigerated Transportation Foundation and chairman of the Refrigerated Division of the Interstate Carriers Conference. In 1999, the Arkansas Trucking Association named Frank one of the industry's "twenty most influential people of the twentieth century."

Frank was active in church and community. He was a member of Saint Raphael's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He served as president of the Tontitown Historical Museum board of directors and was a longtime supporter of the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. Local history mattered to Frank. His grandparents, Pietro and Melania Maestri, and his

father, Albano Maestri, were Italian immigrants who came to Northwest Arkansas in 1898 as one of the founding families of Tontitown.

Golf was a favorite pastime, and Frank had the good fortune to play at some legendary courses, including Pebble Beach, Augusta National, and St. Andrews.

Frank was preceded in death by his brothers Floyd Maestri and Paul Maestri, and his sisters Genevieve Maestri Bean, Grace Maestri Wade, and Lavinia Maestri Zulpo.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Evelyn Ceola Maestri of the home; daughter Michaela and her husband Jamie Baker of Springdale; son Kelly of Fayetteville; son Kevin and his wife Kelli of Springdale; grandchildren Jeremy Baker and his wife Alisha, Joshua Baker, Hogan Maestri, Stella Maestri, and Lola Maestri; brother Stephen Maestri and his wife Dorothy of Fort Smith; sister Mary Frances Maestri Vaughan of Springdale; and brother Leslie "Red" Maestri of Lowell.

Frank would want you to know that his greatest source of pride was his family.

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale. The funeral service will be Wednesday, March 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tontitown, with Rosary at 10:00 a.m. and Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m., Father John Connell officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Tontitown. After the services, please join the family for a reception at St. Joseph Catholic Church parish hall.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to the Tontitown Historical Museum, PO Box 144, Tontitown, AR 72770; St. Joseph Catholic Church, PO Box 39, Tontitown, AR 72770; or Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Avenue, Springdale, AR 72764.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

380 E. Fletcher Ave.
Springdale, AR 72762

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Rosary

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
136 E Henri De Tonti Blvd
Springdale, AR 72762
<http://www.stjoetontitown.org>

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Kenneth Maestri*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Every memory I have of Frank brings a smile to my face. I was privileged to work with Him at Willis Shaw from 1984 until he retired in 1999. He was a brilliant man and I learned so much from him over the years. He was so kind and gentle and if you didn't know he was the president of a large company you would never guess it. Every where I seen him he was always cheerful and wanted to know how you and your family was doing. He was a mentor but most of all he was a friend. My prayers are with the family, I know you are feeling a great loss, I know I am. Gweenece Walden*

Gweenece Walden - March 14, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ *Kevin, Kelly and Michaela, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. He was a wonderful man, so kind and generous. Evelyn, I have many fond memories of spending time with your family many places around the United States at trucking conventions. Your whole family was fun and easy to be with. I know he will be deeply missed by your family and many in the community. Please know our families thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult time. Sherri Shaw Dillard*

Sherri Shaw Dillard - March 13, 2018 at 11:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Kenneth Maestri.*



March 13, 2018 at 11:37 PM



“ *Frank will be greatly missed I started driving at Willis Shaw in 1963 and Frank was a dispatcher. Then in 1978 Frank brought me into the office where I became dispatcher in various positions which my last position was Vice President of operations.*

Bill Kincheloe cell 4797904420 - March 12, 2018 at 05:09 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of Frank since I was privileged to have known him most of my life and worked with him over 20 years. He served as a mentor to me and so many others in meaningful ways over those years as our company grew and developed. I will miss all of those shared times and travels we so often recalled together. He was both very intelligent and dedicated at being a competent executive...but he was also just as skilled at knowing how to enjoy life with friends and family. My thoughts and prayers are with Frank's family.*

Dennis Shaw - March 12, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“ *Frank Maestri means so much to the Willis Shaw family of employees and the community of Springdale and Tontitown. We are sad to hear of his passing but feel so honored to have been associated with Frank.*

Alan Roller - March 11, 2018 at 11:05 PM