



Frank Ettinger

July 2, 1924 - October 10, 2023

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Frank Ettinger.

Frank Ettinger, 99, of Edinburg, passed away Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at Skyline Terrace Nursing Home. A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 4, at 10:30am at St. Johns Methodist Church, 116 High Street, Edinburg, VA 22824. A military interment of his ashes will follow immediately there after at the Cedarwood Cemetery Columbarium. A reception at the Edinburg VFW post will follow.

Frank was born in 1924 in Granite City, Illinois. His family relocated shortly thereafter to Chagrin Falls, Ohio where he grew up. Shortly after graduating from high school in 1942, Frank joined the United States Army Air Corps. Based on a good high school record, he was assigned to the Aviation Cadet Training Program at the University of Alabama, which he hoped would lead to joining his older brother as a pilot. However, problems with his eyes led to surgery and subsequent reassignment as a radio mechanic and transfer to Truax Field in Wisconsin. Frank was shipped overseas in 1944 to the China-Burma-India (CBI) theatre of operations and assigned to the 51st Fighter Control Squadron of the 10th Air Force. Staff Sergeant Ettinger served first in the Assam Valley of India and then in Burma, where he and his small detachment celebrated VJ Day in 1945. Frank returned to the States on New

Year's Day in 1946. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Medal World War II.

Frank jumped at the opportunity offered by the new GI Bill, enrolling for the spring term at Bowling Green State University in his home state of Ohio. It was there that he met a pretty sorority girl who soon became his wife for the next 60 years. Frank stayed in the Reserves and was recalled to active duty for the Korean War. After several years of working in a variety of businesses, he discovered his passion as a 6th grade teacher. Known as Mr. E, he taught math, science and history for 25 years in the Mayfield school district in Ohio.

Upon retiring from teaching in 1988, Frank and his wife Marge moved to the Bowmans Crossing area of Edinburg in order to be closer to their grand kids in Northern Virginia. There they were active with their Brittany dogs, taking them on visits to Skyline Terrace Nursing Home. He was a member of St; Johns Methodist Church, VFW Post 2447, and the Edinburg Lions Club where Frank served as President. In 2002 Frank and Marge relocated to a retirement community outside of Lakeland, Florida.

Frank moved back to Edinburg, VA in 2018 with his son's family. Since a bad fall in September 2019 that resulted in a broken hip, he has been at the Skyline Terrace Nursing Home in Woodstock, VA.

An interview of Frank's experiences can be found on the "Friends of the WWII Memorial" site at <http://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org/voices-of-wwii/profile/1394>.

Frank Leaves behind his son, Bill and Daughter in Law Cathy Ettinger, of Edinburg VA, a granddaughter Heather Ann Wenzel of Santa Rosa CA, a grandson LtCdr Brett Ettinger, USCG, of Seattle, a great granddaughter

Elizabeth and great grandson David of Seattle.

In lieu of flowers, donations, can be made in Franks honor to the Edinburg
Lions Club, P.O. Box 417
Edinburg, VA 22824

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service
Branch, Edinburg.

Cemetery Details

Cedarwood Cemetery

214 S. Main St
Edinburg, VA 22824

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John's United Methodist Church
116 S High St
Edinburg, VA 22824
(540) 984-4464

Military Interment of Ashes

NOV 4. 11:15 AM (ET)

Cedarwood Cemetery
214 S. Main St
Edinburg, VA 22824

Tribute Wall

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“ Frank and I became friends in Florida. He helped me build a wooden derby car and we played cards together and we laughed and enjoyed talking about being educators. He was a terrific man for all he did for the military and dogs and those around him. God Bless his family in this time of sorrow and know he is still watching over us. Diane Welsch

Diane - October 31, 2023 at 08:25 PM

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“ Bill, I am so sorry for you loss. May God Bless you and your family at this time of sorrow. May the "Old Soldier" RIP

FRANK F PAINTER - October 11, 2023 at 12:42 PM