



Francis Frola

December 28, 1932 - May 28, 2012

Francis Ronald Frola, 79, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away from this life May 28, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. He fought a difficult battle with myelofibrosis, a myeloproliferative neoplasm, and lymphoma for three years. He lived a very full life, touching everyone he met with his kindness, wit and integrity. He was also a great storyteller and anyone who knew him was sure to be entertained with many humorous stories. Ron was born December 28, 1932 in Jeannette, PA to Frank and Catherine Frola. He served in the United States Marine Corps as fighter pilot in both active and reserve duty and retired as Colonel and Commanding Officer of a reserve squadron at Andrews Air Force Base. He was a graduate of San Jose State University and attended St. Vincent's College, Washington University and George Washington University. He worked for many years as a defense contractor in the Washington D.C. area. In 1998 at the age of 65 he moved to Prescott, Arizona where he taught for 10 years at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He was a demanding but much loved and respected professor. Ron's passion was flying, particularly to places like the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon. He was an avid hiker and biker and could be seen regularly on the trails of Granite Mountain. He also enjoyed classical music, jazz, woodworking, traveling and spending time with his family and friends. Ron was a devout Catholic and member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Prescott, Ariz. He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Charlotte, children Nina (Rob Joyner), Josie (Gary Raszewski), Cathy (Dave

Arnot), Peter, Margaret (Sukha Worob), grandchildren Natalie, Karin and Judah and numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Catherine Frola and sister Patricia. His family and friends will treasure his memory and the gifts of his love and friendship forever. A visitation will be held at Hampton Funeral Home in Prescott, Ariz. on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. A viewing will take place at 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Prescott, Ariz. on Thursday, May 31, 2012 with a memorial service to follow at 1:30 pm. Funeral services will be held in Pennsylvania, with burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Jeannette, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any contributions be made to the MPN Research Foundation, 180 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1810, Chicago, IL 60601.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ I just learned of Ron's death. I am saddened.

I worked for Ron years ago. Great guy. We traveled together - those of you that knew Ron know that he walked fast - like the sherrif was chasing him. Bigger men ran to try to keep up with him.

I miss Ron. The world is a better place because of him.

My condolences to the Family.

Jim Weiss, 13 Dec 12

Jim Weiss - December 13, 2012 at 01:18 PM

DR

“ We always consider Ron a great man and a great role model. We shared the love of music and the love of family. He was always entertaining and his stories were full of deep insight. His charisma and good humor and fine character and love of learning are not gone now, because he has imparted all these gifts to his family. Thank you for a life well lived.

Dave Russell - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Although our relationship was distant, I always looked upon my Uncle Ron with great endearment. I remember with great fondness sitting in his home office in his big leather chair. His sense of humor and storytelling will always be cherished.

Richard Levitt - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“Heaven has received an outstanding angel! Ron was a very good friend of my father and mother. His gentle demeanor, wit and incredible sense of humor leave indelible marks on my memory. As a child, he tutored me in Algebra and Calculus and helped me foster a genuine appreciation for both branches of mathematics. I will never forget his patience and kindness.

His light shines on!

Alana Barrie (Jones) Heuermann - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“No one could tell a story better than Ron. He was a joy to be around. He always knew when to be funny and when to be serious. He was kind to a fault. Every one who knew him, loved him.

Evelyn Jones - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“Ron was a wonderful person and will be missed but never forgotten. We had a great visit with Ron, Charlotte and Peter two weeks ago. Jacob thought Uncle Ron was super. Our prayers, thoughts and love are with all of you.

John and Melinda Hale - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“I was lucky enough to have spent some time with Ron on my last visit to Prescott. We hiked a trail together and he told me some great stories about his very interesting life. He was a great person and he will be missed. Im very sorry for your loss.

Raymond Jirsa - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *My thoughts and prayers at this time are with you and your family .*

dolores dahlstrom - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ *Teri Sweginnis let me know about Ron's passing. I'm sure you don't really remember me, but I was a professor of history at ERAU from 2001-2006 and we enjoyed a few awesome dinners at Bill's. Anyhow, I remember Ron dearly and just want to express my deepest sympathies. God bless you.*

Valerie Adams - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *So sorry to hear about Ron. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Roberta Hoffman - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Ron was one of the first extended Frola Family members that I met when marrying his cousin John and he immediately made me feel welcome. He was a caring soul who watched over Patty, Aunt Jenny, Uncle Luke and Aunt Minnie. As busy as he was with his own family, there was always time for others. In marrying Charlotte, he had a partner in caring. His intelligence, wit, story telling ability, and ability to listen to others were impressive to me and so appreciated. I feel blessed to have had him in our lives and as a model for our sons, John and Joe. His Grandmother Frola advised him to "never fly low and slow" (something he wondered how she would have known) and I believe he followed her advice through life. I am sad that the flight is over. Love to Charlotte and his family.*

Cynthia Frola - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Ron's funeral, as I was in the hospital having surgery for a broken elbow that day. I really miss Ron! He was an excellent faculty member here at Embry-Riddle. He was always pleasant, friendly, and down-to-earth. He was a great teacher.

I hope that the Frola family can accept my deepest condolences.

Curtis

Curtis James - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Classmates at Pensacola in 1953. Fighter pilots together in Hawaii. Old friend, great memories! An honest and honorable man and a friendship that will last forever. Rest in peace, Marine!*

Cono Borrelli - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM