



Mr. Franklin Chmelar

September 24, 1937 - August 31, 2014

Franklin Joseph Chmelar, 76 of Caldwell passed away peacefully at his residence Saturday, August 31, 2014 with his family by his side. Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Phillips & Luckey Chapel with Pastor Wayne Calder officiating, burial to follow in the Caldwell Masonic Cemetery. The visitation will be held Wednesday evening at the funeral home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Franklin was born September 24, 1937 in Washington, Iowa to parents William Chmelar and Emilie Florang. He married Marilyn Robertson August 12, 1961 at the United Methodist Church in Washington, Iowa. While in Washington they were farmers raising various crops, and then they began raising hogs. Then around 1976 they moved the family to Texas where they raised hogs and cattle. In his college days he wrestled briefly, while serving his country in the Marine Corp he boxed. Franklin enjoyed being outdoors whether it was hunting all over the world, fishing, playing golf or being a coveted fast pitch softball ace that would pitch for many teams and many tournaments. He also found the time to coach his sons' little league teams. In his later years he enjoyed watching the grandkids with their sports careers. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Frankie Joe Chmelar. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marilyn Chmelar and a son, Robert Dean Chmelar and wife Shelly all of Caldwell, Texas, two daughters, Pamela Anne Chmelar of College Station, and Mari Lyn Dodd and husband Craig of Castle Rock, CO., two brothers, William W. Chmelar of Richland, IA., and Yaro

Chmelar and wife Mary of Washington, IA., and a sister, Elsa Franzen and husband Don of Haines City, FL., six grandchildren, Pamela Miller, Maelyn, Loren, and Kristi Chmelar, Kameron Horras, and Karsen Dodd, and by great grandson Magnus Carter.

Serving as pallbearers are, Robert Chmelar, Craig Dodd, Jimmy Kemp, Kevin Supak, Dennis Zimmerhanel, and Larry Odstrcil. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Chmelar, Don Robertson, Bill Alsobrook, Mike Patranella, Brian Barton, and A.W. Brewer and Benny Supak

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting memorials be given to the American Heart Association or Hospice Brazos Valley or charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Caldwell Masonic Cemetery

1411 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
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Tribute Wall

DW

“ Sorry to hear of Franks passing I was a classmate of Franks at Washington High School. I hadn't seen Frank for 50 years and at our 50th high school reunion in 2005 I became reacquainted. I was looking forward to seeing him at our 60th next year. My thoughts and prayers go with you and your family.

Dean Willey
Golden Colorado

Dean Willey - September 05, 2014 at 02:06 PM

MD

Dean, I am Frank's youngest daughter Mari and on behalf of my mom and the rest of our family, I thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. My mom shared a story about the Elvis impersonator at your 50th class reunion and how you and dad had reconnected at that reunion. I always enjoyed hearing stories from dad about his earlier years. He was quite a guy! Thank you again for reaching out to us.

Mari Chmelar Dodd - September 11, 2014 at 09:55 AM

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Mari Chmelar Dodd - September 11, 2014 at 09:56 AM

DG

“ I was stunned when my wife read on her iPhone that Frank died on August 31st. What a shock!!! When we got the news we were on vacation. Memories of Frank came flooding through my mind while returning yesterday to our home in Wichita, Kansas. Frank loved people and was always anxious to help wherever he was needed. I remember many rides home in his car full of guys as Frank was one of the few who had a car in high school. He was one terrific football player and no one looked forward to his bone-crushing tackles... which really meant, my bones... and his crushing tackles. Frank occasionally stopped by to see us in Wichita, but always we met on the outskirts of town as he said with a smile, "Dick, I didn't think it was a good idea to bring a load of hogs to your front door." I agreed. That was my good friend Frank Chmelar. For Marilyn and the rest of the family, I pray that Deuteronomy 33:27 will bring you much comfort, strength, and security in the days ahead. "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."
Dick Gorham, a high school friend.

dick gorham - September 05, 2014 at 01:40 PM

MD

Dick, this is Frank's youngest daughter Mari and on behalf of my mom and the rest of our family, thank you for the very kind words about dad. When I read them, I actually chuckled out loud as I know my dad was one tough guy! Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated by us during this difficult time.

Mari Chmelar Dodd - September 11, 2014 at 10:03 AM

TL

“ Marilyn, Robbie, Pam, & Mari,
I was saddened to hear about Frank's passing. He was a kind man.
A loving husband, father and grandfather. I know he will be missed.
Cherish the memories. Know that we are sending prayers, love and
hugs to each and every one of you!

*If there is anything we can do please don't hesitate to call. Michelle
and Rob you have our numbers.*

Luv you guys,

Tonya & Brittany Laird

Tonya Laird - September 03, 2014 at 03:29 PM

SH

“ Our thoughts are with you. Frank was full of energy and always had
a smile on his face. I just remember how he loved to take Kameron
fishing.

Gordon and Sheila Horras

Sheila Horras - September 03, 2014 at 12:32 PM

PZ

“ Dennis and I were lucky to know this man. He was willing to share
his knowledge of life with us. Franklin was never speechless and his
stories will live on through his friends and family. Peace is with him
now. May he join the golfing angels in heaven and look over those
down below as they continue to play the game he loved so much.
You will be missed. God bless his wife, children, grandchildren and
the many family members and friends he has left behind.

Pamela Zimmerhanel - September 03, 2014 at 12:09 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Franklin Chmelar.*



September 02, 2014 at 10:10 PM



“ *Robert,*

I am very sorry for your loss. I hope you find peace in the warm memories you share with your dad.

Deepest condolences,

Robin Crowley



Robin Crowley - September 02, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Franklin Chmelar.*



September 02, 2014 at 03:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Franklin Chmelar.



September 02, 2014 at 02:21 PM