



Garrison Frantz

November 6, 1928 - July 24, 2016

Garrison Allan Frantz, 87, of Visalia went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 24, 2016. Gary was born on November 6, 1928, in Youngstown, OH. He was the son of Donald and Goldie Frantz. Gary met the love of his life, Mickey Frantz, and married her in January, 1951, at Bethel Congregational Church in Ontario, California.

Gary served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He then earned his college degree from San Jose State in 1954. Post-graduation, Gary was hired at the J.C. Penney Co., where he worked for 34 years rising to management. During his tenure for J.C. Penney, he managed stores in San Mateo, Chico, Selma and Lancaster, California. After his retirement, he and Mickey moved to Tehachapi, CA and later to Visalia, where they remained.

Gary was a life-long member of the Methodist church. He served in civic organizations including Lions as President. He loved country western dancing, reading, and playing bridge and other card games. He sang in church choirs and the military entertaining other troops. He also sang in various barbershop quartets during his earlier years.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife Mickey, his parents, brother Donald Frantz, and his granddaughter, Isabel Frantz.

He is survived by his three sons and their wives: Matthew and Jeannie Frantz of Tulare, Mark and Debbi Frantz of Visalia, and Michael and Terri Frantz of Clovis, 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Mary Dickerson Frantz, sister-in-law Phyllis Southwell, and sister-in-law Inez Frantz, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel on the corner of Caldwell and Court Streets in Visalia. Visitation will be Friday, July 29, from 4pm to 7pm. A celebration of his life will be Saturday, July 30, at 11:00 am. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
info@salseranddillard.com
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Service

JUL **30**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ A very funny man. Among my most favorite and earliest childhood memories are of Dad and Uncle Gary teasing and joking, playing jokes on each other. He brightened that little child's world just by being himself. Love to Mark, Matt and Mike and your families.

John Frantz - July 27, 2016 at 11:12 AM

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“ To the Frantz family my love.
You all know how close Gary and I were along with Mickey.

We shared many our J C Penney years, not in the same store, but in going up the ladder to become store mangers. He was always a people person.

I know he is with his Lord and in that better place.

Loved the Man

Gene Rideout

Gene Rideout - July 27, 2016 at 04:10 AM

HM

“ On behalf of the Northern California/Nevada JCPenney Local Meeting Group I want to extend our condolences to the family as we keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Hal Monroe, Secretary

Harold "Hal" Monroe - July 26, 2016 at 04:51 PM



“ Michele Frantz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Garrison Frantz.



Michele Frantz - July 26, 2016 at 02:07 PM



“ I first met Gary when he was still in high school. Don was still overseas, in the Army; this was 1945, and I brought our 1-year-old son Gary for a visit. I think Gary was pleased to have a nephew with his name.

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Michele Frantz - July 26, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ My strongest memory is of playing games, whether it was volleyballoon in the house or some form of baseball outside. And the card games! We had so much fun. I still play many of the solitaire games Uncle Gary taught me, I always remember him when I do.

Michele

Michele Frantz - July 26, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ My heart goes out to the Frantz family. Gary was a great friend to all of the residents and staff at Park Visalia and will definitely be missed. What a wonderful man and family!

Mike Mayfield

Mike Mayfield - July 26, 2016 at 11:27 AM