



## Franz "Frank" S. Lenz

July 13, 1922 - October 21, 2019

Hampton – Franz “Frank” S. Lenz, 97, of Hampton and formerly of Roslindale, MA, passed away peacefully on October 21, 2019 at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital surrounded by the family that he loved so dearly. Franz was born on July 13, 1922, in Rotthalmuenster, Germany, the son of the late Jakob and Theresa (Sedlbauer) Lenz. He grew up in Germany with his two sisters- Hilde and Anni and was a World War II veteran, serving in the German Navy.

In 1954, he met his future wife, Lilly Luetzow, in the town of Waldshut. They fell in love, emigrated to Canada and were married in Montreal on September 15, 1956. In 1958, shortly after the birth of their son, Peter, they moved to Boston where they reconnected with long lost relatives.

Frank and Lilly purchased their three-family home on Metropolitan Avenue in Roslindale in 1962, a great investment and a fantastic location to raise their family. They made life-long friends in the German community and in their neighborhood and welcomed their daughter, Karin, into their new home in May of 1963. Franz became a successful painting contractor and he and Lilly enjoyed traveling the world. Later in life, they especially enjoyed snow birding in Key Largo & Bradenton, Florida.

In January of 2019, Franz and Lilly left their house of 56 years and moved to Hampton, NH to be closer to their children. They made friends in their new “Cornerstone” community, where Lilly continues to reside amongst friends.

A family man in every sense of the word, Frank considered himself fortunate to witness the marriages of his son, Peter, to Marcia Gadsby, his daughter, Karin, to Jeremy Jasper and his grandson Erik to Megan Buda. He and the whole family were overjoyed at the birth of his two grandsons, Erik and Gregory. Sadly, Frank was predeceased by Gregory in 2011.

Franz you will be missed! God Bless. “Ruhe Sanft.”

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service at 12 PM on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Boylston Schul-Verein German Club, 8 County St., Walpole, MA. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society(<https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html>) PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

# Cemetery

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## Exeter Cemetery

30 Linden Street  
Exeter, NH, 03833

# Events

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**NOV 9** **Memorial Service** 12:00PM

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Boylston Schul-Verein  
8 County St., Walpole, MA, US, 02081

# Comments

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“ Michael and I were so very sorry to learn of Frank’s passing. He was such a wonderful, welcoming and helpful neighbor to us when we moved next door to them in Roslindale, and even though we moved 3 years ago we always think of him and Lily. We have such fond memories of looking out our back window in the early morning and seeing Frank working in his beautiful garden. We admired him in so many ways and know how hugely he will be missed by his family and friends. Our hearts go out to Lily and we want to let her know that Cassidy, our big orange cat, sends his love as well.

**Priscilla and Michael Tocket** - November 24, 2019 at 11:13 AM

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“ My parents, Günter and Veronica Ziegner, were friends with Lilly and Franz, and often came to us in our home in Randolph, MA for parties. For me, growing up in the United States without any family near, they were like an Aunt and Uncle to me. I was saddened to hear of Franz's passing. We've become out of touch the last few years as my mother has developed dementia and finds doing ordinary things, like phone calling and letter writing, difficult. I give you, Lilly and family, my warmest regards and best wishes. I'm sorry for your loss. I will help my mother contact you, Lilly, again, so you can catch up. Sincerely, Anita



**Anita** - November 22, 2019 at 09:48 AM

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“ I grew up down the street from the "green house" and would see Lilly and Frank, together, many times throughout the years. I started taking the bus with Karin, and although the years went by, and I moved, as did Karin, and life goes on, I returned, and there was Lilly and Frank, solid, steady and true!! I would see them together, many times, on the Avenue, sitting on the porch, and their annual pack up to travel down to Florida. They were, and are a very special couple. I would always stop and talk to them, and really enjoyed Frank. He always made me laugh, and always had a smile. I was fortunate to spend time with him this past year. He was full of history, and no matter what, always had something to say. He loved his radishes!!!! His love of his family was evident in all he did. His life was full of love and he has left a great legacy. I shall miss him, and even after they moved, every time I go by that green house, I think of him, and Lilly. I think if I look hard enough, I might see him walking up the Avenue, always dressed so handsome, smiling.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his wonderful wife Lilly, his entire family, and all that knew and loved him. He will always be missed.

Theresa Ann Foley

Theresa Ann Foley - October 24, 2019 at 10:57 PM

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“ There are so many memories I have of Frank, too many to list. The best memory of Frank was him finding a new home for my parents. My parents were a young couple living next door to Frank and Lily and one day while walking down Met Ave he saw the house that would become our home for over 40yrs. Even though they moved down Met Ave, they remained friends for 50+ years  
We've shared many laughs and many tears through the years and we were lucky to have you in our lives. You will be missed Opa.  
may you RIP and may perpetual light shine upon you.

Ann Marie Mac Donald - October 24, 2019 at 11:11 AM

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“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. We are so sorry for your loss.  
Mark and Linda

LINDA AND MARK KIMBALL - October 24, 2019 at 07:53 AM

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“ Frank Lenz was my brother's father-in-law, and I was always grateful that Jeremy had such a wonderful one. He was supportive---helped my brother and his wife paper and paint their new home perfectly, as only he could--and generous. He was also strong in adversity, wise about people and life, and with a wonderful, quick sense of humor, which he never lost, no matter what. I will always treasure his memory.

**Anna Jasper** - October 24, 2019 at 07:13 AM