



Capt. Francis J. Kolb Jr.

May 12, 1928 - February 13, 2017

Exeter - Captain Francis J. "Frank" Kolb, 88, of Exeter and a former longtime resident of North Hampton, passed away on Monday, February 13, 2017.

He was born in Methuen, MA on May 12, 1928, a son of the late Francis J. and Beulah (File) Kolb, Sr.

Frank was raised in Methuen and graduated from Tenney High where he starred in football. While in Methuen, he met and married the love of his life and wife of over 61 years, Doreen "Dody" Garlick. After high school, Frank joined the Navy and flew the F6F Hellcat fighter. He left the Navy in 1951, was hired by TWA and retired in 1988 as a 747 captain. His entire family was with him on his final trip. Upon his retirement, Frank continued flying small planes and was always physically active. He was a marathon runner, a skier and a nationally recognized tennis player, ranked number one in New England for age 70 and over tennis players. Frank loved to travel and spend time with his family.

He leaves behind his two sons, Captain Mark R. Kolb (Delta retired) and his wife, Tracey of East Wakefield and J Kolb and his wife Marci of St.

Petersburg, FL and Annapolis, MD: his grandchildren, Molly Rose Kolb, Ryan Milgrim and Jay Randall Kolb: his nephew John Patrick and his niece Shereen Greenberg and her husband Dr. Richard Greenberg.

Frank was predeceased by his beloved wife Dody, in 2013.

A celebration of his life will be held at 4 PM on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Airport Cafe, 9A Lafayette Rd., North Hampton. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at <http://www.jdrf.org/> or to Autism Speaks at <https://www.autismspeaks.org/ways-give>.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

Airport Cafe
9A Lafayette Road
North Hampton, NH 03862

Tribute Wall



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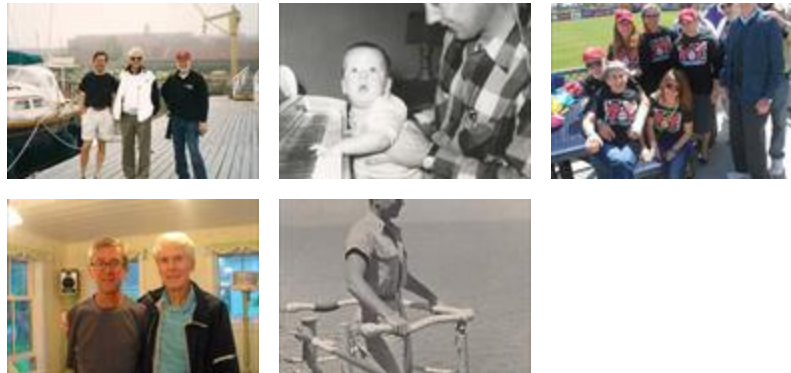


“ *Dear Kolb Family, I will always remember your father grinning on the tennis courts. He was a wonderful competitor and an inspiration for good sportsmanship. Both Dody and Frank were very special people who made me smile and happy whenever I saw them. My deepest condolences to you all. Two bright lights went out in this world when Dody and Frank left us. Fondly, Judi Cody*

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Frank was a wonderful guy he will be missed by many at Hampton Airfield

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Our heartfelt condolences to Frank's beloved family. This man was one of THE finest and kindest gentleman on this earth . . . always enjoyed our conversations at Seacoast. Our loss . . . Heaven's gain, thanking God for a life well-lived and well-loved!

*Love and prayers to all,
Mel and Marcia Spelman*

Marcia Spelman - February 16, 2017 at 05:00 PM

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We're so sorry about Fran's passing. We always enjoyed chatting with Frank at parties on Pine River Pond. We loved hearing about his flying and travel adventures. He was down to earth and never bragged but it was obvious he was so proud of his family and his career.

We loved seeing him cruise by our place in the Mouse boat on a hot summer day. We will miss him. Our thoughts are with the entire family.

Carol and Tim Roy xo

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