



Frank E. Perry

November 2, 1947 - November 19, 2023

Hampton – Frank E. Perry, 76, of Hampton, formerly of Hampton Falls and Concord, MA, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 19, 2023.

Frank will be remembered as a modern Renaissance man: an accomplished business leader, a welcoming host, a charming conversationalist, craftsman and woodworker, an automotive engineer, amazing dancer, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He was born in Auburn, CA on November 2, 1947 the son of the late Frank E. Perry Jr. and Evelyn (Glass) Perry. Raised in Camarillo, CA he graduated from Camarillo High School with the Class of 1965 and later from Roosevelt University with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1973 and from Cal Poly Pomona in 1977 with his MBA.

Frank started his career enlisting in the United States Navy where he proudly served 7 years reaching the rank of Petty Officer First Class. While at Great Lakes Naval Station studying electronics, Frank met his wife of 53 years, Janet, by sneaking onto a private beach in Williams Bay on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. During his Naval career he served on the USS Yorktown and USS Forrestal, visiting 6 continents, and was part of the crew that retrieved the Apollo VIII capsule. He then started his civilian career with Honeywell, where he was a contracts manager who taught contract negotiations.

Frank became a leader in optical surveillance and his career took him around the world. As a senior corporate executive, Frank built strong technical companies and developed top-performing professionals. His leadership experience ranged from early-stage venture capital to the Fortune 100. In the late 90's, Frank acquired DEM, a small machine shop, and Everett Plating, both of which he ran for several years. He held several executive roles throughout his lengthy career, retiring in 2018 as the CEO of RICOR USA, Inc. Never one to stop working, Frank remained professionally active through various consulting engagements.

An early riser, Frank enjoyed staying busy with his many projects, especially restoring classic cars including numerous MGs, Austin-Healeys, and Corvettes. He also enjoyed golfing, ballroom dancing with Janet, and had a passion for cooking. Frank and Janet were "professional movers" who lived in at least 20 houses across 7 states. Frank loved the ocean and they finally settled on the seacoast of New Hampshire. A man of many talents, he was a self-published author of 10 books including action/adventure and thriller novels with a splash of romance, plus a guide to restoring classic cars. He was an accomplished fisherman and scuba diver, line judge for his kids swim meets, and he was involved in the various communities he lived in. Frank never met an apple pie he didn't like!

The beloved head of his growing family, his memory will live on in the hearts of his wife Janet (Cesario) Perry of Hampton; children, Frank Perry and his wife Kate of Melrose, MA, Mark Perry and his wife Elizabeth of Ithaca, NY, and Brendan Perry and his wife Patti of Mount Prospect, IL; and grandchildren, Natalia, Oskar, Iona, Guthrie, and Eleanor Perry.

A visiting hour will be held from 11 AM - 12 PM with a time for sharing stories at noon followed by military honors on Sunday, November 26th, 2023 at the

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home followed by light refreshments at a private residence. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Seacoast School of Technology by way of a GoFundMe account by clicking here (<https://gofund.me/d0a9af84>).

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
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Time for Sharing Memories

NOV **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was hired by Frank in 2006 and worked for him for 10 years. I immensely enjoyed it. His knowledge, insight and high energy made for a challenging and gratifying work experience. I will always be appreciative that I “crossed paths” with Frank and was very surprised and saddened by the news of his passing. I offer my deepest sympathies to Frank’s extended family. May he rest in peace.

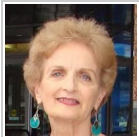
- Rick Goodhand

Rick Goodhand - December 07, 2023 at 02:53 PM

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“ We have known the Perry family for over twenty years. First in a business setting, and soon after as fast friends. He, together with Janet, had a way of pulling you in and making you a part of the family. We are very grateful for our long friendship and the many happy times we shared together. Frank was comfortable wherever he was and made everyone around him feel comfortable as well. We will sorely miss him. Ken and Karen Starr

Kenneth Starr - November 27, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ Dear Janet and family,
We are so very sad to hear of Frank's passing. Frank had a knack for making people feel special, and we felt that on many occasions when we enjoyed your wonderful hospitality. Please know that we will keep Frank and all of you in our prayers.
Love, Jorge and Anne Cantú, Watertown MA

Anne Cantu - November 27, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frank E. Perry.

November 26, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ David A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank E. Perry.

David A. - November 26, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathies for Janet and all your dear family. When Mark wed our daughter, Elizabeth we were also united with the Perrys, and have so enjoyed knowing Frank. What a full and excellent life he made, an honorable son serving his country, a loving and supportive husband, and an engaged father and grandfather sharing his creativity and knowledge and wit. Such a gift to those who will remember him so fondly. Our son John and fiancé Annicka, and my brother Richard and sister Sue in Australia, join us in sending condolences and our love at this distressing time.

Pam and Bob Swieringa, Ithaca NY.

Pam Swieringa - November 25, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank E. Perry.



November 25, 2023 at 09:55 AM

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“ Frank is one of the smartest persons that I ever knew. Frank and my sister Janet were such a great team and a great couple, always headed in the same direction. Frank lived a good life and has a wonderful family. He will be missed by his family and those that knew and loved him.

Rick Cesario - November 24, 2023 at 08:58 PM

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“ Frank was my uncle. I live in California so I didn't get to see him often, but when I did it was always a pleasure and good memories were made. I think he and Janet were in a different house every time I saw them! Frank always had some interesting knowledge or stories to share. As a car enthusiast myself, my fondest memory would have to be when he let me drive his 1963 Corvette Stingray. Just taking a ride in it would have made my day! When he offered to let me drive it I was elated (and a little bit nervous!) If he knew what a lead foot I had in my own car he might have thought twice about letting me take the wheel! I can still remember the roar of that 327 chevy, and the exhilarating feelings going through the gears and taking a few sharp corners, while Frank talked me through some of the nuances of the clutch and gearbox. I did pretty good for a kid who had just learned to drive stickshift recently. I think I was only 17 years old at the time, and here I was driving one of the most collectible American muscle cars ever made! I will never forget that day, and I'm grateful for Frank to trust me behind the wheel of such a valuable classic car. It speaks volumes to his character and what kind of hosts he and Janet are.

-Tim Cesario

Tim Cesario - November 24, 2023 at 05:38 PM