



Frank L. Deaner

November 8, 1922 - December 10, 2011

Frank L. Deaner, 89, of St. Joseph passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Woodlawn Terrace in Bridgman.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 15, at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Wednesday at the Dey-Florin Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Berrien County Sportsman Club. Please share memories, messages, and photos at www.florin.net.

Frank was born on November 8, 1922 in Sodus to Vern and Echo Deaner. He attended Michigan State University where he majored in agricultural and equestrian studies. He married his wife, Dorothy Joan Hosbein, on January 9, 1943 and she preceded him in death on December 19, 2005. Frank farmed in Sodus Township for 20 years and operated the Deaner Farms, was the regional manager for E-Z Flo Chemical Co. for 6 years and was responsible for overseeing the company operations in Iran, was a partner in Blossom Lanes Bowling in Benton Harbor and the Sunset Lanes in Kalamazoo, and was Vice-President of South Michigan Cold Storage for 13 years and after retirement continued to serve on the Board of Directors. He was also a pilot and owned Berrien Aerocrop which did crop dusting and spraying from an airport which he developed and owned in Sodus Township. Frank was a

member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the NRA, Berrien County Farm Bureau, and a life member of the Berrien County Sportsman Club. Along with being a pilot he was also an avid golfer, was a champion skeet and trap shooter and loved fishing and hunting. He and his wife traveled extensively in North America.

He is survived by his children, John (Judie) Deaner of Grand Beach, MI, Gary (Elizabeth) Deaner of Quincy, IN and Christine (John) Hills of Ashboro, MO.; his brother, Bert (Ann) Deaner of Grand Rapids; 6 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Vera VanAntwerp.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

2925 Niles Rd
Saint Joseph, MI 49085
rvcemetery@parrett.net
<http://www.sjcity.com/services/riverview.phtml>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1514
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Service

DEC 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I grew up in Sodus and the Deaner family has always been a part of my life. How well I remember the airplane flying low over Sodus and Kingslanding, I would watch the airplane and wonder how great that feeling would be. My Grandmother, who worked for Mr. Vern Deaner at The basket factory, said "that's Frank, he loves those airplanes." I didn't meet Frank until I was grown. We shared a common interest, shooting at clay targets. He was a great guy and I am saddened by his passing. My condolences to the Deaner family.



Clif Adams

clif adams - December 15, 2011 at 12:50 AM

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“ I met Frank at the BCSC in 1987. I was a new 25 year old member and he immediately took me under his wing. That was a friendship that lasted until he passed last week. Frank had the type personality that everybody likes to be around! He was a man of tremendous class and generosity. We had alot of fun shooting, hunting and playing golf. He was a master story teller and I'm laughing as I write this! I'm really going to miss my friend but I find comfort knowing that he is no longer suffering and is with Dorothy. Thanks for everything dear friend. You are truly loved.

From, Steve Lau

Steve Lau - December 13, 2011 at 03:12 PM

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“ I WILL ALWAYS BE GREATFUL TO YOU DAD: FOR BEING A MENTOR TO MY BEN GALLUP (WITH HIS GETTING BEN STARTED IN HIS QUEST FOR SKEET CHAMPION-SHIP"" AND A GREAT HELP TO ME AT THE BERRIEN COUNTY SPORTMENS CLUB"" DIANA GALLUP

DIANA GALLUP - December 13, 2011 at 08:17 AM