



MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Franklin Charles Karner

May 18, 1937 – October 17, 2018



Franklin Charles Karner, 81, passed from this life on October 17, 2018. Frank was a giant of a man with an even bigger heart whose quick smile, kind words, and quiet strength will be sorely missed. He was born on May 18, 1937 in Luther, Oklahoma to Frank and Esther (Schultz) Karner. He graduated from St. John's Lutheran College in Winfield, KS in 1957 and returned to Luther, Oklahoma to marry Elisabeth Fink. They wed on March 19, 1960. In Frank's words, "they have lived happily ever after." Frank's family

cherishes his and Elisabeth's love story.

Love is something that came naturally to Frank. He loved Elisabeth. He loved his family. Frank was a dedicated Christian who found great joy in spreading God's love. He was an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, serving on numerous boards and committees.

Frank was an enthusiastic traveler and never passed up an opportunity to visit new places, or even re-visit old places. His favorite place to visit was Germany. Frank was mechanically-inclined and had a knack for restoring old cars and old radios. He forged lasting friendships with members of his church and with members of the Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors (OKVRC) and the Heartland Antique Radio Association in Tulsa (HLARA). He was also a member of the Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society (VRPS) of Dallas, Texas.

Frank was an active member of HLARA and contributed so much to the hobby. Although he lived in Midwest City, Frank occasionally attended meetings in

Tulsa and generously donated items to be auctioned to benefit the club. Frank was especially known in the hobby for his expertise in collecting, repairing and restoring German and other European radios. He will be missed by all, but his legacy and spirit will remain with us.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Alfred and Walt. He is survived by his true love, Elisabeth; a daughter, Teresa "Terri" (Jim) Hollarn; and a son, Steven. He is also survived by two granddaughters, Krystina (Christopher) Phillips, and Emily Hollarn, and two great-grandchildren, Callan and Esther Phillips. Frank is survived by two brothers, Roy (Betty) Karner and Harold Karner.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Midwest City and Frank was buried at Arlington Memory Gardens in Midwest City. The family requests that memorials be given to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Heartland Antique Radio Association extend their deepest sympathy to Frank's family and many friends. On behalf of the association we ask that our membership vote this resolution's approval by standing and sharing a moment of silence.

Please stand and join the family for a moment of silence in tribute to our departed member and friend, Frank Karner.

Jerome Thomas, President

R. Scott Petty, Presenter

Presented at the HLARA Membership Meeting, Hardesty Regional Library, Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 15, 2018.