



## Frank Wieckowski

September 25, 2025

Frank Wieckowski, of Sarasota, FL, passed away at age 91 on September 25, 2025. He was born in Chicago, IL, and graduated from Lane Tech High School in 1952.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954 as a Combat Engineer, and was in the reserves until 1962. He then worked at Chicago Rawhide in the synthetic rubber lab. He discovered his true passion, elevators, when he started working at Automatic Elevator in 1956. He was hired as a helper and worked his way up to being a partner. He later acquired full ownership of the company and sold it in 1999. He was elected to the board of the National Association of Elevator Contractors in 1995. In 1983, he helped his wife Michele start Quality Elevator, and in 2008, he started Vator Accessories with his step-daughter Lisa.

Frank was active in the community, and volunteered at many different places over the years. He worked in the SaBra Hadassah Resale Shop, helped feed unhoused people at the Resurrection House, and assisted with landscaping at Beth Shalom. He was a clown with Shriners for decades, visiting sick children and raising money for their hospitals. He was a member of Temple Emanu-el.

Frank loved restoring classic cars, starting in high school when he bought a 1911 Model T for \$10. He later restored over 10 antique cars, and donated

them all to charitable organizations. He also loved traveling, going on dozens of trips with his wife over the years.

He is preceded in death by his children, Frank Jr. and George, and by his parents, Lottie and Frank Sr. He is survived by his wife, Michele, his children, Kathleen, Joanne, Patricia (Mike), Nancy, and Sandra (Scott), his stepdaughters Debbie (Brian) and Lisa (Chris), 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at Palms Memorial Park (170 Honore Avenue) on September 28 at 4 PM, followed by a reception at Temple Emanu-el at 5 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP **28.** 4:00 PM (ET)

Palms Memorial Park Cemetery  
170 Honore Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34232

# Tribute Wall



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