



Neil J Frick

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Neil J. Frick was born July 5, 1927 in Muskegon, Michigan. He passed away July 24, 2013 in Ferrysburg, Michigan. Neil graduated from Muskegon Heights High School as class President in 1947. During High School he was a starter on the varsity football team for two years, teams that never lost a game. After a successful football career at Central Michigan University and graduation, Neil worked as a Cost Accountant for Continental Motors until being drafted into the Army during the Korean War. After serving in the Army he took an accounting position with Chrysler Corporation in Detroit. He left Chrysler in the 1950's and began a successful career as an executive with National Casualty Insurance Co also in Detroit. Upon retirement Neil relocated to Scottville, Michigan in 1986. He began a successful second career when he opened Frick's Old Country Store. The store became a working museum of civil war and American country antiques. Through the store he built a network of the best friends a person could have. His parents Neil and Virginia, and his sister-in-law Jean precede Neil in death. He is survived by his brother Jack and nephews and niece; Jack (Mary) Frick, Barbara (Al) Lowe, Tom (Debbie) Frick, David and Dan Frick; he was also a close uncle to numerous great nieces and nephews SERVICES will be held at 11:00 am on Monday July 29, 2013 at The Lee Chapel 6291 S. Harvey 231-798-1100 with Rev. John Brown officiating. VISITATION will be held 2 hours prior to the service. Memorial contributions can be made to the Scottville Main Street Program. Cards may be mailed to The Frick family at 2456 Beechwood Dr. Grand Rapids MI 49506.



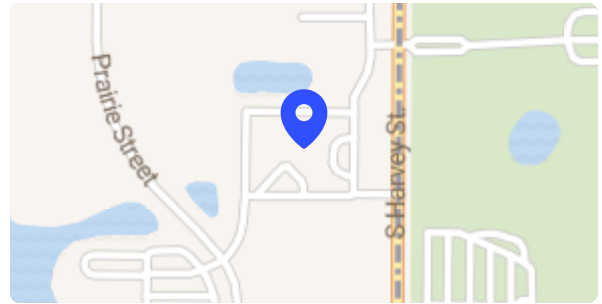
Visitation

 **Monday**, July 29, 2013

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



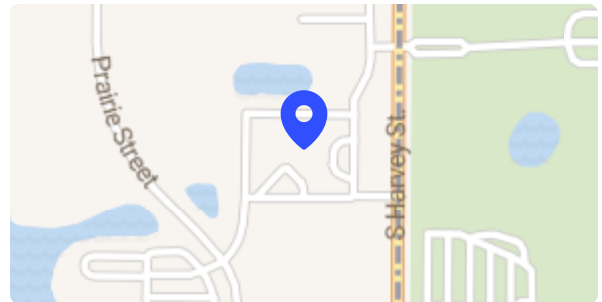
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Tribute Wall

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Rosa Bice shared an album called **New Album Name**.



July 27 at 10:44 AM



Jeff And Cathy Gilchrist posted:

My husband and I printed up the Shoreline Antique Assoc. brochures for the past few years. Neil would come down and let us know when it was about time to think about the next one and he would pick out what color to print the brochure that year. He would always check the map to make sure I had everything in the right place and of course stay and talk awhile. We sure enjoyed seeing him. I felt at a loss this year when setting up the brochure...I wouldn't have those conversations with him anymore. He added so much to our little community just by being here...he is missed!

July 26 at 9:19 AM



Kevin Killeen July 31 at 7:47 PM

For the past ten years or more, every July my family and I have vacationed in Grand Haven, and I always looked forward to making a run up to Scottville to see Neil Frick. As a fellow country store collector, I marveled at his display and loved hearing stories about how he found amazing pieces years ago before all the Buffalo were shot. One story he was fond of telling was how he bought a tin sign showing Chief Joseph. Someone had painted over the advertising for Prince Albert tobacco. Neil experimented on how to bring back the sign to its former glory. He put brake fluid on the unwanted paint over night, then swooshed it off in the morning with a spatula, revealing the lost advertising art. Neil's enthusiasm for collecting was infectious. He gave my then-seven-year old son Jack two arrow heads and a comic book to get him interested in collecting. Jack is now a high school sophomore, but he still has those items up in his room and was sad to hear about Neil passing. The last time I saw Neil was two days before he died in a nursing home. He was sitting in the dining hall and still had a twinkle in his eye. I had no idea he was going to die, and really believed he would get better and be back behind the counter tending store next July. Neil Frick was a true gentleman and I will never forget his personality and the sound of his voice cracking jokes. He used to quote a line his father said to him growing up: "Junior, aren't you ever gonna learn?" Then he would laugh at himself and grin that Neil grin. Kevin Killeen St. Louis



Rosa Bice July 27 at 10:40 AM

Neil is my dad's cousin and mine. He was always greeted with warm enthusiasm at the yearly family reunions and brought chicken as his potluck contribution. Yum! I saw him a few weeks after his July birthday and talked with him for an hour. Always enjoyed visiting with him and even the last time at Heartwood Lodge, gave him a hug and a kiss, and I'm so glad I saw him to say good-bye, not knowing that that fine man would go to heaven before my next visit. Catch you later, Neil. Love always, Rosa Bice.



Media

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Family Reunion 2010



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Neil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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