



Mr. Frank W. Goodnight

December 14, 1947 - April 6, 2018

Frank William Goodnight, 70, of Salisbury, entered the Church Triumphant on April 6, 2018, peacefully at home. Born Dec. 14, 1947, Frank was the youngest of four sons of Loyd Lee Goodnight and Annie Lou Deal Goodnight. A 1966 graduate of South Rowan High School, he was an alumnus of East Carolina University with a major in music and a minor in mathematics.

Frank carried that love of music throughout his life. He was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he sang bass in the Men's Chorus and Chancel Choir. When a seatmate in the chorus began to experience memory loss, Frank quietly helped him keep up with the music.

On June 24, 1967, he married the love of his life, Diane Miller Goodnight. In 2017, they celebrated their 50th anniversary with a Viking River Cruise to Amsterdam, Germany, and Switzerland.

Frank was president and co-owner of Diversified Graphics, a printing, publishing and design firm that he and his wife founded 44 years ago. Diane serves as vice president and co-owner. Before opening Diversified Graphics, Frank was employed at Southern Bell Telephone (now AT&T) in Charlotte, where he served as the advertising sales supervisor with an emphasis on telephone directory advertising.

Frank was active throughout the community, in business and service organizations. He is noted for his small business advocacy. Most significantly, he was a National Federation of Independent Business board member, and was twice appointed to the White House Conference on Small Business in

Washington, D.C. Additionally, he was a Rowan County Chamber Executive Council member and Downtown Salisbury board member. He won numerous awards in both posts.

In the community, he was most proud of his work with the Civitan Club of Salisbury. He served as Governor of the NC District West (2010-2011), and was elected area Civitan of the Year in 2016-2017. He personally recruited more than 75 new members for the Salisbury club, and was instrumental in building three new Civitan clubs in the NC District West.

At St. John's, he was a member of the Congregation Council, and served as a lay assisting minister.

In other congregations, he taught Sunday School for 38 years, and was a retired member of the Johns River Valley Camp Board of Directors.

Frank had a big personality, but an even bigger heart. He served as a shelter volunteer for Rowan Helping Ministries for 15 years; was a member and volunteer at Piedmont Players Theatre for 22 years; and was named Volunteer of the Year with the Salisbury Symphony in 2010.

Frank is survived by his wife, Diane, along with their daughter, Sarah Ellen Isaacs, and her husband, Todd. He is also survived by a brother, Lee Goodnight. Frank and Diane's grandchildren are Michael Del Casino, Catherine Del Casino, Cole Isaacs and Kirsten Isaacs, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Roy Goodnight and James Deal Ritchie.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 W. Innes St., Salisbury, with the Rev. Rhodes Woolly officiating. The Civitan Club of Salisbury will sit together as a group. The family will greet friends immediately following the service in Peeler Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Men's Chorus, c/o St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144, or to Civitan Club of Salisbury, P.O. Box 171, Salisbury, NC 28145.

Whenever you hear a beautiful hymn, or delight in a fabulous symphony piece, or enjoy a thought-provoking play, or give back to your community, or laugh a big and boisterous laugh, or give someone a huge hug, or treat them like a best friend, please take a moment to remember Frank. And like him, endeavor to leave our community a better place.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Goodnight family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11 (ET)

Peeler Hall
200 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Praying for comfort and peace in knowing that Frank is home with his creator, Jesus. Frank's celebration of life service was so inspiring. We know that his family and friends will miss him greatly. You have our deepest sympathy. John & Barbara Sechler.

Barbara Beard Sechler - April 27, 2018 at 01:43 PM

SB

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you, Diane, & your family!
We are so sorry about the loss of your husband, Frank! He was such a fine, caring man & friend to so many!
May God Bless You & Give You & Your Family Peace & Comfort!
Sending much Love & Prayers!
Love,
Terry & Susan Beeker

Susan Beeker - April 12, 2018 at 05:09 AM

JD

“ The Civitan Club of Hendersonville offers our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Frank was truly one of the most dedicated, hard-working, and caring Civitan in the State. We were going to have him speak to our Club in July about his experiences as a Civitan. His expertise will surely be missed.

Regretfully yours,

*Joseph DeStefano
President, Hendersonville Civitan Club*

Joseph DeStefano - April 09, 2018 at 06:45 PM

ST

“ *STALITE purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Frank W. Goodnight.*



STALITE - April 09, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank W. Goodnight.*



April 09, 2018 at 11:16 AM

KJ

“ *Dearest Ellen and family,*

I am so sorry to about the unexpected passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Wishing you much peace,

Kathleen Jonila

Kathleen Jonila - April 09, 2018 at 09:52 AM

MW

I knew Frank through NFIB a wonderful friend who put others first he will surely br missed

Mary. Wells - April 17, 2018 at 03:48 PM

PW

“ *Diane, I just wanted to let you know how sorry to hear of Frank's sudden and unexpected death, it is very difficult to face, Judy and my family are very famaliar with it . I just want to let you know my prayers for you during this trying time will be for great strenght, and a calming peace. We send our love and condolences to you, your daughter and the gradchildren. All my love, Mike an d Patsy Blevins Wolcott*

Patricia B Wolcott - April 09, 2018 at 12:03 AM

LR

Diane,

I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Frank. He was so full of life. I know he will be missed! Best wishes and condolences to you and your family. Please let us know if you need anything. Lena Reinsvold

Lena Reinsvold - April 09, 2018 at 08:35 PM

LB

“ *Dear Diane,*

This is Pastor Larry Bost. Now I am back at my home congregation, Concordia Lutheran Church, China Grove. The Goodnight Family there along with you and your family I keep in my heart of prayer. As a member of St. John's and attending those choir parties with my wife, Linda Bethea, now many good memories of you and Frank bring me a smile. Love and Peace in the days ahead.

Pastor Larry

Larry Bost - April 08, 2018 at 04:15 PM

CD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Diane & your family. Lary and Carol Diehl*

Carol Diehl - April 08, 2018 at 08:03 AM

PL

“ Frank as NC District West Civitan Governor - Elect was the moving factor in turning the NC District West Junior Civitan program around when it was in need of help; all junior Civitans in NC District West owe their fate of becoming the largest and best district in International to his dedication in their making the world a better place in which to live.

As a friend I will always miss him for his energy and enthusiastic way of making everyone feel that as we are here on earth to Make the World a Better Place.

Pat Laney

Pat Laney - April 08, 2018 at 12:16 AM

MP

Diane, my prayers are there for you and your family. Maria Perkins

Maria Perkins - April 08, 2018 at 02:08 PM

GK

I will miss Frank's smile and enthusiastic greeting. His many involvements in community service events will be missed.

Diane, Kathy and I are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Gene Krueger - April 08, 2018 at 03:21 PM

AF

Diane we were saddened to hear of your loss. Know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Your Uncle Al (AW) and Shirley Price Furr.

Al and Shirley Furr - April 08, 2018 at 05:50 PM

LA

I'm so sorry!!! I want you to know that you are all in my thoughts. I'm here for you. Linda Alexander

Linda Alexander - April 09, 2018 at 03:46 PM