



Frank Eugene Rockwell III

March 5, 1947 - December 8, 2014

Frank Eugene Rockwell, III, 67, of Wauchula, passed away in Arcadia on Monday, December 8, 2014. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia on March 5, 1947 and had been a resident of Hardee County for ten years.

Frank worked in the ironwork field as a welder, and is a 40+ year member of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers Union Local 387 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a U. S. Army veteran, loved American freedom, those who fought for it, and he wanted that freedom honored and protected. He was an avid fisherman, deer hunter, and sports fan who loved anything in the great outdoors. Frank loved college football (especially Georgia Tech), Nascar, and watching NASA's space shuttle and rocket launches.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Rockwell, Jr., a brother, Joseph Moore Rockwell, and a sister, Patricia Rockwell Moyer.

Survivors include his mother, Martha Rockwell of Wauchula; three daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Hugh Pittman of Cumming, Georgia, Jenny and Jayme Noe of Satellite Beach, Florida, and Jill and Robby Evans of Hayesville, North Carolina; one brother and sister-in-law, Stephen George and Deb Rockwell of Concord, North Carolina; two sisters and son-in-law, Virginia Rockwell and Robert Bradford of Barboursville, Virginia, and Mary Rockwell

Short of Edwards Air Force Base, California; seven grandchildren, Rachel, Jonathan, Will, and Jackson Pittman, Ashton and Hannah Noe, and Anna Cate Evans; two nieces, Kelley Rockwell Rizzo of Fort Drum, New York, and Stella Rockwell Bradford of Barboursville, Virginia, and two nephews, Evan Rockwell Smith of Denver, Colorado, and Christopher Taylor Litchfield of College Station, Texas.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at the orange grove at 33051 Washington Loop Road in Punta Gorda.

In lieu of flowers, donations, both tangible and monetary can be made in memory of Frank to any of the following organizations: The Salvation Army at <http://donate.salvationarmyusa.org/>, and/or Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at <https://www.michaeljfox.org/>, and/or Operation Homefront at <http://www.operationhomefront.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ *M lit a candle in memory of Frank Eugene Rockwell III*



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Frank E. Rockwell III loved NASCAR and cars, especially Corvettes. He was a 'Days of Thunder' man. He owned a '72 cherry-red Corvette in pristine condition, a '57 robins-egg blue Chevy in pristine condition, a '73 black Corvette, a Suburban, pickup trucks, a huge mug-bogging truck. Frank E. Rockwell III loved to put the pedal to the metal. West Texas with 85mph speed limits was good for him. Just don't go over the Exxon-Baytown TX bridge doin' a 100 in a Corvette, or they'll get cha. NASCAR started by out-runnin' the law.

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Jenny Noe

Such fond memories...thank you for sharing Mary...

Jenny Noe - February 15, 2015 at 08:17 PM



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Frank E. Rockwell III was a giving and generous person. He offered what he had freely. He always had \$100-\$1000 on him at any time and offered it spontaneously to his family, along with the squashes he grew in his 2-acre parcel, relatives' phone numbers so they could stay in touch, and vast amounts of time he spent with my older son.

*Mary R. Smith Litchfield
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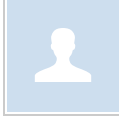
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“ *M lit a candle in memory of Frank Eugene Rockwell III*



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Frank E. Rockwell III had nerves of steel and built the United States into a great country. Frank E. Rockwell III and the Iron Welders of the United States built United States infrastructures. We stand on their sweat and labor and backbone, while we go into our air-conditioned cubicles.

See if you have the guts and fortitude to walk the 4 inch wide beam at 1000-2000 feet above the ground with an iron-welding torch, and do it everyday like he did. It's tougher work than the 8th Airborne.

Some of the projects that Frank E. Rockwell III worked:

- CNN building Atlanta GA. Frank E. Rockwell III worked to build it.*
- Six Flags over America Atlanta GA. Frank E. Rockwell III worked to build it.*
- Bank buildings Atlanta GA. Frank E. Rockwell III worked to build them.*
- Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit (MART) Atlanta GA. Frank E. Rockwell III worked to build it.*
- Near World Trade Center and United Nations NYC buildings. Frank E. Rockwell III worked to build them. He lived in the Rockaways, Long Island. Then he watched as terrorists harmed them and tore them down.*
- Sky-rise office buildings in OH, WI, TN, CA. Frank E. Rockwell III worked to build them.*

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“ *Frank E. Rockwell III loved the United States and everything it represented. He loved his family, his three offspring daughters, NASCAR, football, fishing and hunting. He lived debt-free and owed nothing to no one, which most people cannot claim: he paid cash for his house, his cars, his family's needs and their college education from working 50 hours per week for 35 years. He lived a clean, healthy life: no alcohol, no drugs. He was the salt of the earth.*

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“ *Being the "matriarch" of my cousins, I well remember Frank when he was a little fellow and his years to follow. We had such good times at Mama and Dad Moore's house, at Bob Allison Campgrounds on picnics, and so many other family gatherings. Frank always enjoyed the fellowship and the food! Love, Beth*

Beth J Walton - December 12, 2014 at 09:19 AM



“ *Love you, Daddy...remember our fishing trips and going to the Georgia games with Wallace Potts...fun times! Rest in peace with your maker...*

Jenny - December 11, 2014 at 05:37 PM

JN

“ Love you, "Pots and Pans"...aka Pops...you gave me the nickname "the Hurricane" because I could tear up a house just like a hurricane coming through! I remember our trip to Legoland when I was 5, watching shuttle and rocket launches with you, and playing football in the yard...love you, Pops! Love, Ashton

Jenny Noe - December 11, 2014 at 03:51 PM

JN

“ I fondly remember our fishing times and going to see the Georgia Bulldogs play with Wallace Pots...UGA UGA! Remember the time we saw 93 deer on the side of the highway....love you, Daddy!



Jenny Noe - December 11, 2014 at 03:49 PM

RD

“ Ironworkers Local Union No. 387 would like to express our sympathy for your family's loss.

Robert Duffield - December 11, 2014 at 02:16 PM