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Dr. Frank M. Byers, a widely known and respected thoracic/vascular surgeon in St. Petersburg, died at home on June 2, 2009. Born in Bridgeport, CT in 1933, he moved to Florida with his parents and graduated from St. Petersburg High School in 1951. He received his medical degree from Duke University, where he was elected to the medical honor society of AA. He was a surgical intern and resident at Duke University Hospital, and was subsequently a cardiothoracic surgical resident at the University of Florida. Dr. Byers opened his private surgical practice in St. Petersburg in 1960, from which he retired in 1998. He held the offices of Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery in the early 1990's at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Memberships included American College of Surgeons, International Society of Cardiovascular Surgeons, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and Southern Thoracic Surgical Association. He was an avid boater throughout his adult life, and was a member of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Upon retirement, he continued his boating, made good use of his golf membership at St. Petersburg Country Club, and renewed his teenage fondness for motorcycles in the form of a Honda Gold Wing. He joined his local chapter of the Honda Gold Wing Road Riders Association and enjoyed all the group's activities and camaraderie with his fellow bikers. A gathering of friends and family will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009, 6pm-8pm, at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast are suggested (www.thehospice.org).



Tribute Wall

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PG

Patti Grasso posted:

Our condolences go out to Robert and Patty. I worked for Dr. Byers for 25 years and truly knew what a fantastic surgeon he was. He was wonderful to my family and we enjoyed many boating outings with him over the years. It was a sad day in 1998 when he retired but I know he was happy! He will truly be missed.

June 6 at 12:12 PM

NH

Nancy Osmon Haak posted:

Frank was one of my favorite classmates at St. Pete High School. He loved to play tricks on me. Once, when I wasn't looking, he cut a slit in the bottom of my pocketbook and filled it with confetti. As I walked from the room and down the hall I left a bright shiny trail to his great amusement.

June 6 at 10:48 AM

BR

Barbara Rogers posted:

You will be greatly missed Frank

June 6 at 8:53 AM

JE

Judy Easton posted:

Frank's greatest legacies are his stellar reputation as a physician and his son, Robert, such a fine young man. I also like to think that Frank's influence was, in part, responsible for my own daughter, Julia Kaufman, M.D., becoming a physician. He will be greatly missed by us.

June 6 at 4:46 AM

MB

Marie Barker posted:

Frank was a dearly loved friend for many years. We were fellow boaters and enjoyed so many good times. South Seas Plantation was always a favorite destination. Although I have not seen Frank for many years now, he will be missed. My condolences to all who loved him.

June 5 at 12:21 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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