



## Franz A. Regner

February 23, 1925 - January 24, 2021

Franz Alois Regner, age 95, of Lexington, passed away on Sunday, January 24, 2021.

Franz was born in Wurzburg, Germany on February 23, 1925, son of the late Franz and Emma (Bauer) Regner. He was married to his beautiful wife Irmtraud on December 28, 1954 in Detroit. They were married for 66 years. Franz immigrated to the United States in 1950 and lived the American dream of owning his own business of landscape artistry. He was a gentle man who always had a funny saying for everyone he met. He was constantly teasing his family and 5 grandkids.

Franz is survived by his wife Irmtraud; 3 children, Franz (Judy), Doris (Daniel), and Erich. He was "Opa" to 5 grandkids, who adored him, Erich Jr., Kyle (Sarah), Ryan, Ariel, and Sean-Franz.

He will be remembered and loved always!

A Memorial Service will take place at a later time.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

# Tribute Wall

PP

“ I have wonderful memories of Franz showing me his garden and giving me many gardening tips. Loved hearing his stories of the past, such an interesting man. He will be missed. Pat Petersmark.

Pat Petersmark - February 04, 2021 at 01:13 PM

EF

“ Edith and family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Franz A. Regner.



Edith and family - February 01, 2021 at 02:28 PM

TS

“ We remember Opa as a kind and gentle man. There are so many positive things that he has done to make the world a better place, including his love of family and one another. One thing that stands out is that he was an incredible story teller! He would regale tales of the war with such intensity that it was like a movie playing out right before you. He truly had a gift. The world lost a great man, but is a better place having had him in it. We know he is in a better place right now, with our Lord, in peace. Lots of love and prayers to the family. Therese, Mike, Nick, and Camille Snow

Therese Snow - January 31, 2021 at 02:26 PM

“ I have so many memories of "uncle franz" growing up as Doris's best friend and becoming family truly over the years. His patience stands out to me growing up. I learned to ski because even though i was older, my feet were smaller than Erich's, thus I was invited up north to the Pigeon River property and taught to ski with Erich's old skis and tie boots. I was so excited and nervous and Uncle Franz was so calm. I felt like the luckiest girl in the world when those boots fit and they invited me :), My family will remember laughing at me as i checked a book about skiing from the library and did exercises to strengthen my legs including duck walking to get ready. Opa was so patient with explaining and helping me with everything from the boots, getting the bindings off and on.

One summer I stepped on a bee's nest near the pigeon river. He rescued me, literally scooping me up, I must have been about 10 and scared the last bees away with his pipe, bringing me back so Auntie Irmtraude could make all those stings feel better (maybe with baking soda paste and ice -it was 50 years ago!).

He was such a wonderful creative hard working landscaper. When we bought our first home on Denwood, we had a true west exposure with sun beating into our little home. He got 2 beautiful maples for us at cost, educated Tim on digging the holes and dirt, fertilizer, proper depth, watering etc. The two trees were an expensive purchase for us even at cost but so much bigger than anything we could have obtained. I remember the rejoicing when he brought them to us on his truck and the holes were not too deep nor too shallow when the giant root ball and tree rolled in. Those maples made such a difference in shade and comfort to our home within 1-2 years because they were bigger to begin with. Tim has been using Uncle Franz's education lately with Michelle & Matt and Kevin and Danielle, new trees for new homes.

My parents, Mary Anne and Joe Uetz always treasured their life-long friendship with the Regnars. They had so much fun on a trip to Germany that was my dad's dream. Uncle Harry went with them

*making everything easier and more fun. What great pictures and memories they came back with. I remember how happy my mom and dad would be looking forward to a visit to Lexington after the Regnars move from Pardee in Dearborn Heights. I remember Uncle Franz employing my dad when he lost a job. There is no better help in the world to someone who does not have a job.*

*Last May, we stopped to deliver some food and flowers. We sat on the back porch with masks on and meant to only have a brief visit due to Covid but ended up staying a few hours just talking and enjoying being in person together. We were there first visitors in months. Uncle Franz came out with us and though we had refused refreshments when first arriving, was concerned. He said to Auntie Irmtraude, shouldn't we give them something? Just tea even. He always was sunny side up as someone else said with his cute little sayings. His love will go on in all our memories and beautifully always in his grandchildren.*

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**Denise KERR** - January 29, 2021 at 07:19 AM

FP

“ *We're so sorry to hear the sad news. Franz was a beautiful and gracious man who always had a kind word and an interesting story to impart...wink included. We have fond memories of hanging with him at many a family party. He loved his family and was proud of their many accomplishments, all you had to do was ask him. Our thoughts, prayers, and sincere condolences. He is missed.*

*Frank & Jerilyn Petersmark*

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**Frank Petersmark** - January 28, 2021 at 09:05 PM

CH

“ I'll miss you so much. That sly smile and your silly jokes will forever remain in my heart. ❤️💕



Christopher - January 28, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Franz A. Regner.



January 28, 2021 at 11:53 AM

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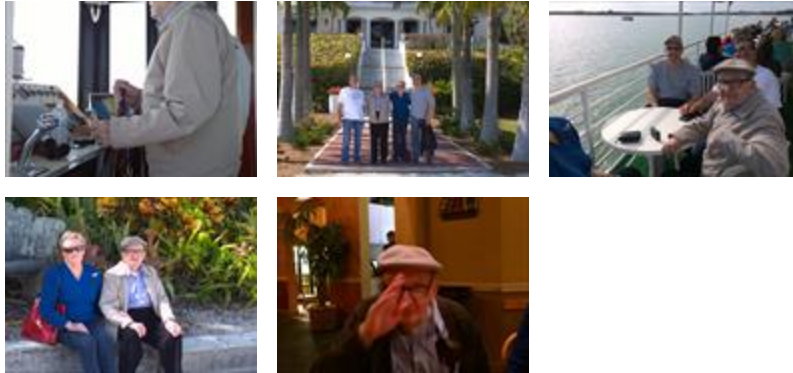
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Erich Regner - January 28, 2021 at 10:52 AM

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Erich Regner - January 28, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Franz A. Regner.



January 28, 2021 at 09:38 AM

HF

“ Harry and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Franz A. Regner.



Harry and Family - January 28, 2021 at 05:23 AM

MB

“ I will always remember dear Franz as “ Sunny Side Up.” I have so many fond memories of this gentle man and will always be grateful for the time I spent with him.

*My thoughts and prayers to Irmtraud and their beautiful family. God Bless.*

*Maria Briones*



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**Maria Briones** - January 27, 2021 at 08:53 PM

Sefora-Sefi Gillies

“ My deepest sympathy to Irmtraud and her family at this time of sorrow. I met Mr. Regner a few years ago and I had the privilege of bringing Holy Communion to him a couple of times and I was inspired by his devotion to the Eucharist and his faith and trust in the Lord. Then Ken Maher ministered to him until he recuperated enough to attend Mass.  
It always made me happy to see Irmtraud so lovingly bringing him to Church.

*May he Rest in Peace.*

*Sefora M Gillies*

*Ave Maria Parish*

*Homebound Ministry.*

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**Sefora-Sefi Gillies** - January 27, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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**Dan Petersmark** - January 26, 2021 at 09:01 PM

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**Dan Petersmark** - January 26, 2021 at 08:54 PM

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**Dan Petersmark** - January 26, 2021 at 08:53 PM

MF

*I will always remember Franz as a emphatically, nice brother in law.  
Love you! Rest in peace!*

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**Margit Funke** - January 29, 2021 at 06:47 AM

VV

*Love this picture of Franz, a true gentleman  
Vicky*

Vicky Vaughn - February 07, 2021 at 07:13 PM

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Dan Petersmark - January 26, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the  
family of Franz A. Regner.*



January 26, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Franz A. Regner.*



January 26, 2021 at 08:08 PM

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**Dan Petersmark** - January 26, 2021 at 07:12 PM

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**Dan Petersmark** - January 26, 2021 at 07:05 PM

HF

*My heart is bleeding but it was time for you to go. In beloved thoughts and memories i will miss you. Love Harry*

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**Heinrich Funke** - January 27, 2021 at 09:56 AM

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**Dan Petersmark** - January 26, 2021 at 06:41 PM

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Dan Petersmark - January 26, 2021 at 03:56 PM

GR

*Beautiful photo, three very handsome people!*

**gretchen** - January 27, 2021 at 12:40 PM

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Dan Petersmark - January 26, 2021 at 03:52 PM

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**Dan Petersmark** - January 26, 2021 at 03:37 PM

BR

“ So sorry to hear of the loss, I so enjoyed talking with Franz while he was waiting for Irmtraud to get out of work at Macys. A very kind man.

*Brian Gordon*

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**Brian** - January 26, 2021 at 12:33 PM