

Frank Joseph Valentine Chan, age 85, of Forada, Minnesota, passed away on Friday, December 28, 2018.

Frank was born February 14, 1933, in Reno Township - Pope County, the son of Henry and Antonia (Kuchynka) Chan. He attended Lowry School through 8th grade. As a child, teen and adult, Frank was known for pulling pranks and antics, inventions and being able to build anything. His favorite invention stories included trying to fly out of the haymow by attaching wooden wings to his arms or when he made skis for his bicycle.

On June 1, 1953, Frank was united in marriage to Alice Leona Eblen. To this union three children were born: Kathryn, Judith and Todd.

In 1974, Frank and Alice purchased a small hobby farm in Forada. Together, they raised cattle, hogs and small grain. In 1985, they converted to exotic animals. This started the adventure of Chan's Maple Lake Game Farm where many visitors over the years could see black bear, coyote, raccoon, whitetail and mule deer, many varieties of fox, llama, donkeys, rheas, turkey, geese and exotic chicken and pheasant breeds. They transitioned to elk farming in 1987 being the sixth farm in Minnesota to raise elk. At times, up to 60 head could be seen peacefully roaming their pastures.

Frank worked many jobs over the years. He worked as a gunsmith having a tremendous passion for building, repairing and learning about various types of guns. He worked as a police chief in Circle, MT and for the Alexandria Police Department. While working for the local PD, Frank worked for Engstrom/Maetzold Furniture/Funeral Home. He also worked for Vern Bison Mobile Homes Sales and Service and finally as a purchasing agent at Douglas Machine for over 30 years.

Frank was a skilled woodworker. He enjoyed working in his shop building furniture, quilt racks, and shelves for family and friends. The homes of his children and grandchildren are adorned with items Frank lovingly built. Frank and Alice also built their home on Maple Lake in 1985.

Frank was an active member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Vintage Car Club. He enjoyed working on sponsorships for various events and could always be seen with a book of raffle tickets in his pocket. Always a salesman.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Alice; infant daughter, Kathryn; parents, Henry and Antonia; siblings, Richard, Ruby, and Robert; and, granddaughter, Brittany. Frank is survived by his children, Judith (James) Chlian and Todd Chan; granddaughters, Tonya (Keith) Franks and Tara (Troy) Ellis; step-grandson, Mike Chlian; great-grandsons, Bryce Prouty and Brock Franks; and brother, Henry Chan. Frank is survived by many loving Chan and Eblen family members.



The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Loving Memory of
**Frank Joseph Valentine
Chan**

February 14, 1933



December 28, 2018

Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota

Friday, January 4, 2019

1:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Donald Wilke

Musical Selections

"Rock of Ages"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

"In The Garden"

Cemetery

Bohemian Independent

Lake Mary Township

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota