



Frank Auf der Maur



August 3, 1926 – February 7, 2021



Lifetime member **Frank Auf der Maur** of Pleasanton, CA passed away peacefully at his home on **Sunday, February 7, 2021** of natural causes at the age of 94.

Frank was born August 3, 1926 in Steinen, Switzerland to parents Josef and Rosa Auf der Maur. He was the second of six children. Following in his father's footsteps, Frank loved to work with wood and went to trade school to become a cabinet maker. Frank started his own business in Switzerland, and one of his commissions was making caskets. As Frank told it, when someone passed, he would take measurements of the body, then custom build a (pine box) casket.

Frank's friend Conrad Rickenbach introduced him to his cousin Alma, a beautiful young woman who was visiting Switzerland with her parents. He fell madly in love, and at the age of 26, decided to make the move to America so he could marry the love of his life. Frank and Alma were married on December 5, 1953. They settled in Pleasanton where Frank started his business, Pleasanton Building and Development, with partner Conrad Rickenbach. They built a successful, thriving business working together for over 60 years, building and managing property both together, and individually.

Frank and Alma raised three daughters, Alma, Pauline (Cookie), Anita, and son Frank Jr. After 40 wonderful years of marriage, Frank's loving wife Alma passed away in 1993.

In 1995, having been widowed for a few years, Frank decided to take a "Jolly Swiss" tour to South Africa, that Rosemary Ramsell was organizing. It was on this trip that he met another widower, Rosemary Enz, from Holtville, CA. The two soon became an "item", and within months of returning home, they decided to marry. Frank and Rosemary were married on April 12, 1996 and enjoyed nearly 25 years of marriage. Together they were able to enjoy their "golden years" and were truly blessed to have so many friends and interests in common.

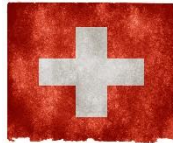
Frank and Rosemary enjoyed going to Schwingfests, and being a part of the local Swiss community. Frank put his woodworking skills to work, making the barstools that still grace the Newark Swiss hall. The barstools were donated to raise funds, with nameplates placed on each stool to commemorate the donation. He also made various wooden artifacts; plates, clocks etc., which were then hand painted by Eda Mae Betschart, as Schwinger prizes.

Frank is survived by his loving wife, Rosemary; sister, Rosa in Switzerland, and will be greatly missed by his children, Son-in-Law, Wayne Swisher, daughter Pauline (Cookie) Cameron, daughter Anita Auf der Maur and son Frank Auf der Maur, Jr.

He was blessed with seven grandchildren; Brett (Daphne) Swisher, Brian (Tara) Swisher, Grant Cameron, Andrea (Chris) Gordon, DeAnna (Tom) Bradley, Nik (Corrine) Colella, and Zachary Auf der Maur; eleven great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren, as well as his nephew Juerg (Annemarie) Auf der Maur.

Frank also acquired four stepchildren through his marriage to Rosemary. Walter (Cyndy) Enz, Paul (Shirley) Enz, Robert Enz and Alice (Ed) Inderbitzin. They grew to love and respect Frank and were blessed to have such a loving husband for their mother, and Grandpa Frank to their children.

Frank was preceded in death by wife Alma, daughter Alma Swisher, and son-in-law Bob Cameron; His brothers Josef (Father Ivo), and Alois, sisters Anna and Hedwig (Hedy).



SERVICES: Friday, February 19th 2021 at 10:00 am; Rosary with Mass to follow; St. Augustine Catholic Church; 3999 Bernal Avenue; Pleasanton, CA 94566; Limited to 150 people – please RSVP to aufdermauranita@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

COMMITTAL: A private graveside service to follow.

REMEMBERANCES: In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club, Newark or American Hospice & Home Health Services, 6850 Regional St. Suite 100 A/B, Dublin, CA 94568

Cards can be sent to: Anita Auf der Maur 1745 Sixth Street, Livermore, CA 94550

Our deepest condolences to the Auf der Maur Families - Chris Schallberger - SJVSC