



## Frank A. Bower

April 7, 2020

Frank A. Bower, a long-time resident of Woodstown, passed away on April 7, 2020 at the age of 91. Born May 8, 1928, in Hastings, Nebraska, Frank was the older of two children born to Ralph and Helen Bower. He graduated from Hastings High School in 1945 and became the first in his family to graduate from college, earning his bachelor's degree from Hastings College in 1949. He went on to earn both a master's and doctoral degree in Chemistry from the University of Nebraska before moving to New Jersey in 1953 where he began a nearly 30-year career at DuPont.

Frank met his wife, Nellie Bonino, on a blind double date with a coworker in 1953. He and Nell were married in 1954. Shortly thereafter, Frank was drafted and, after basic training, was assigned to the Research and Development Command of the U.S. Army in Natick, Massachusetts, where he served for two years. After his military service, Frank returned to work at DuPont and to Woodstown where the couple raised their two sons.

Frank became an authority on atmospheric chemistry in the 1970's. He appeared on TV news shows and testified before government agencies; he coauthored a book entitled "Stratospheric Ozone and Man." During this time, Frank also served as the Woodstown Shade Tree Commissioner.

Frank loved knowledge and learning. As a life-long learner, he frequented the

local library, researched the family's ancestry extensively, and enjoyed listening to and playing classical music on the piano. Some of his happiest moments included teaching and playing chess with his grandchildren and spending time with family and friends at the family's summer cottage on North Lake in New Brunswick, Canada. He shared stories and knowledge with his family both near and far through telephone calls and handwritten letters. He was an avid coin collector and puzzle solver and enjoyed a good baseball game.

Inseparable for more than 64 years, he is predeceased by his wife, Nell. He is survived by his sons CAPT (ret) Eric A. Bower, MC, USN (Susanne) of Munford, TN, and Dr. David B. Bower (Antonia) of Hillsborough, NJ. Frank's grandchildren are LT Evan Bower USN (Elizabeth) of Jacksonville, FL; Layne Bower of Indianapolis, IN; Laura Bower (NJ); Julia Bower (PA); Erica Bower (NY); and Andrew Bower (NJ). He is also survived by his sister-in-law Janet Wright of Glassboro, NJ, and several nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at Bethel Cemetery in Hurffville, NJ, on Tuesday, April 14 at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the St. Joseph's University Legacy Scholarship Fund at <http://giving.sju.edu/legacy> or The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Library Association, 14 School Lane, Woodstown, NJ 08098.

# Cemetery Details

**Bethel Cemetery**

Sewell, NJ

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am saddened at the loss of this great and gentle man. He was a loving husband to his beautiful wife Nell, a loving father to his sons Dave and Eric and their extended families, one of which is my sister Toni, as well as a loving grandfather to all of his grandchildren, four of which are my nieces and nephew. I am so sorry for their loss. Frank will be sadly missed at all of the family parties and holidays at which I had the pleasure of his company over many years. He always brought a smile to my face. He is now at peace reunited with his beloved Nell. Rest In Peace Frank, you will be forever in our hearts.

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**Darienne Speranza** - April 15, 2020 at 08:29 AM

DI

“ Dear Bower Family,  
One of the greatest joys in life is having the opportunity to see the impact that one's patriarch has on children, and grandchildren. Last year the AIM Community has the opportunity to witness 3 generations of "Bower Power" teaching at one time in our school. Watching Julia, Dad, and of course "Grandpa Frank" teach and connect with our students was nothing short of mesmerizing. So here's to you Grandpa Frank, and the beautiful legacy you have given us. Thank you for your service to our country, your passion for education, and your love of family.

Our Deepest Sympathies,  
Ed Gallagher and the Entire AIM Family.

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**Dr. Edward J. Gallagher III** - April 14, 2020 at 09:22 AM

RC

“ Our sincere condolences to his sons David and his family, also to Eric and his family at this time. Frank used his life on earth to the fullest. He accomplished so many great things and for that his family will be forever proud. A Life well lived and should be celebrated!  
Sincerely, Robert and Lu Anne Cesare

Robert and Lu Anne Cesarene - April 13, 2020 at 06:47 PM

IT

“ Infineum PSRC Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frank A. Bower.



Infineum PSRC Team - April 13, 2020 at 03:28 PM

JE

“ Our warmest wishes at your loss, especially in these especially atypical days. May the warm memories you have of Frank as a person (or a parent, a grand parent, ...) bring you peace and gratitude for having had him on your lives.

Jeff - April 13, 2020 at 01:54 PM

EK

So sorry for your loss, may he rest in peace.  
Ed K

Ed Krotulis - April 14, 2020 at 07:37 AM

EP

*This is such a good picture of how I remember Frank. I remember him as a kind and welcoming person. Yet he had a great presence of strength combined with gentleness. I felt he was a man of great character and one could trust him. He was loyal and faithful and always appropriate. Frank was a welcome addition at all our family gatherings and always joined in our great conversations. We will all miss him very much. Rest in Peace Frank, I know you are pleased to have Nell at your side once again.*

*Elizabeth Piano and family (David's in-laws)*

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**Elizabeth Piano** - April 15, 2020 at 11:58 PM