



Frank Thornton Hodnett

January 3, 1933 - January 18, 2021

Frank Thornton Hodnett, 88, of Long Island, Virginia died Monday, January 18, 2021 at Centra Health Lynchburg General Hospital. He was born January 3, 1933 in Halifax County, a son of the late Frank Benjamin Hodnett and Lucille Glass Hodnett. He was the devoted husband of Emma "Patty" Martin Hodnett and they recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on July 18th, 2020. Frank was the co-founder and owner of Frank's Place, Inc. of Long Island which began operation in 1947 and closed its door in 2013 after 66 years in business. During those over six decades it was clear that Frank had a passion for cars, business and conversation. He ran a very successful full-service auto parts and auto body business which allowed him to utilize all his many gifts to the fullest.

Over the years he channeled his love of cars into the sport of stock car racing at South Boston Speedway in South Boston, Virginia where he sponsored and supported his son-in-law and grandson's racing teams. He also had a love of classic car restoration and spent many hours over the years devoted to this hobby.

When he wasn't working, he could always be found surrounded by family and friends at home or on the lake. Over the years he loved to drive fast (anything fast), water ski, jet ski, tube, play croquet and of course school anyone willing to play against him in a game of cards, any cards. To all who knew him it was

evident that he had never met a stranger in his entire life and he had an infectious laugh and smile that made you feel like you had known him all your life.

He would also tell the most wonderful stories of days gone by, his favorite cars, the way things used to be and all of the trouble he may or may not have gotten into.

In addition to his wife he is survived by one son, Frank Randall Hodnett of Long Island, VA, one daughter, Rebecca Hodnett Worley and her husband Steve of Daytona Beach, FL and one granddaughter by birth but daughter in heart, Kimberly Carwile-Watson and her husband Rob of Lynchburg, VA; one sister Freda H. Yeatts and her husband Winfred of Lynchburg; two additional grandchildren, Scott Worley (Tabitha) and Evan Hodnett (Lisha Jo); seven great-grandchildren, Justin Carwile (Stephanie), Lauren Carwile, Jason Carwile, Brooke Worley, Blake Worley, Addison Hodnett and Dalton Hodnett; and one great-great-grandson Landon Carwile.

He is also survived by two special nieces-in-law; Barbara Irby (Clarence) and Joan Grishaw (Roger).

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter Megan Hodnett; two sisters, Ann Cunningham Jamerson and Georgia Webber Frye; and two brothers, Hubert and Michael Wayne Hodnett.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Kedron Baptist Church, Gladys, (where he was a member) by the Rev. Shelton Miles with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of family visitation, viewing will be available from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service,

Gladys.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Kedron Baptist Church, P.O. Box 38, Gladys, VA 24554, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9956.

Cemetery Details

Kedron Baptist Church Cemetery

7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Gladys
124 Flynn St.
Gladys, VA 24554

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kedron Baptist Church
7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Thornton Hodnett*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 19, 2021 at 08:52 AM

SK

Dear Evan and the rest of family. I remember him to be a loving man and business man. Did not realize, I've known him well over 50yrs. Love and prayers

Sandy Bell Kelley - January 21, 2021 at 12:31 PM

JL

“ *James Lukin lit a candle in memory of Frank Thornton Hodnett*



James Lukin - February 19, 2021 at 01:08 PM

MA

“ *i remember frank as a great guy,i bought parts for my old cars in the 60s, i knew roger and joan, who were so fond of him and patty. he always seemed to sell me parts cheaper than anyone else. frank , you set an example for us to live by.my wife and i will always remember you and patty. love mo and ann*

mo and ann - January 23, 2021 at 11:46 AM

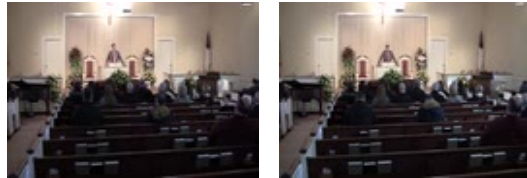
DH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers from the Dannie Hancock family.

Dsnnie & Mary Jo Hancock - January 22, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Funeral Service



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 21, 2021 at 04:58 PM

BH

“ Sending prayers to you Patty and all of your family!! So sorry to hear about Frank and what a terrific man he was and loved his Lord. So glad we were friends since we were just kids and walked to each other's house!!! Love y'all so very much and praying!!! 🙏🙏🙏

Betty Hamlet - January 20, 2021 at 08:16 PM

TD

“ We are so sorry for your great loss. Frank was a wonderful friend and a great man. He always treated everyone with respect. He was a pillar in our community and will be greatly missed. Keeping your family in our prayers. Love always PeeWee and Teresa Dalton.



Teresa Dalton - January 20, 2021 at 06:41 PM

JM

“ Sorry for your loss. I know this is rough but we all know he is better off. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joey, Brenda, JR and Courtney Mason - January 20, 2021 at 04:42 PM

NS

“ Always a kind and gracious man and a staple in the community



Nellie Smith - January 20, 2021 at 02:04 PM

TW

“ Tommy Walker lit a candle in memory of Frank Thornton Hodnett



Tommy Walker - January 19, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Frank Thornton Hodnett.



January 19, 2021 at 02:14 PM

RG

“ *Uncle Frank will be missed! He always treated us like one of his children. We have such wonderful memories of times spent at his home in Buggs Island and many late nights spent at South Boston Speedway. Rest in Peace, Until we meet again! Love you all!*



Roger and Joan

Roger and Joan Grishaw - January 19, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ *101 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 19, 2021 at 08:38 AM

AY

Our prayers for the family!

Alfred and Judy Yeatts - January 19, 2021 at 09:49 AM

GI

Patty, Becky and Randy

It saddens me to hear of Frank's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you, May God's presence keep abound during this difficult time.

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Php 4:7 (KJV)

Glenn & Mary Irby

Glenn Irby - January 20, 2021 at 10:38 PM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss. Frank was a long time family friend. We never met without laughing and talking about something funny. He always had that sweet smile and laugh. Thoughts and prayers for all the family.

Ronnie and Fay Chalmers - January 19, 2021 at 08:16 AM

RC

“ Ronnie And Fay Chalmers lit a candle in memory of Frank Thornton Hodnett



Ronnie and Fay Chalmers - January 19, 2021 at 08:09 AM