



Frank Bouis

April 18, 1926 - November 8, 2011

Obituary of Frank Bouis

Frank Stephan Bouis, age 85 of Yalaha, Florida died November 8, 2011 at home with his loved ones present. He was predeceased by his parents, Clarence Moore and Marjorie Preston (Smith)Bouis; his brother, John Eben Bouis, Sr; and his first wife, Virginia Bailey Bouis. Frank was born April 18, 1926 in Swissvale, Pa., and grew up in Winchester County, New York and Washington, D.C. He attended University of Maryland where he was a member of the ATO Fraternity, and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. in 1948 after a brief interruption to attend Flight School and serve in the United States Navy during WWII. Upon his MIT graduation with a Mechanical Engineering degree, he went to work at Wright Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio in the Research Laboratory on the early liquid oxygen fuel development. Because of his love for Florida and the outdoors, he left the research world and in late 1950 moved to Gainesville to attend the University of Florida for further studies, graduating in 1952 with a degree in Citriculture. He later returned to UF in the 1980s to do post graduate studies in Anthropology and Archeology. His other love, of the water and sailing, prompted him to study, qualify for and obtain a certified United States Coast Guard Auxilliary Commercial Captain's license. Additionally, after being first on the scene of an automobile accident, and feeling helpless to help the victims, he studied, qualified for and became

certified as a Paramedic. He spent his early agricultural years working for his grandfather, C.G. Bouis in Ft. Meade, Florida, then with Sam Slough in Dade City, Florida continuing his endeavors in the citrus and cattle industry. Upon the death of his grandfather in 1958, Frank and his father moved to Leesburg, and took over the family citrus business and acreage in Marion, Lake, and Polk counties. For many years he has been a successful citrus grower in his own right, but also operated a 4000 acre grove caretaking, harvesting and marketing business in central Florida. Since the devastating freezes of the 1980's, Frank has continued to replant and maintain his own acreage in the Howey in the Hills & Yalaha, Florida area. Frank has been a recognized leader in Florida's citrus and agricultural industries for many years. He has served as President of Lake County Farm Bureau, President of Univ. of Fla. Agricultural Counsel and SHARE, President of Florida Citrus Mutual, President of Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, and President of Florida Citrus Grower's Associates. Additionally he served on the Florida Citrus Commission for two terms (appointed by then Gov. Bob Graham), and served as Chairman for Gov. Graham's Future of Florida Agriculture Committee to help develop a blue print for where the industry might be heading after the mid 1980's freezes, and the subsequent landscape changes that followed. Frank also did agricultural consulting for US AID and for the World Bank, traveling to Europe, Africa and South America on their behalf. He also participated in the exchange of ideas between The United States agricultural community and the European Union as a representative for the US Chamber of Commerce with the leaders of the EU. He has received many awards and accolades for his dedication to Florida agriculture: Inducted into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame, received recognition by University of Florida's Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture, University of Florida's Institute of Agricultural Sciences' Distinguished Service Award, Florida Fruit & Vegetable's Distinguished Service Award, University of Florida's Citrus Club Man of the Year Award. He has been active in his community both on city and county levels serving for many years as a Director of Citizen's National (Huntington) Bank, a member

and President of the Leesburg JayCee's and Rotary Clubs, served on numerous Lake County committees to help guide early Comprehensive Planning with special interests towards protecting the property rights of land owners. Frank also received the Lake County Community Service Business Achievement Award and the Lake County Property Appraisers' Man of the Year Award. He is survived by his wife, Cathye (Jones) Bouis; 3 daughters, Stephanie Bailey Bouis of Chapel Hill, NC, Martha Bouis Peterson (C. Linn) of Southwest Ranches, Fl, Patricia Bouis Thompson (Paul M.) of Mt. Plymouth Fl, a son, Henry Jacob Stephan Bouis (Traci) of Clermont, Fl; 6 grandchildren, Caylinn Virginia Bouis Peterson, Marlee Frances Bouis Peterson, Bailey Virginia Thompson, Rachel Isabella Thompson, Bobbi Marie Valant, and Jacob Preston Bouis. He is also survived by his nephews, John Eben Bouis, Jr. (Debbie) of Olympia, Wash, Jeremy Rynell Bouis of Irvington, Va., Charles Michael Bouis (Kim) of White Stone, Va. and niece Deborah Bouis Rhodes (Hubert) of Irvington, Va. He has several cousins, great nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to join the family on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Leesburg Boat Club @ Venetian Gardens from 2:00-4:00 for Fellowship, and Celebration of Frank.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Florida Southern College, noted for the Citrus Hall of Fame Museum and Archives, the Frank S. Bouis Fellowship. Please contact John Jackson at jackson71344@yahoo.com for further information.

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *My heartfelt sympathy and love is extended to you all. The last time I saw your dad was at the all-district band concert when you sat behind us. He was a proud father and grandfather.*

Jane Hastings James - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *Frank was one of a kind, and lived his life respected by all who were fortunate enough to call him "friend". He was a mentor to many of us, and demonstrated what an honest and caring man can accomplish in this life. We will all miss him. GOD bless his family, and may his soul rest eternally in the LORD's arms.*

ed havill - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Frank was an unusual man as his father was. I met them both in the library in 1962. When M. was a little girl. Both Tall, both educated, both kind and strong of heart and mind. His first wife Va. went to bat for me with my boss. Frank became an ally. I appreciated the crown he brought me at my retirement party. I will never forget his kindness and gentle sense of humor. I will miss him and my prayers go out to his family. JoAnn Johnson x librarian at Leesburg Public Library of which he supported.*

JoAnn B. Crawford Johnson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Bouis Family, I am sorry for your loss of Frank. I know he will be missed. My mother Linda served with him on the Board of Citizens for many years, she liked him very much and respected him greatly. He was a good guy, honest and straight forward, not easy to come by these days. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Shar Spradlin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ To Cathye and Bouis Family Members: Friends and family have lost a great colleague. A man respected in Central Florida, Southeast, the nation and foreign countries. The hours spent working and learning from Frank will never be forgotten. He was truly a "Big Man" with a "Big Heart". He will be missed by all, but not forgotten as a working man and farmer's friend. Words cannot express how we feel, however, the memories will prevail.

W. Glenn Tyre - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Remembering your Dad takes me (Tina) back to S. Moss St. and spending time at your house. Since he was big and had a low voice, I was scared of him. I now know that I needn't have been. From reading the obituary Mark and I were impressed by what an interesting life he led. I know you will miss him. Our sincere condolences. Tina and Mark Colson

tina and mark colson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dear Pat & family, I am very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I have some fun memories of your Dad & Mom when I would spend the night at your house. I know he will be sorely missed! Please know that you are in my prayers during your difficult time. In friendship, Lori

Lori Feustel - Rheume - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Cat - Thinking of you and your family...I hope your sweet memories of your life with Frank will keep your heart full and help to soothe your sadness in the days ahead. The horses will help too. I send my Love and Big Hugs - xoKate & TITAN sends his too

Kate Donahue - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Cathye and family, I was so sorry to hear of Franks passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I really admired Frank and will miss him and his wonderful stories. God Bless, Ray

Ray Whaley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Cathye, I am sorry to read and hear of this. I know that the stories I have heard over the years, and from the articles I have read lately, mean that you will have many great memories of him.

Paul Holland - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Hey Cathye, So sorry to read about Frank. He was a big man with a big heart & spirit that we'll miss. If we can do anything for you, don't hesitate to call. THE BURKES

Karen & Fred - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM