



Frederick F. Klapproth

June 3, 1943 - December 1, 2023

Frederick Frank Klapproth, 80, of Ocean Township, NJ, passed away on December 1, 2023, after a sudden illness. He was born on June 3, 1943, to Adolf and Josephine Klapproth, and raised in Ridgewood, Queens, New York. After obtaining his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Fred accepted a position as a Systems Engineer at Bell Labs in Holmdel, New Jersey and pursued a career in the telecommunications industry.

In his retirement, Fred joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary where he held various positions, including Flotilla Commander. He exhibited his passion for educating others by teaching classes on boat safety. Community minded, Fred also was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels.

Family was the center of Fred's world. He is survived by his loving wife, Maureen Klapproth, and their three daughters, Carolyn Newcomb (Brian), Joanna Swaun, and Bethany Sanders (Tim) and his sisters, Jane Patterson and Linda Studer. Fred's love will live on through his seven grandchildren, each a testament to the values he instilled.

There will be no public services. To honor Fred's memory, in lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations to be made to Fulfill, a local food bank www.fulfillnj.org.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

LT

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Fred's passing. I have known Fred since first meeting him at the Boaters Safety Class in 2012 as a student. He was an excellent teacher and later became a mentor to me, spending hours helping me to complete the Boat Crew certification. Later, Fred and I spent years working together with the Boating Safety Classes as well as going on missions together. He was always talking about his family, was very down to earth and a perfect gentlemen.

The world was a better place with Fred in it and I know he will be missed. My sincere condolences to the Klapproth family. Rest in Peace Fred.

Lisa Terrill

Lisa Terrill - December 18, 2023 at 01:35 PM

LS

“ My Uncle Freddy was such a kind man who would do anything for his family. After becoming a quadriplegic from a car accident, at age 17, Uncle Freddy was always there. He drove to the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont to set up my first computer in 1987. He spent hours putting it together: configuring the accessibility features, installing hardware, and patiently teaching me about the programs. It added to the quality of my life. When my parents and I visited his home, he found a way to get my 250 pound wheelchair and me on his sailboat so I could experience being out to sea again. It added normalcy.



When my brother became a widower, Uncle Freddy flew to Florida to not only help him with a project, but to spend time with him. Furthermore, after my brother passed away, he didn't hesitate to fly back to FL and be there for my parents when my sister and I asked him to.

He was loved, and appreciated and will be missed terribly. Love to you Aunt Maureen, Carolyn, Joanna, Bethany, and grandkids.

Loretta Studer

Loretta Studer - December 09, 2023 at 05:11 PM

BN

“ I am very sorry to hear about Fred. I will always remember his kind, caring and helpful demeanor. My sincere condolences to the Klapproth family.

Bill Nitto - December 07, 2023 at 10:09 PM

DK

“ I’m glad to have met my greatcousin Frederick and his wife Maureen with his sisters Linda and Jane and their husbands at my home in Berlin and to be together with all of them during a family reunion in the US where I told to all of them the history of our family. His passing away makes me really feel sad, but in my mind he is still alive and in the family history anyway.

Dieter Klapproth - December 07, 2023 at 12:41 PM

LS

“ My brother, Fred, shared my greatest joys and deepest sorrows. I knew he always had my back. How to comprehend a loss of this magnitude?

Linda Klapproth Studer - December 06, 2023 at 05:29 PM

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“ Fred was a good family man, friend, teacher, volunteer and all around good guy. He will be missed by all, but more importantly he will be remembered by all.
Richard & Kathleen Hickey

Richard Hickey (neighbor) - December 05, 2023 at 08:10 PM

JN

“ Fred was extremely generous with sharing his boating knowledge to fellow Auxiliary members. A gentleman

Jamie B Norek - December 04, 2023 at 06:33 PM

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear the news about Fred's passing. When Fred started delivering Meals-on-Wheels for the Township the first thing he asked me was if there were more meals to deliver. The route he'd been given was too small and he wanted to do more. I believe this is a testament as to the type of person Fred was. He always wanted to do more for his fellow residents and community.

Fred made Ocean Township a better place and he will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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Mark S Rudolph - December 04, 2023 at 01:35 PM

TM

Please accept my most sincere sympathies. Fred was instrumental to my being in the Auxiliary. We was my teacher, my mentor, and most importantly, my friend. He was a special person and will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

*Tony Milillo, FC
Flotilla 02-06*

Tony Milillo - December 05, 2023 at 04:36 PM

MV

“ My deepest sympathy to Maureen and her family. While I didn't know his daughters or his grandchildren, I felt like I did because Fred talked about them on our rides. He was so proud of them and loved them all so very much. I met Fred one day years ago on the bike. We passed each other on a Rolling Meadows road and stopped to talk. I told him about a bike group I started in our community and we have been riding together ever since. Fred was a good friend, always willing to help not only me but everyone who needed help. He went beyond our community to deliver Meals on Wheels to seniors and to the Coast Guard Auxiliary mentioned in other tributes. Fred was a special man. I will miss you, dear friend. Marcia Van Note

Marcia VanNote - December 04, 2023 at 08:13 AM

CA

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Maureen, his daughters, & grandchildren, whom Fred spoke very highly of and had a special place in his heart. He loved his family dearly & he enjoyed the time he spent with them, especially on the water. I enjoyed those conversations I had with Fred, getting to know more about him outside the auxiliary. I only spoke with him about a month ago, a conversation I now cherish. Fred did our Flotilla a huge favor this past summer, not only with teaching some of our boating classes for us, but he also brought us the correct books from his flotilla. We accidentally received the wrong books for our class, but didn't realize it until the day of the class. After teaching his chapter, Fred went all the way home, & came back with the correct books for us!! He saved our class!! He went above & beyond, which was what he did often!! We were very grateful for him coming through for us!!

Words can't express our heartfelt sympathy for this sudden loss of your beloved Fred. May your many memories of him bring you comfort & also knowing he will be greatly missed by all of us who knew & worked with him in the auxiliary.

With great sympathy,

Christina & Joe Antonaccio

Flotilla 2~4, Keyport NJ

Christina & Joe Antonaccio - December 03, 2023 at 11:20 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Frederick F. Klapproth



Bongarzone Funeral Home - December 03, 2023 at 07:09 PM

MK

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Fred's passing earlier today, and wanted to express my deepest sympathies to Maureen and his family. Fred was one of the first Auxiliaries I met back when I joined the Auxiliary over 16 years ago, and his energy and excitement for public education truly motivated me over the years.

He contributed an invaluable service to the recreational boating community, and without a doubt was the reason some boaters made it home safely. He will be sadly missed by all his Shipmates.

Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Michael S. Klacik, District Chief of Staff 014

Michael S. Klacik - December 03, 2023 at 06:15 PM

CD

“ My deepest condolences to Fred's family. His passing is a shock to all of us. I worked with Fred in the Auxiliary Public Education program for many years. We have taught together, worked on the class planning together, and shared many thoughts on how to improve the program. He was a good friend and I will miss working with him. He cared deeply for the education of the public to promote safe boating and this was reflected in his enthusiasm and organization. He was a credit to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Rest in Peace, Fred.

Catherine S Dudley - December 03, 2023 at 12:53 PM

JD

Those that knew Fred found him to be a great friend and Auxiliarist. I served with him teaching Boat Safety classes in the Highlands. He always had the best students. Condolences to the family. Rest in Peace Fred!

Jim Dry - December 04, 2023 at 09:41 AM

JB

Whether it was teaching classes or inspecting boats Fred was there. He did a great deal for the Auxiliary and will be greatly missed. A blessed trip west Fred.

Jim Bemiss - December 22, 2023 at 08:25 PM