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Nashville, TN

Francis Leonard Bronk was born on July 20, 1931 in Custer, Wisconsin and died on November 11, 2015 at the age of 84. He was the oldest son of Frank and Mary (Pawelski) Bronk. He was married to the late Dorothy (Pommer) Bronk, for 51 years.

He leaves behind his daughter Dr. Deborah Bronk, his son Francis Michael Bronk, IV, daughter Suzie B. Hunt and her husband Jay, six grandchildren and his dog buddy Zero.

He volunteered and served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1951-54. Serving as a high speed radio operator, his designation was watch repairman, although he would tell you he never fixed a single watch.

After leaving the Army, he was recruited by the Brooklyn Dodgers and was a shortstop for several of organization's minor league teams. He once had two triples in one inning during his professional baseball career. Sadly, that feat did not make the record books because the game was called due to rain and a tornado destroying part of the ball park in Lawton, Oklahoma.

He retired as a division manager for Warner Lambert in 1986. After 'retirement', he returned to sales and was well known in the Nashville area as the 'Jelly Belly King of Middle Tennessee' and the 'Very Fine, Very Fine Fruit Juice Guy'.

Frank was an active sportsman who loved fishing and deer hunting. He also enjoyed playing cards, party bridge and cribbage with family.

Among his favorite memories was a hole in one in golf, as well as an albatross (a 2 on a par 5), and a perfect 300 game in bowling. He also represented Wisconsin for three years in the national U.S. Slow Pitch Softball Tournaments.

As a member of the Krewe of Mona Lisa & MoonPie in Louisiana, he marched in Mardi Gras parades for many years with his daughters and their families.

Frank's wit and insight will be missed. An avid story teller, he will be remembered as being a passionate debater and for being exceptionally loyal to his friends and family.

Special thanks goes to his sister, brothers and sisters-in-law, his golfing buddies at Two Rivers Golf Course, his bridge partners at the Hermitage Senior Center, the oracles holding court with him each morning at McDonalds, and lastly Mary and Spencer, for making his life full.

Heartfelt appreciation goes to the nurses and caregivers at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center who made Frank's treatment not only bearable, but actually a little fun. He thought the world of all of you.

A memorial service will be held at Woodbine Funeral Home, Hickory Chapel, 5852 Nolensville Road, on Saturday, November 28, 2015, at 5 p.m. with visitation beginning at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests monetary or blood donations be made to the American Red Cross.

The Myth. The Man. The Legend. Sadly, Frank Bronk has left the building.

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