



Frank A. Hoss Jr.

April 5, 1936 - December 19, 2023

Retired Prince William County Judge Frank A. Hoss Jr. passed away on December 19, 2023, at the age of 87, at his home in Apex, North Carolina. He is survived by his daughter Carol Perriccio, son Michael Hoss, daughter-in-law Betty-Ann Hoss; four granddaughters Casey and Kelly Perriccio, Allison and Katie Hoss, his nephew Greg Godowsky and niece Missy Godowsky.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 4 at 10:30 am at Pierce Funeral Home. Entombment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, 12004 Lee Highway, Manassas, VA 20109, at 12:00 p.m.

Frank was born on April 5, 1936, in Jonesborough, TN, to the late Frank Hoss Sr. and Dorothy [Owens] Brim. In 1944, they moved to Manassas, Virginia, which Frank often called “a great place to grow up.”

He attended Osbourn High School, where he met his high-school sweetheart and late wife, Shirley Barron Hoss. The two were married on August 24, 1957, and would go on to raise two children, travel the world, play golf, and enjoy life for the next 60 years until her passing.

Frank graduated from Washington and Lee University with letters in four

sports and an undergraduate degree in Geology and his law degree from Washington and Lee's School of Law. He dedicated 40 years of his life to public service and the pursuit of justice as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, and later, appointed by the state to the Circuit Court bench in 1986. He retired from the bench in 2001, revered by all as dedicated to his work who provided fair and reasoned decisions. He lived by only one motto, both professionally and at home. Whenever asked about a decision or choice he made in life, his response was always, "Well, it was the right thing to do." Irrespective of its impact on his life, he always did the right thing.

A fascinating and inspiring man, Frank had a thirst for knowledge and history. And from a very young age, became a documentarian of sorts. He always had a camera in hand, capturing life's most memorable moments. Often, the special moments of others, for he held the camera as the documentarian. A selfless man who was more concerned with the happiness of others than being in the picture. He never knew if what he was documenting would have any use, but did so anyway, and in almost all cases, they became lifetime, treasured moments. This legacy lives on in the hundreds of movies and slideshows he shared.

All those who knew him were met with a soft-spoken demeanor, a kind heart, and a sharp sense of humor. He was an avid golfer who loved seeing his friends, playing in his five bands, and watching a good movie or show. He was fortunate to spend the last eight months of his life enjoying time with his girlfriend, Carolyn Williams. She was very special to him.

But most of all, Frank was a family man who cherished every minute he spent with them. His favorite place was sitting under his beach umbrella in Hilton Head Island, SC, watching his family film ridiculous music videos that he would edit into short films and memories of a lifetime.

He will be greatly missed.

Donations may be given to the Cary Town Band (This ensemble brings joy to the community through music and whom Frank was proud to play alongside) at <https://carytownband.org/contributions.html> or to The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at <https://themmrf.org>

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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Entombment

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stonewall Memory Gardens
12004 Lee Hwy
Manassas, VA 20109
(703) 754-4210

Tribute Wall

SP

“ My condolences to Judge Hoss' family. He was a man of integrity. He was a supporter of the Bar Association and his community. As a jurist, he was fair and showed great attention to detail. I am fortunate to have known Judge Hoss and practiced before him.
Sharon Pandak

Sharon Pandak - January 03, 2024 at 03:39 PM

SC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, condolences from Sam and Eda Cipolla

Sam and Eda Cipolla - January 02, 2024 at 08:44 AM

RB

“ One of my fondest memories of Frank occurred at the funeral of my grandmother, his aunt Lillie May Hoss, in 2015. As always, he was kind, and his words were compassionate and encouraging. In a world in which integrity and character are hard to find, Frank was the epitamy of both.
Randy and Deborah Byrd

Randy and Deborah Byrd - December 31, 2023 at 04:21 PM

JR

“ Judge Jan Roltsch-Anoll planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Hoss Jr..

Judge Jan Roltsch-Anoll - December 30, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Frank A. Hoss Jr..*



December 30, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ *Doug & Denise Thornton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Hoss Jr..*

Doug & Denise Thornton - December 29, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frank A. Hoss Jr..*



December 29, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *I met Frank as a teenager but really got to know him about 5 years later when I joined the Bull Run Kiwanis Club. Over 40 years, we built a friendship that will always be with me. He was a fine man, kind and thoughtful with a great laugh. We shared a love for music and I will forever see him with his electronic sax playing Christmas carols for the Kiwanis holiday breakfast. I'm blessed to have called him my friend. My deepest sympathy goes out to Carol, Mike and the family.*

Rob Heltzel - December 29, 2023 at 09:15 AM

SP

“ I went to work with Selwyn Smith and Frank Hoss in the sixties, straight out of high school. Frank could see how nervous I was and immediately offered to help in any way he could. He was patient, funny, extremely smart and just plain nice. He set the bar high. In the nine years I worked with him, he and Shirley also gave me great insight into marriage as a partnership, demanding equal love and respect. They were both extraordinary. It was my great privilege to know and love them.

Sue (Whitt) Parker

Sue W. Parker - December 28, 2023 at 08:10 PM

WR

“ I was saddened to learn of Frank's passing. It was my privilege to know him when he practiced law in Manassas and then later to serve as a judge on the adjoining 20th Circuit (Fauquier, Loudoun, and Rappahannock Counties). He was always a pleasure to see and to know throughout all those years.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Sincerely yours,
Shore Robertson

Wm. Shore Robertson - December 28, 2023 at 01:50 PM

RP

“ Judge Hoss corrected a very serious issue for me which was someone had used his rubber facsimile signature stamp, to forge his signature on a document where I lost my license to drive for 25 years. Judge Hoss knew exactly who that person was (let's say colleague) and without hesitation Judge Hoss corrected the issue. He was and is truly deserving of being called "Your Honor". My deepest sympathy goes to the Hoss family.

Rick Perry - December 28, 2023 at 05:24 AM

Connie
Varner

“ 3 files added to the album Frank Hoss Photos



Connie Varner - December 27, 2023 at 11:28 PM

LH

“ Frank was a man of great integrity and he was also a fine musician. I will miss his sense of humor and his smile. Rest well Frank. You will be deeply missed.

Liz Holoman - December 27, 2023 at 07:37 PM

MJ

“ Judge Hoss was a fine Gentleman and Blessed the Manassas Community. I was fortunate to attend OHS with Frank and Shirley. They were both well-admired and respected.
Mary Anna Bull Johnson
President Class of 1955

Mary Anna Bull Johnson - December 27, 2023 at 06:18 PM

TC

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Judge Hoss a fine gentleman great judge my condolences to the family I used to always talk to him and his late wife Shirley may he rest in peace Toni Jordan Chapman

Toni Jordan Chapman - December 27, 2023 at 06:04 PM

TW

“ Tammy and Wayne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Hoss Jr..

Tammy and Wayne - December 27, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Frank A. Hoss Jr..



December 27, 2023 at 11:29 AM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Hoss family. Judge Hoss dedicated many years to the Manassas area. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Maury & Vera Gerson - December 26, 2023 at 11:14 AM