



## Mr. Richard David Frankel

March 21, 1928 - April 22, 2011

Richard David Frankel, 83, of Asheville, died peacefully on Friday, April 22, 2011 surrounded by his family. A native of Racine, Wisconsin, he was the son of the late Sam and Genevieve Frankel.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Richard played football for Coach Frank Leahy. He went on to graduate law school from the University of Wisconsin. He served with the Judge Advocate General Corp (JAG) as an army lawyer.

He began his career as an attorney for Convair in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1959, he moved to Asheville to open the first McDonalds Restaurant in Western North Carolina. He started LKF Management Company which owned and operated McDonalds Restaurants in North Carolina, South Carolina and Arizona.

Before his retirement to Colorado and New Mexico, Mr. Frankel served on the YMCA Board of Directors, Mission Hospital Foundation and the original Bank of Asheville. He was a member of the Asheville Community Relations Council and a past member of the Rhododendron Royal Brigade of Guards. He was a senior warden of St. James Episcopal Church in Taos, New Mexico. He was well known as an active hiker, skier, cyclist and tennis player.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patti Frankel; daughter, Robyn McNeal and her husband, Jim, of Asheville; sons, David, Rick and Tim Frankel, all of Asheville; grandchildren, Thom Leslie and wife, Heather, of Charlotte, Kristen Frankel of Davidson, Scott Frankel of Mooresville, Heather Frankel of Asheville and Kimberly Frankel of Nashville, Tenn.; and great grandson, Liam Leslie of Charlotte.

A memorial service will be held 2 PM, Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at Central United Methodist Church with Drs. Robert Blackburn Jr. and Anthony Bell officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall. Private interment will be held at Lewis Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the YMCA, 53 Asheland Avenue Suite 105, Asheville, NC 28801.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church  
27 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard David Frankel*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dick Frankel taught me you must always carry on, no matter the hardship. He once told me many years ago, i am my most important judge, and if i am true to myself, the i am true to others. He led by example. I have been truly blessed in my life, as he was also my uncle..*

*Suzie Duffy*

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**Suzanne Mary Duffy** - April 27, 2011 at 08:49 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Frankel, Robyn and Rick, David and Tim and all his family, my deepest condolences on Dick's passing. From the earliest memories of going to McDonalds on Tunnel Rd. after Little League games to skiing in Colorado and staying at his house in the gorgeous mountains there, I feel lucky and blessed to have known you all and grown up here in Asheville. May you fondly remember all the good times you had with him and see him again someday.*

*Billy Warlick*

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**Billy Warlick** - April 26, 2011 at 06:45 PM

WG

“ Dear Patti, Robyn and The Family,  
I had planned to attend Dick's memorial service today and pay my respects. Late yesterday, I learned that long overdue work on our home, requiring my presence, was to begin today. I regret not being with you.

Dick was a special person with whom I was grateful to have had a long association, beginning in the early '70's. He left his mark in many ways, and he will be missed and remembered.

My deepest condolence,  
Walt Gladding

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**Walter Gladding** - April 26, 2011 at 09:50 AM

GC

“ Through seeing him here in Summit County, Colorado, he became 'R.D.' to me over the years. Always with a smile, gracious disposition and passion for a day on skis he was of my father's generation but one of the 'boys' skiing at Copper Mountain. I missed him when he moved to Taos. We last skied together in Telluride, Colorado in 2005 and I'll always remember him happy, healthy and smiling in the beautiful San Juan mountains. My deepest condolences.

George Chumbley  
Copper Mountain, Colorado

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**George Chumbley** - April 25, 2011 at 02:28 PM

GS

“ Dick Frankel was a great encourager and mentor to me when I moved from Boone NC to Asheville NC 46 years ago in 1965.

*His business ability was admired by many and especially me.*

*Western North Carolina is a better place to live because of folks like Dick Frankel.*

*Glenn W. Wilcox, Sr.  
Wilcox World Travel and Tours*

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**Glenn W. Wilcox, Sr.** - April 25, 2011 at 01:06 PM

WB

“ Dear Frankel family, From the first time I met Mr. Frankel (in his front yard where Tim had decided to have a party--we were in high school) to the last time I saw him (skiing in Telluride a few years ago), he was always gracious and happy. He enjoyed life to its fullest. He will be missed. Walter Brosnan

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**Walter H. Brosnan** - April 25, 2011 at 10:50 AM

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“ I will always remember Dick for his boundless energy and positive outlook. He was one of a kind and I know he will be missed by many.

*With deep sympathy to Patti and the rest of Dick's family,*

*Ann Lansing, MD*

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**Ann Lansing, MD** - April 24, 2011 at 06:07 AM

DK

“ *Robyn and Rick, I am sorry for the loss of your father, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

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**Dave Keyes** - April 24, 2011 at 05:08 AM