



Frank Lyle Powers Jr.

December 17, 1955 - January 8, 2022

Frank Lyle Powers Jr. was a man committed to making sure everything worked properly, ran smoothly, was as it should be — for everyone’s benefit — from nuclear power plants to factories, to his neighborhood, to his home, to his family and friends. There was Powers, the electronics engineer, overseeing every detail of safety systems in plants from Hungary to California. There he was helping neighbors get a home improvement right. There he was teaching his son’s rock band the finer points of rocking. There he was making sure every detail of his yard and house were attractive and attended, any calls were made, needed help was provided, the dinner party food and drink were replenished, and that everyone within his world was happy and contented. When all was right within his world, Powers would go into his basement, pick up a guitar from his lifelong collection — Gibsons, Fenders, Martins, and Ovation — and attend to himself, with music.

Powers, 66, of Lewis Center, died Jan. 8 at his home in Lewis Center. He is survived by wife

Sharon Powers; son and daughter-in-law Luke and Jourdan Powers and grandson Zachary

Alexander Powers of Columbus; parents Frank and Toni Powers of Texas; brothers and sisters-in-law Scott and Connie Powers of Florida and Mark and Belinda Powers of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

It was always his way to make his contributions quietly, in the background, not looking for attention, much less adulation. But people always noticed.

“Every job site he was ever assigned to tried to hire him away. Every single one of them,” observed Sharon Powers.

“The sadness we feel from losing our great caretaker with a huge heart and the most patience

in his pockets will never be gone but as we attempt to mend I will try my best to emulate those wonderful traits that he will always be remembered for,” reminisced Jourdan Powers.

“He was the person I’d go to if I needed to borrow a car, or crash on a couch, or if I needed

anything that only a big brother could ever provide, including a frequent kick in the butt,” recalled Scott Powers. “If a dollar sign could be put on everything I owed him and learned from him, I’d have had to win the lottery to settle up.”

Frank Lyle Powers Jr. was born Dec. 17, 1955, into an Air Force family in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. From there he grew up moving every couple of years, to Cincinnati, Germany, Cincinnati again, Battle Creek, Michigan, Colorado, Panama, Southern California, North Dakota, and Dayton. He went off to college at The Ohio State University — and never moved

again, spending his last 48 years in and around Columbus.

He transferred to Franklin University in Columbus and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in

Electronics Engineering. He worked at NUCON International, Inc., and at Polaris Automation,

traveling the country and the world to attend to industrial safety and support systems. He retired in March 2020.

The family is deferring a celebration of his life until the spring. Details will be forthcoming. In Lieu of flower, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or to a charity of your choice. Helping others was his greatest joy.”

Comments



“ Sharon & family, we are saddened by the passing of our sweet friend, Frank. Although the years have separated us from our Nucon family, we still think of everyone often & the good times we had. Our hearts go out to you. We pray for your strength during this sad time. Much love to you. Dick & Ginni Beightler

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