



George L. Orbank

April 26, 1934 - June 29, 2020

George L. Orbank, 86 years old of Lake Villa, passed away on Monday June 29, 2020. He was born in Waukegan, IL on April 26, 1934 to the late George and Ann Orbank. He was a member of Prince of Peace Church for over 60 years and was instrumental in the building projects on the church campus. He was a 28 year veteran of the Lake Villa Volunteer Fire Department and made his way up to Lieutenant. He had a passion of restoring old cars and one of his accomplishments was helping restore the antique Lake Villa Fire Truck. George's original career choice was to be a tool and die maker for Cherry Electric where he eventually became Plant Superintendent and was instrumental in building plants worldwide. He enjoyed his time fishing and looked forward to the trips up to Canada. George loved his time traveling with Martha and cruises were one of his favorite activities. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren and exploring travel destinations with them.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Karl Orbank.

George is survived by his wife of 67 years Martha; children Carol (Dan) McKevitt and Barbara (Thomas) Ruhl; grandchildren Heather (John) Maxwell, Meghan (Jason) Burns, Patrick (Amanda) McKevitt, Kristen (Paul Eells) Ruhl and Kate (Rory) Blanchard; great-grandchildren Linleigh, Grace, Archer, Emery, and Phoebe; brother Robert Orbank and sister Kathy Grogan. George is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to honor George's memory.

Tribute Wall



“ George L. Orbank

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ George L. Orbank

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ We receive the news of George's passing with great sorrow. The Orbank family was/is part of the fabric that has made Lake Villa such a special place. Certainly George left a legacy in all the circles of influence that he was part. George did not just live in a community, be an active volunteer, or work at a factory, but he immersed himself into it and made it a better place. I was just a young boy when my mother was visiting with Martha and George took me out to the garage. I was inspired! He was restoring an antique car. I don't remember what brand it was. I just remember how organized and meticulous he was. I did not realize that he also was instrumental in restoring the 1932 Peter Pirsch at LVFD but I am not surprised. I remember what a kind man he was whenever I was with my father at the station or a LVFD event. He went out of his way to greet me and carry on a conversation. What a legacy he left. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Orbank family. When you think of George may your tears be those of joy.

*On behalf of my mother Martha Allene Nelson
Blessings to you all,
Bruce Nelson*

Bruce A Nelson - July 11, 2020 at 10:37 AM

MW

“ My condolences to Aunt Martha, Cousin Barb, Cousin Carol and the entire Orbank extended family. Uncle George will be greatly missed. I enjoyed my visits with Uncle George as a young child and later in life as an adult. He was always kind and inviting to us all. At one point in time we both shared an interest in computers and new tech gadgets and he was always eager to talk about the topic with me. It gave me a real sense of connection with him. My fondest memory of them all is as a child. Uncle George brought my brother, sister and myself to the fire department and let us climb into the driver's seat of the firetruck and blow the horn. A young boy's dream come true and a memory that stays with me forever.

*Rest in peace Uncle George.
Mike Wright*

Mike Wright - July 10, 2020 at 12:03 PM

FS

“ My sincerest condolences to the Orbank Family. In the time I shared with George at the Lake Villa Fire Department he was one of the individuals that knew the firefighting business thoroughly and was one of the " go to " guys if you had questions about the Station, Fire Equipment or anything really ! ... Later in his career with LVFD he shared State Fire Marshall reporting duties with Bill Smolarchuk ... George was a good man and will be missed by many !
Signed,
Frank H. Slazes, Jr. (LVFD-Ret.)

Frank H. Slazes - July 05, 2020 at 04:56 PM

NK

“ I'll always have wonderful memories of George and good times especially the "pranks" we used to play on each other. He was so kind to me and the best brother-in-law anyone could have. Thinking of all of you with my thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peace George.
Love, Nancy



Nancy E Kuehn-McCoy - July 04, 2020 at 09:12 AM

AF

“ So sorry to hear. Thoughts and prayers ar3 with your family

alan & Joyce Frayer - July 03, 2020 at 10:19 AM