



SMSgt. Frank L. Denny, Jr., Ret. USAF

August 10, 1939 - September 16, 2018

SMSgt. Frank L. Denny, Jr., Retired USAF, age 79, passed away on Sunday, September 16, 2018 here in Del Rio. He was born on August 10, 1939 in Ironton, OH.

Frank attended school in Ironton, Ohio. He quit the Rock Hill High School and joined the military at the young age of 17. Frank proudly served his country in the Vietnam War. After 20 years of service, he retired from the United States Air Force as Fire Chief in 1979; he then continued and retired from his second career in Civil Service in 1995. He was known to many as Chief Denny.

Frank was active in various local and national organizations. Frank was a proud Master Mason and member of the Val Verde Lodge #646. He was also a member of the Del Rio Elks Lodge #837. He served as a Supervisory Committee member and was on the Board of Directors for the Border Federal Credit Union for 15 years. He was active in the Pee Wee Football League and the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce. He had just started serving on the Board of Directors at the Del Rio News-Herald. Frank especially loved being the representative for the Welcome Wagon and greeting the new Del Rio residents into our community.

Frank enjoyed watching sports, playing golf, and participating in the local annual Texas Hold'Em tournament to support the troops. However, his true

calling was helping people and rescuing animals. There are many stories of his never ending kindness & generosity. Frank truly accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord & Savior and was baptized at First Christian Church.

Family members left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife Rose of Del Rio; daughter, Wendy Rocke and husband Duane Rocke of Cumming, GA; sons, Daniel Roach and wife Amanda Roach of Crystal Lake, IL, and Allen Roach of Albuquerque, NM; siblings: Dorothy Thomas of Del Rio, Cornelius Lawson and wife Donna Lawson of Ironton, Linda Wright-Burns and husband John Burns of Del Rio, and Mike Lawson of Seattle, WA; grandchildren: Terry Jantz, Madison Jantz, April Roach, Jordan Rocke, Danielle Rocke, and Gabrielle Rocke; Frank is also survived by his nieces/nephews: Debbie Thomas, James Thomas, Neal Wright, and many others.

A visitation will be held on Thursday from 5 t 9 p.m. in the Trinity Chapel of Devotion. The Masonic Funeral Ritual will begin at 7 p.m.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2018 at 10 a.m. at First Christian Church, located at 2101 N. Main St. in Del Rio.

Graveside services will be held Friday, September 28, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, located in San Antonio, Texas. Full military honors will be rendered by the United States Air Force.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to "A Pet's Wish" of Del Rio (www.apetswish.rescuegroups.org) or the ASPCA (www.asPCA.org).

Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Trinity Mortuary, 206 Kings Way, Del Rio, Texas, located in Ceniza Hills. For more information

you may contact us at (830) 775-2230 or www.TrinityMortuary.com. Tradition.
Tribute. Trust.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wuzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary
206 Kings Way
Del Rio, TX 78840
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<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

Masonic Funeral Ritual

SEP 20. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
2101 N. Main St.
Del Rio, TX 78840

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the family of Frank. Frank was my Fire Chief at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Az. I honestly think if it wasn't for his tenacity and knowledge of the Fire Service, ability to see and vision the future of AF Fire Protection we would not have accomplished and become one of the best organizations in the world.
I especially owe Frank a debt of gratitude for pushing me to take on the Fire Chiefs role after he left DM.
Frank I will always remember you and cherish the friendship we shared. RIP my friend.
Chris Burdette

Chris Burdette - October 01, 2018 at 03:21 PM

BH

“ I met Frank in the mid 70s as a young airman and then through the years Chance meeting at Nellis. Rest In Peace my Friend

bill hutfilz - September 24, 2018 at 02:14 PM

JF

“ Chief Denny, a friend to any who walked in the door! A firefighter who would be first in/last out in any situation. Chief thanks for all the life's lessons but especially your faith in Jesus Christ! I know you are seeing and enjoying Him now! Your joy is now full and I celebrate with you! Lord watch over and protect the family until they all meet again. In Jesus' name.
God Bless you you all in this time, He is faithful.
Deputy Fire Chief, John Foote, Laughlin AFB, 1991-1994.

John Foote - September 22, 2018 at 03:37 PM

DH

“ Frank was a good friend and the best next door neighbor of 25 plus years. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to Rose, Dorothy, Linda, and the rest of his family.

Debbie Hutto - September 20, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of SMSgt. Frank L. Denny, Jr., Ret. USAF.



September 20, 2018 at 10:58 AM

LD

“ Laughlin AFB Fire Department purchased the Pretty Please for the family of SMSgt. Frank L. Denny, Jr., Ret. USAF.



Laughlin AFB Fire Department - September 20, 2018 at 09:49 AM

CM

“ So sad to hear of Frank's passing. Frank was a great supporter of everything good in Del Rio! He was a great AF fireman and even greater in retirement as he gave so much of himself to our community: Chamber of Commerce projects and events, Military Affairs, starting the Welcome Wagon program, Elks Lodge, and serving on the volunteer board of Border Federal Credit Union. He always believed in the good in people and helped so many in his very humble way. I was honored to work with him at BFCU and we had genuine mutual respect for each other's ethics, integrity and grit to get things accomplished. Some friends and their good influence on your life and encouragement will never be forgotten. He is one of mine. My comfort and prayers go out to Rose and all the family in your loss. He was a good and faithful servant to so many this community. .

Carrie Martin - September 19, 2018 at 10:02 PM

PH

“ Frank, a truly great guy who treated everyone as a friend or family member. Met him over 20 years ago at a military affairs class welcome event at Laughlin AFB. We'll remember Frank as one of the best folks we were lucky enough to know. Frank represented every organization he was a member of with distinction. He loved his family and showed it in big and little ways. He even learned how to play farkle! Enjoyed being able to get his insights on the world and current events and recapture some of the old days as well. A fellow airman who'll be truly missed by many. Fortunate to know Frank and many of his family, happy to call him friend. Deepest sympathy to Rose and family, Pat & Sylvia Heaney

Patrick Heaney - September 19, 2018 at 09:28 PM

SG

“ Simon, Eve and Josh Garza purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of SMSgt. Frank L. Denny, Jr., Ret. USAF.



Simon, Eve and Josh Garza - September 19, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of SMSgt. Frank L. Denny, Jr., Ret. USAF.



September 19, 2018 at 03:05 PM

SA

“ Sylvia A. purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of SMSgt. Frank L. Denny, Jr., Ret. USAF.



Sylvia A. - September 19, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of SMSgt. Frank L. Denny, Jr., Ret. USAF.



September 19, 2018 at 07:45 AM

SQ

“ *My and Omega's deepest condolences to the family.* 🙏🙏🙏

Shane Quinn - September 18, 2018 at 05:08 PM

RP

“ *Sorry for your loss of Frank, he was a good person, we enjoyed our fellowship with him on The Red Carpet Committee and Elks Lodge. May he rest in peace.*

*Richard and Jane Pratt
Bandera, Texas*



Richard & Jane Pratt - September 18, 2018 at 03:29 PM

JO

“ *Our Condolences to the Denny family from the staff of Heritage Program ...*



Jaime Ortiz - September 18, 2018 at 01:44 PM