



# Frank B Rossiter Jr.

OCT 3, 1957 - JUN 6, 2013



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### **F**rank B. Rossiter, Jr.

Frank Rossiter lived a full and happy life until it was tragically taken from him on June 6. He was 55 years old. Born in Tacoma, WA, raised in Fircrest, he attended Foss High School for grades 10 - 12, the first graduating class (1976). He played football at Foss and in his senior year helped them to win the State Championship, a special recognition he liked to relive often with fellow Foss Falcons.

After a year at Central Washington University, he went to Alaska to work in the fishing industry - as fishing was his life-long passion. Soon after his return to Tacoma he began his career as a process server and started Tacoma-Pierce County Process Service. He was dedicated to providing the legal community throughout the greater Tacoma area with excellent service - often accomplishing the "impossible" with a smile and always bringing back plenty of entertaining stories.

He lived in the north end of Tacoma in close proximity to great fishing (via his boat moored at Pt. Defiance) and his favorite fish market on Ruston Way. He loved everything/anything about fish - he enjoyed cooking, smoking, grilling and sharing it with his friends & family almost as much as catching it. And every Christmas - for 20+ years - he made salmon balls from his own "secret" recipe for clients, friends, friends of friends, and of course his family. Frank will be remembered for years to come for this seasonal treat that he gave to so many.

Frank Jr. was a devoted father. His son Tristan (13 yrs) was his pride and joy. They were both very involved with Emanuel Lutheran Church over the years. The two would stop in to visit the residents of the Tacoma Lutheran Home regularly, usually with sweet treats or flowers from his yard to share. He loved to bring joy to the elderly and we know his visits will be missed. Frank was currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Elders and served his church in many other ways throughout the years.



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Frank is survived by his son Tristan Rossiter, his parents, Frank Sr. and Trudy Rossiter, sisters Deborah Schulte (Seattle), Judy Rossiter (Santa Barbara), niece Allison Schulte Connelly, nephews Peter Schulte, Thomas Patterson, Greg Patterson, and his new great-nephew Reed Connelly (6 wks). We cannot imagine going forward in life without Frank Jr. This gentle, loving, caring and giving father, son, brother, uncle will deeply missed but will live forever in our hearts.

[There will be a memorial service - open to the public - on Wed., June 12 at 2:00 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1315 N. Stevens, Tacoma, WA]




## Events


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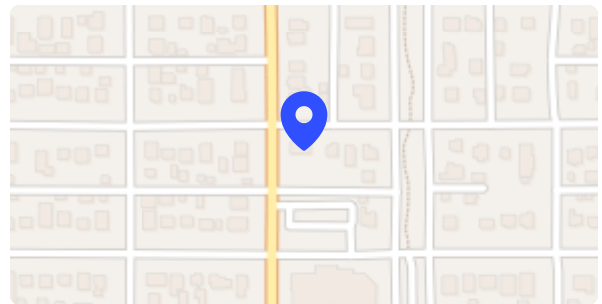
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### Memorial Service


 **Wednesday**, June 12, 2013


 2:00 PM PT

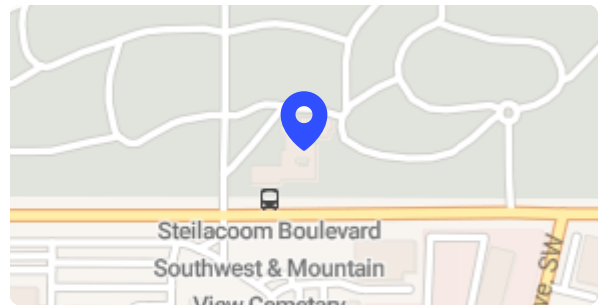
 **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
1315 North Stevens, Ta WA



### Cemetery Details

 **Mountain View Memorial Park**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA 98499

 **(253) 948-9895**





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TO

**Tom** posted:

I am frank's proud nephew. i still cant believe i will never get to see him again. Ever since i was a little kid I have great memories with him and get excited to be around him. I was fortunate as an adult being able to be close to him and was amazed at all the people that knew and loved him. There was never a dull moment. I especially enjoyed the moments when we would realize how similar we are and when friends/family would point that out. He was most happy when Tristan came into our lifes, as much as we miss him we are grateful for the time and bond we haad and can continue to carry on.

September 20 at 10:17 AM

SR

**Susan Rosi (Redding)** posted:

Frank had a cabin right across the street from ours at the High Valley Country Club in Packwood. Although we did not know each other I would often ride my moped into his cul de sac. He and his son were often outside and would greet me. The Packwood locals and weekenders who knew Frank have nothing but great things to say about him and are in disbelief. His son is famous there for selling golf balls, which were hit into their yard, to golfers as they went by.Sue Rosi (Redding)

June 24 at 6:43 AM

TR

**Tristan** September 2 at 8:02 PM

I am his son Tristan my dad was the best guy u could have ever met. I miss my dad so much and I hope to see him when I die:'(

FF

**Frederick Fleming** posted:

Our respects to Frank and condolences to his family. He was a long time friend and professional with whom we worked with for many years. Caralene and Judge Frederick W. Fleming (Ret.).

June 21 at 8:36 AM

LB

**Linnea Svendsen ( Benoy)** lit a candle in honor of Frank.



June 18 at 8:58 AM



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LE

**Leslie** posted:

RIP Frank. I remember you from back in the day when I worked in the courts throughout Pierce County. Though it's been so long since I've seen you, I remember your kind heart and soul, funny too. I have been praying for you and your family. Such a loss of a good man. Honest as the day is long, and I never knew you personally, as what you would call a friend, but remember you were a man of humor and character.....that says it all. Bless you, your family and friends. You made a difference in many peoples thoughts and lives. That is everything in the end. You will be missed and loved in the hearts of so many.

June 17 at 4:57 PM

KS

**Kathy Schulte** posted:

Frank, Trudy, Debbie, Judy and the rest of your sweet family, we send our thoughts , love and prayers to you . Heartbreaking and senseless and impossible to understand how this could happen, please know that Frank is now safe and comfortable and smiling down at you. We love you, Steve and Kathy Schulte

June 13 at 3:10 AM

JM

**J Mishko** posted:

Frank, I remember you mostly from Jr. High. You always had a smile and an easy laugh. Rest In Peace J. Mishko

June 12 at 7:55 AM

RC

**Rick Cvitanich** posted:

frank was a good friend to myself and my family. always qiuck with a joke, to make you laugh! he also had great stories to tell of past events that involved close friends, be it fishing stories, road trips, skiing at whitepass washington. and frank was always in the middle of all the women as well. he just had that ora about him that enlightened all of us. frank by knowing you personally, you have enriched my life and many others as well. i know you liked tom petty and the heartbreakers and with that being said, as the lyrics of one of T.P. songs....some other time and some far off place, you and i will meet again. r.i.p. frank your life was taken to soon, but i believe god has something better in store for you my friend. the cvitanich family

June 12 at 5:48 AM



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**Karen Knecht** posted:

I've know Frankie all my life. Our families vacationed together every year. I can still hear his laugh. It was contagious you know. The world is going to miss this wonderful man. RIP Frankie.Karen Sanderson Knecht

June 12 at 5:02 AM



**David Birnie** posted:

Kind hearted and well developed sense of humor. Thanks for laughing at all my dumb jokes Frank!

June 11 at 5:56 PM



**Betty Baker Tongue** posted:

Our thoughts and faamilyprayers go out to Frank's family and the close friends that loved him so much. He will be missed by many but always remembered for his unconditional love that was always given..

June 11 at 5:52 PM



**Sandi Estep** posted:

I lived next door to Frankie during part of grade school and junior high. What great memories I have of playing touch football in the street, riding mini-bikes, swimming at the Baldasare's and of course the pig roasts at the Hawkins. Our neighborhood was like a family and Frankie was and extra brother. I lost touch with him, but several years ago he spotted me in the courthouse and came to say hi. I was so glad he did, because it brought back the fun memories right back, and his kind, gentle soul still radiated from him, only even stronger now. Nearly every time he was in the building, he would stop to visit - sometimes with Tristan in tow, and he was such a proud dad. If he didn't have time to stop, he always waved and flashed that great smile. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. RIP Frankie, you will be missed more than you know.Sandi Allen Estep

June 11 at 12:29 PM



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JF

**Jennifer Frye** posted:

I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to Frank's family and especially to his favorite person in the world- Tristan. I know how hard it must be for you because we are heartbroken at the office where Frank came to for the last 20 years. I can't sum Frank up with words because he was so much more. It was the feeling you got when you talked to Frank. He brought sunshine with him wherever he went and had a spirit that cannot be matched. I am still in total disbelief and wish that I could call him and share one of our funny stories. Frank was truly one of the sweetest people I have ever met and I will miss him more than he could ever know.

June 11 at 12:03 PM

GR

**George Rose** posted:

So sorry to hear of this senseless loss of life. "Duke" was a fishing friend of mine and will be truly missed. Sure enjoyed those salmon balls! Deepest sympathy to the family. George & Chris Rose  
Neilton, WA

June 11 at 11:22 AM

MM

**Murray & Penny Medlock** lit a candle in honor of Frank.



June 11 at 11:12 AM

SB

**Sue Brown** posted:

I called Frank "my big teddy bear." He always had a smile, a kind word and a big hug for me. He was never too busy to stop and talk and I always loved running into him either during work, and or at Spuds. He will be so missed! My heart goes out to his son, parents and the rest of his family. Sue Brown

June 11 at 9:15 AM



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JB

**Jack Brown** posted:

Last time I saw Frank was at Spud's Pizza Parlor. He would stop in every so often to join in with the large group of friends who were there. Frank was loved by everybody. He always had a smile on his face. He loved to talk about fishing & the cheese balls he made. Frank knew I was going in for a Stem Cell Transplant in Seattle due to cancer, he gave me a hug and assured me that everything would go just fine and that he had a friend that went through treatment there. I will never forget that hug, his big smile, big heart, big laugh, and his friendship. I'll miss ya buddy. Jack Brown

June 11 at 9:08 AM

CR

**Cindy Reed** posted:

Frank You will always be a part of my fondest childhood memories, from Hoods Canal to White Pass. I feel blessed to have seen you recently and reminisce about our childhood. You will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you and your entire family. RIP Cindy (Thomas) Reed

June 11 at 8:50 AM

CU

**Caitlin Upshall** posted:

Frank attended the same church as I did. Whenever I would sing during the service, he would always tear up. He was such a sweet and godly man. I know that he is with our father in heaven.

June 11 at 8:19 AM

PP

**Patti Pace** lit a candle in honor of Frank.

I knew Frank in junior high. I remember the wonderful smile he had. My parents Dick and Ruth Smith spent a lot of time with your parents. I know my folks always enjoyed seeing you at church and ALWAYS had kind words to say about you. I am so sorry your life was shortened. My prayers go out to family and friends. ~Patti Pace



June 11 at 8:12 AM

JB

**Jean (Downey) Boring** posted:

I knew Frank in grade school. I remember him fondly and my heart goes out to his family and friends. I am so very sorry for your loss.

June 11 at 5:19 AM



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**Pbottiger** shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.



June 11 at 3:58 AM

- JU Julie** June 30 at 6:08 AM  
LOVE this photo. What a wonderful group of guys! Bless you all! Miss you Frank! xo
- LB Lynette Bisceglia** June 14 at 12:04 PM  
Absolutely love this pic! You guys are truly a rare bunch.....never lose that!
- GP Gretchen Peters** June 13 at 4:40 PM  
What a great pic of the guys...love you all!
- BT Betty Baker Tongue** June 11 at 5:55 PM  
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**P Bottiger** shared an album called **New Album Name**.



June 11 at 3:49 AM

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Pat - you need to pick up the tradition of the Salmon Balls. If you need help, call on me, I will be there.



**Nina Monaghan** posted:

Frank you hold a special place in my heart! Your smile and your laugh are what I think of in memories of you. My prayers go out to you and your family. I am so sorry goodbye came so soon. You will be so missed. May your family feel the comfort of God through this painful time. Keep smiling down on all of us!!!

June 11 at 3:04 AM



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**Joanne** lit a candle in honor of Frank.

Rest in peace Frank. I'm so very sorry your life came to this tragic and senseless end. You were a great guy and I enjoyed working with you. Thanks for always getting the job done for our office.



June 11 at 1:45 AM



**Glorja Johnson** posted:

Frank and Trudy, I know that Frankie was very blessed to have you as his parents. You raised one of the kindest sweetest men I have ever known. He had such deep respect for you both. What a gentle loving spirit he was. I pray for comfort and peace for your family at this time. I had a brother that was murdered and I know it is the kind of pain that only drawing close to God can heal. I pray that you feel Gods loving arms surrounding you and knowing that he lent you Frankie for too short a time and that you did an excellent job in parenting and loving him. Frankie, Jr some of the best moments of my life were spend with you while working with you. I am full of wonderful memories and so grateful that God allowed our paths to cross. My heart is filled with Love and joy thinking of you. I know that God promised to build us a mansion and I know that yours will be full of the best fishing holes you ever imagined. What we know on earth is nothing compared for what God has prepared for us in heaven. I'm thinking you have your pole out already. Love to you and your family always for your kindness and caring.

June 10 at 5:47 PM



**Christina Allen** posted:

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same" (unknown). After being blessed to have Frank in my life for almost 19 years I can tell you I will never ever be the same again. Not a day will go by that I won't miss his love and compassion. I was not only blessed to call him my boss, but very blessed to call him one of my best friends. My heart goes out to his family and especially Tristan. His family meant the world to him and his son was his pride and joy. His parents raised a remarkable man that impacted many lives. I am a better person to have known him and to have had the pleasure of loving him. I will have him in my heart forever.

June 10 at 5:42 PM



**Tristan** September 2 at 8:21 PM

Thank u so much:(:(:( I will miss him so much



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LM

**Leslie Mcculley** posted:

Frank was a very good friend. Who treated you the same no matter when it was. In the 70's or in the year that is now. He gave of himself freely and with that smile on his face. I will miss him very much. And wait until I can see him and all our friends that are with him.

June 10 at 4:37 PM

DV

**David A. Van Vleet** June 11 at 8:32 AM

Amen Les!

CG

**Cathie Goodell** lit a candle in honor of Frank.

Franky was a true friend and one of the most kindest souls I have ever known. I will forever remember and think of him with a huge smile. FISH ON MY FRIEND, FISH ON.....

June 10 at 3:33 PM



KH

**Kim A. Hann** lit a candle in honor of Frank.

June 10 at 3:25 PM



KH

**Kim Scalara Homestead** posted:

Every Christmas my mom loved Frankie's salmon balls. I have so many fond memories involving Frankie, he has been a part of my entire life. I feel like I have lost a brother. What a great person he was. Love you Frankie. Kim Scalara Homestead and family

June 10 at 1:25 PM



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**Dorothy Hansen** posted:

Words can't express how our hearts go out to Tristan & the rest of Frank's family. Frank was indeed one of kind. In all the years I've worked with him I had never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. Oh how we loved to tease him about his social life, he would turn red and leave the office as fast as he came in. This is such a great loss to all who knew him. Can't forget the wonderful Salmon balls Frank made, the best in the west. We had to put orders in ahead of the holidays just to make sure we could get them as he would give them as gifts. His passing is our loss, I only hope they have fishing in Heaven because Frank won't be happy unless he can fish. " Rest in Peace Frank"Tristan, I want you to know your Dad loved you very much.Dorothy Hansen

June 10 at 12:41 PM



**Tristan** September 2 at 8:28 PM

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**Dorothy Hansen** lit a candle in honor of Frank.



June 10 at 12:31 PM



**Vicki Edling** posted:

My heart is broken for the loss of this terrific guy and for the family and friends he leaves behind to grieve his loss. Frank was truly one of a kind, with the kindest and most gentle of hearts. He made me laugh every time I saw him for over 40 years. It was my joy and my privilege to have been a part of his journey. God Bless you, Spanky....you'll be so missed by so many. I hope someone up there has a boat!Vicki Edling

June 10 at 10:31 AM



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**Alex And Violet Abing** lit a candle in honor of Frank.

We have known Frank for too short of a time. He was married to our niece, Bonnie. We are so saddened to hear that he has been taken too soon. He will be remembered for his contagious smile. We are praying for his family during this difficult time. We hope they are comforted knowing that Frank was so well loved.  
Alex and Violet Abing



June 10 at 9:12 AM



**The Mcneils** June 10 at 10:30 AM

Gone from our sight, but never from our heart. Words can not express how much we will miss Frank...we are sorry for your loss. With heartfelt condolences....The McNeil Family



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Boyz 2007



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Salmon Ball Wkend 2012



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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frank by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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