



## Frank Christian Greiss

July 13, 1928 - July 23, 2015

Frank Christian Greiss, Jr., 87, of Lake Norman, NC, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2015 at home following a period of declining health. Dr. Greiss was born on July 13, 1928 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Frank C. Greiss, Sr. and Alverta Barnhart Greiss. He graduated from Frankfurt High School in 1945, the University of Pennsylvania in 1949, and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1953. Frank was a resident at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University and served as a United States Navy Lieutenant at the Dependent's Hospital of the Charleston Navy Yard. In 1960, he joined the faculty of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Bowman Gray. At the age of 40, he received the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation Prize. In 1972, Frank became Chairman of the Department and served in this capacity for 17 years. In April, 2004 he received the distinguished-service award from the NC Obstetrical and Gynecological Society. He was instrumental in improvements to women's health care both in North Carolina and throughout the country. For more than 20 years, he had an NIH research grant for the purpose of studying uterine circulation and was a contributor in more than 80 published research papers. He was a former president of the North Carolina Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, the Southern Gynecological and Obstetrical Society, and the South Atlantic Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Upon retiring to Lake Norman, Frank spent many hours in his workshop building beautiful furniture and rocking horses now treasured by the family. He joined

the Lake Norman Lions Club on McKendree Road and served as Club Historian and was a member of the Board. He received the 1992/93 Lion of the Year Award and the Jack Stickley Fellow Award from the NC Lions Foundation in 2006. His passion was serving on the Lake Norman Lions Scholarship Committee. Frank and Barbara enjoyed traveling the world and were avid private pilots.

Survivors include the love of his life and wife of 62 years, Barbara Alice Diebel Greiss; his children, Linda Christian Greiss, and husband Johnny Gray of Jefferson, GA, Virginia Greiss Mitchell and husband, Mike of Charlotte, Barbara Carol Greiss and husband Dennis Searce, of Lake Norman, and Frank Christian Greiss, III and wife, Diana of Winston-Salem; his grandchildren, Jennifer Gray Higdon, Nathaniel Gray, Michael Mitchell, Marcus Mitchell, Meredith Welsh, Briana Van Dorpe; and great-grandson, Ethan Greenhalgh. The family will gather privately to celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Greiss Endowment Research Fund, Attn: Development and Alumni Affairs Office, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, P.O. Box 571021, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021 or the Lake Norman Lions Scholarship Memorial Fund, c/o Henry Deal, LKN Lions Treasurer, 2755 Harbour Pointe Ct., Sherrills Ford, NC 28673. An online guestbook and obituary is available at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com). Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory of Mooresville is serving the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Christian Greiss*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Frank Christian Greiss*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Frank Christian Greiss*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *We were not surprised to hear of Frank's death however we are still so saddened. We always thought of the Greiss family as our extended family. Our love and deepest sympathy to all of you.*

**Shirley and Bill Boyd** - August 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Greiss was a true gentleman. At Wake Forest, we should always be grateful for his many contributions.*

**Patricia Petrozza** - August 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was extremely sorry and saddened to hear about Frank's death. As you all know we go back many years, and I have treasured his support and friendship. My warmest regards to all of you.*

**Stephen Anderson** - August 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Dr. Greiss stood so TALL in every aspect of our family. He was our medical hero from conception to birth. He was beloved for his professional knowledge and application plus the deep love and concern he had for his patients. So respected, So trusted and So loved! Thank you family for sharing him to so many families whose lives were enriched as a family unit.

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**Jane & Bill Ebert** - August 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I am grateful to Dr. Greiss for serving me for many years: delivering Timothy and giving me a renewed energy for my life through surgery in my mid forties. Our families have enjoyed sharing our medical relationship. Jean Cooper

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August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ I was honored to know the man. When I was just getting started on research in anesthesiology, I learned from my Chairman that he had personally (and privately) donated funding to my project. I never forgot what a genuinely nice gesture that was. Wish I could have known him better.

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**Michael Olympio** - August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My sympathy in the loss of Dr Greiss. A large void here but the ranks of heaven swell with joy. My mom and dad ( dr Joe and Betty May) were so fond of the Greiss Family. Our prayers of comfort and future joy! Bob and Debbie May

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**Bob May** - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I remember your Dad fondly from the Sherwood Forest Road days! All the kids playing in the neighborhood. Sorry to read the news today in the paper.

Rick Hutchins - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Sending prayers for peace and comfort to all of you as you celebrate the long and full life of a brilliant man.

Mary Harris Jasmine - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I spent many enjoyable hours with both Frank and Bobby teaching them to fly. He will be missed. My prayers for the family.

Donald Lysell - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ We are so sad to hear of Mr. Greiss' passing. Our prayers are with all of his family at this time. God Bless you all. (John & Linda's Aunt & Uncle)

John/Sally Kerr - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ All of the O'Briens were saddened to know that Frank passed away..such a good friend. Our family send our condolences to Barbara and their wonderful family Tom and Nancy O'Brien

July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Such sad news for your family .prayers for you all.( Johnny & Linda's niece Sandra Thomas)*

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**Sandra Thomas** - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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*John/Sally Kerr*

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July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Betty Parrish at Avondale*

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July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM