



## Fred G. (Fritz) Deats III

December 23, 1935 - June 28, 2013

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Fred G. (Fritz) Deats III, 77 died June 28, 2013. He was born on December 23, 1935 in Houston, Texas to Fred G. Deats, Jr. and Billie McEnroe Deats. He attended Holy Name Catholic School and graduated the eighth grade in 1950.

It was there he became active in the Boy Scouts of America. He was the first member of Troup 41 to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Jefferson Davis High School in Houston in 1954. He was a member of the R.O.T.C. where he obtained the rank of Sergeant First Class while serving as platoon sergeant. Upon graduation he enlisted in the US Navy. Upon completion of boot camp he attended Class "A" school at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in the repair and maintenance of optical and navigational instruments. He finished at the top of his class. He served aboard the U.S.S. Cadmus (AR-14) a repair ship of the U.S. Sixth Fleet where he obtained the rank of OM2. After completing his obligation he was Honorably Discharged. He moved back to Houston and married Joan Marie Braren on January 17, 1959. They raised two sons: Fred G. Deats IV and Michael W. Deats. In 1997 he retired from Ford Motor Co. (Insurance Operations) with 30 years service. He was Regional Claims Manager for the southwestern region of the United States.

He was a member of Farris Chapel United Methodist Church of West Sandy where he served as Trustee and Chairman of the church board and member of The Gideons International. He was an ordained minister of World Christionship Ministries and performed both Weddings and Funerals. Member of American Mensa, life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member American Legion, life member of National Eagle Scout Association. Was elected to and served on Board of Directors of Montgomery County Water Control and Improvement District #1 from 1973 to 1982, the last six years as President of the Board.

He is survived by his bride of 54 years, Joan M. Deats, two sons, Fred G. Deats IV and wife Casey of Conroe; Michael W. Deats and wife Brenda of Spring; brother Patrick M. McEnroe and wife Myrna of DeSoto, Texas; grandchildren: Kristina Deats, Brittney Deats, Tiffany Deats, Brandon Deats and Megan Deats; half brothers: Gerald Deats of Dallas and James Deats of Kansas City, KS.

A memorial service will be held at Farris Chapel United Methodist Church, 1651 FM-1791 in West Sandy Community, Texas, Wednesday, July 3, 2013, 10:00 a.m., with Bro. Jeff Leightsey and Dr. Don Post officiating. After cremation, interment will be at Farris Cemetery. This will be a private family ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Rita B. Huff Humane Society, 530 Bearkat Blvd., Huntsville, TX 77340 or at their website [ww.ritabhuffanimalshelter.org](http://ww.ritabhuffanimalshelter.org) and Humane Society.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [ww.shmfh.com](http://ww.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fred G. (Fritz) Deats III*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Hello there, long time no heard. I looked for you all on Facebook just now and I found out about Fred passing away. You were a great host family to me. I cherish the memories. A big hug and condolences to you for this awful loss. Regards. Isabella*

**Isabella Kelemen** - November 02, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ *Joan, Pat & Myrna - all the family that I have never met. The years have melted away since I had the pleasure of meeting some of you McEnroe Cousins for the first time. My "Irish" Grandmother Bridget Mary McEnroe Halton was Pat's Grandfather Patrick McEnroe's Sister. My heartfelt condolences and prayers to everyone at this sad time.*

*Jack Halton - Belleville, Illinois*

**(Jack) John Halton** - July 03, 2013 at 03:23 PM



“ *So very, very sorry to hear this news. Our heart goes out to all of you at this very sensitive time . We send out love and prayers! We will see you soon .*

**Gary and Sandy Stein** - July 03, 2013 at 12:02 PM

LH

“ Dear Miss Joan, I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Deats passing. I've been wanting to call you all week long. I pray that Jesus brings you courage and peace in the days ahead. I always enjoyed my visits to your home. Lynn Hubbard

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**Lynn Hubbard** - July 02, 2013 at 11:13 PM

TK

“ Mike and Freddie so very sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers and with you and your family.

*Tami Ethridge King*

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**Tami King** - July 02, 2013 at 09:45 PM

MH

“ Joan and family, God's mercy and blessings are covering you and He will not give you more than you can bear with Him. He loves you and calls you His Treasure. Just remember, Fred is no longer in pain, he has been blessed. I know you are in pain to your core, but, God sustains. I pray His blessings and love and mercy on all of you, but, especially you, Joan, for you were Fred's solemate. God's Grace is truly amazing. Love to all.

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**Martha Hill** - July 02, 2013 at 07:38 PM

MM

“ Joan, I am so sorry to hear that you have lost Fritz. Many years have passed since seeing you and Fritz, but I will always have fond memories of being with you. Joan, you and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love to each of you, Melody Massey

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**Melody Massey** - July 02, 2013 at 06:12 PM

MM

“ Dear Joan and Family:

*I am so sorry that you have lost Fritz. I know he has been ill for some time but you are never ready to lose a loved one such as him. We go back a long way and am so sorry that I have not seen you but a few times in all these past years. I am glad that Fritz and you were able to come to the Holy Name 8th Grade Reunion together at least once. My prayers and thoughts are with you all and especially with you, Joan.*

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**Margaret Mika** - July 02, 2013 at 04:57 PM

CD

“ JOAN, WE ARE SO SORRY TO LEARN FRED HAS PASSED ON. WE WILL MISS HIS JOKES PAT PASSED ON TO US BY EMAIL. PAT AND I HAVE BATTLED CANCER. WE WILL MENTION YOU WHEN WE TALK TO GOD.

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**CARL & BERNELL DIMOUSH** - July 02, 2013 at 04:53 PM

PM

“ How ironic that my brother Fritz passed on "Brother's Day". My first playmate, my first friend, who had been in my life a month short of 76 years. He called me Patrick for the first fifteen years, "Ace" for the next seven and a half years, and "Uncle Pat" from the day after his first son, Fred the fourth, was born. We shared some great times - and some very sad times - together. Many of his employees and friends knew me only as "Uncle Pat". I don't recall him ever introducing me as anyone else when I gave them their training for Continuing Education requirements for their Adjusters licenses. It seemed to confuse some because we had different last names. Fritz has been very ill the last times, and Joan has been fighting to survive and keep him doing so as well. Joan, we love you and are proud of your boys and their children who have been there for you. We know we will always have him with us, even though he has "gone home" to be with our Mother. Myrna and I join you, Joan, in our prayers for all your family. I am proud to be "Uncle Pat".

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**Pat McEnroe** - July 02, 2013 at 04:06 PM

JK

“ Joan, I was a shipmate of Fred's and a "late comer" to the USS Cadmus Association, having 'found' it just two years ago and attending the 2012 Reunion. After 4 years of Engine Room duty (MM) I left Cadmus and the Navy in January 1955, so Fred arrived aboard just prior to my leaving. He and I met in Dothan last year and I was very pleased to meet him then. He had a rich and full life. Please accept our sincere condolences. I know you all will miss him greatly.

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**Joe & Beverly Kanewske** - July 01, 2013 at 10:52 AM

EW

“ Joan, I was deeply saddened by the passing of Fred. He was a shipmate on the Cadmus and a dear friend for 58 years. He will be missed and you are in our prayers at this difficult time. Ed & Lynn Wedow

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**Ed & Lynn Wedow** - June 30, 2013 at 09:24 PM

DH

“ Dear Joan, Freddie and family,  
We are so sad to hear of Fritz' death. We have such happy memories of our family times with him and how pleased we were when he came to the reunions. Much love and sympathy, DeeDee & Harvey

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**DeeDee & Harvey** - June 30, 2013 at 08:53 PM

BP

“ Joan,  
Pauline and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We enjoyed our times together at the Cadmus reunions. Our prayers are with you.  
Bob and Pauline Perla

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**Bob,Pauline Perla** - June 30, 2013 at 08:53 PM

DA

“ Joan and Family,we are so sorry to hear about Fritz. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sorry we cannot be at the service, but Mother is not doing very well. I think of you often.  
Love, Doris

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**Doris andPhraulene** - June 30, 2013 at 08:46 PM

FS

“ Joan, I was so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was such a great friend of the Cadmus family. I know I appreciated everything he did for our organization. He was a very active fellow in our group and the Cadmus organization will really miss him.  
God bless and prayers for you at this difficult time.  
Fred A. Schmits Hilton Head Island

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**Fred A. Schmit** - June 30, 2013 at 08:09 PM

JW

“ Joan, I am so sorry for your loss. I liked Fred very much and loved talking with him. Reading his obit and seeing all the things he had done in his life was really something. He was such an interesting and awesome gentleman. Great memories from the days gone by with you both. God bless and hold you close. Call me anytime, I would love to see you. Take care.

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**Jessie White** - June 30, 2013 at 05:50 PM

CW

“ Joan, my heart goes out to you and you are in my prayers. It was so good to see you at Optimist a week or so ago....please know we are all here for you whenever you need anything. Christi Walters

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**Christi Walters** - June 30, 2013 at 11:47 AM

DM

“ Joan, we are so sorry to learn that Fred has passed on. We did not know that he was ill. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.  
Dee & Ken Murphy

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**Dee & Ken Murphy** - June 29, 2013 at 02:06 PM