

# Obituary

Franklin Theodore Austin, fondly known to family and friends as Frank, departed this life on Monday, September 12, 2022, following a brief illness. Frank, the only child of Lorraine Austin Beatty, was born in Washington, D.C. He attended D.C. public schools where he showcased his athletic abilities in football and track and field, graduating from McKinley Technology High School in 1959. After graduation from high school, Frank matriculated at both the Washington Teachers College, (now, University of District of Columbia) in Graphic Arts, and Howard University in the field of Physical Education. He also studied History and Sociology at George Mason University while on sabbatical leave later in his career.

Frank's distinguished career spanned over 40 years beginning with the Federal Government, first in a government printing office. He continued on to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as a National Security analyst and finally moved to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) as a Senior Geospatial Subject Matter Expert specializing in national overhead and airborne imagery reconnaissance. Concurrent to his government employment, Frank also served as a reservist for the United States Air Force as well as working as a part-time licensed real estate agent in the DMV area. After his retirement from the government in 2004, he accepted a consultant position with Booz Allen Hamilton supporting the U.S. European Command until 'hanging his hat' and leaving the workforce in 2007 to pursue other interests.

Frank was a man of faith and a dutiful member of Antioch Baptist Church in Fairfax Station, Virginia where he served in several areas to include the Scholarship, Community Awareness, Security, 25th and 30th Anniversary, and Count Team ministries. He was affectionately known to some as the 'Tally Man' for his skills and dedication to task. Frank was well known as a sharp dresser and was often complimented on his stylish hats.

He was a devoted family man, husband, father and grandfather with a wry, witty sense of humor, who was always good for a corny joke or two to keep everyone in stitches! His many interests included history, aircraft, realty, automobiles, photography, and physical fitness. Ten years after leaving the workforce, Frank discovered his innate artistic talent and began painting. His artwork ran the gamut from scenic backdrops to still life, abstracts, penciled etchings, and realism. He commissioned a few pieces and shared others with immediate family and close friends.

Frank leaves to mourn his loving wife, Lori, of nearly 33 years, as well as his beloved children, Miriam Gregory (Percell), Millicent Dent, and Marcus Austin from his previous marriage to the late Marcia Austin; six grandchildren, Ganzie Dent, Jr., Kieran Gregory, Geordan Dent, Kyle Gregory, Kori Gregory, and Marcus Austin, Jr.; along with a host of family, extended family, friends and Ginger, the family pet.

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to any of the following organizations in memory of Franklin T. Austin:*

*American Cancer Society (Multiple Myeloma), <http://www.cancer.org>,*

*Educational and Charitable Foundation (Kozy Kerchief & Kaps) <http://www.ecfoundation.org>,*

*Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund – V Foundation <http://www.v.org>*

Lovingly Submitted  
The Family