



Francis Emiel "Frank," "Frans" DeHerdt

August 24, 1929 - March 23, 2011

Francis Emiel (♠Frank, ♠ ♠Frans♠) De Herdt, of Fruitdale, Ind., died March, 23, 2011. He was 81. He was born Aug. 24, 1929 in Kudus, Central Java, Indonesia, to A.L.A. de Herdt and Vera van Delden. Frank grew up in Java. He married Maria Tinangon in Jakarta. They raised five children. They divorced after over 30 years together. Frank and his young family immigrated to Bergen Op Zoom in the Netherlands in 1959 and to Indianapolis in 1961. He worked in Indonesia as a flight steward for Garuda Airlines. He retired from Eli Lilly and Company, where he worked in machine maintenance. He enjoyed spending time with family, playing tennis, working on the acreage he loved, tending his chickens and walking through the woods daily with his dogs, Limpinote and Kobie. Frank is survived by exwife Maria Tinangon (Nick Lancaster), Reno, Nev.; and their children Ginny De Herdt (Rick Robertson), Fort Collins, Colo., Corina McNicholl (Marc) Indianapolis, Dave De Herdt (Amelia Maloney), Ashfield, Mass. Leo De Herdt, Indianapolis, Jeff De Herdt (Jessica), Indianapolis; 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; numerous siblings and relatives around the world, and his beloved dog Kobie. A memorial service will be held Sat., April 9, 2011, at Downey Avenue Christian Church, 111 S. Downey Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219: Calling, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Service 1 p.m. Shirley Brothers Mortuaries and Crematories is in charge of arrangements. www.shirleybrothers.com. Memorial donations may be made to Downey Avenue Christian Church which served as sponsor so the family could immigrate to Indianapolis and supported the family in many ways.