



## Frank Andrew Ragulsky

October 25, 1946 - June 30, 2022

Frank A. Ragulsky died peacefully at his home in Corvallis, Oregon, Thursday, June 30, 2022, with his loving wife by his side. He was 75 years old. Frank was born to Frank and Helen Ragulsky (Gorshe), October 25, 1946, in Pueblo, Colorado. He met the love of his life, Jane (Webb), in a college biology class. They were married June 21, 1969.

Frank centered his life on his love for family. Besides his loving wife of 53 years, Frank had a deep love for his daughter, Chrissy, son, Tim, daughter-in-law, Chayla, and his grandchildren. He strove to be the best grandfather possible to his five grandchildren, Shannon, Elise, Ryan, Madison, and Matthew, and they were a great source of joy for him. Frank was the oldest of eight children. He loved his siblings and many nieces and nephews, despite being many miles apart. He is survived by brothers Ron, Tom and Joe, and sisters Mary, Jeannie and Phyllis. He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Helen, and brother Robert.

Frank and Jane loved to travel together. In 2001 they traveled to Alaska where they immediately fell in love with the state's beauty and fishing. After repeated visits to the state, they had a home built in Homer, Alaska, overlooking Kachemak Bay. Frank and Jane took trips to New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Scotland, and England.

Frank was addicted to fishing. It began when he was four years old, as he and his dad learned how to catch rainbow trout. He and his brothers backpacked to high lakes in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range in pursuit of trophy trout. Frank was a master at recalling the many hundreds of fishing and hunting trips he took with family and friends.

Frank fished in many places, but most enjoyed fishing in Alaska. His fishing buddies called him “Sockeye Frank” for the many sockeye salmon he caught on the Kenai River. It was his delight to share his catch from Alaska with family, neighbors, and anyone who liked to eat fish.

Frank earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University Pueblo, a Master of Arts from Adams State University, and a Doctorate of Education from Oklahoma State University.

Frank’s career began in 1969, teaching journalism at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, New York. In 1972 Frank and Jane moved to Oklahoma. Frank earned his doctorate, taught journalism, and was the associate publisher for news at the Daily O’Collegian newspaper at Oklahoma State University. In 1975 Frank was hired as the director of student print and broadcast media at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. In 1982 Frank was selected to be the director of student media at Oregon State University. Frank retired from OSU in 2009 after 27 years. He continued to work at Lane Community College, teaching journalism classes, and advising the Torch newspaper and the literary magazine. He left Lane Community College in 2011, and worked at Hewlett Packard in business development for two years.

Frank was a member of the Western Association of University Publications Managers where he served as president twice and treasurer for many years. Frank’s students landed media jobs all over the country and the world. He

stayed connected to many of them through social media.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Mass, 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 8th at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 NW 25th Street, Corvallis, Oregon. Burial will take place in Homer, Alaska, overlooking beautiful Kachemak Bay, when the salmon are running.

. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demosduran.com](http://www.demosduran.com).

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Mass**

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
501 NW 25th Street  
Corvallis, OR 97330

## **Reception in the Upper Social Hall immediately following Mass**

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I lived on the same street, NW Oleander Avenue in Corvallis during the mid 1980's, that Frank, his wife, and his kids lived on. I was sort of friends with his daughter during early grade school — however it was a long time ago. I do remember Frank as being a welcoming and congenial person. I didn't learn he was in the college media business until after I graduated from high school. I've read several online tributes that all claim he did a stellar job running the OSU Barometer for many decades. RiP, Frank.

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**Nick Winlund** - April 05 at 06:02 PM

RP

“ I was sorry to learn of Frank's passing. Over the years we shared stories of going to college in Colorado and both ending up at OSU. As colleagues we worked on a number of issues, and I always valued his judgment. Frank was a guy full of common sense. And, I always appreciated his stories about fishing and his sense of humor. We were all fortunate to know and have Frank as a friend and colleague. He will be missed. My best to Jane and family.

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**Roger Penn** - July 10, 2022 at 09:22 PM

TK

“ I am so sad to hear of Frank's passing. He was one of my closest colleagues and friends at OSU and we had some great times together. He was always ready to jump in to celebrations, parties, or gatherings of any kind, his humor and quick to laugh manner a highlight to all. I remember our times at Murphy's, including the iconic 'Formal Luncheon', the Santa Clause and Elf Show, the salmon dishes, and Holiday Pot Lucks. One of my fondest memories is Frank trying to explain the Internet to me soon after my arrival on campus and me trying to help Frank with his golf game. Frank has left an impactful legacy through his devotion to the students and staff at OSU. My condolences to Jane and the family. Frank will be greatly missed.

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**Thomas Kirch** - July 08, 2022 at 12:43 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I was unaware of his health issues. Frank was such a fun and mellow person I had the privilege of working with at Oregon State University. Many of the staff from the Memorial Union, Student Media, Dixon Recreational Sports, MUPC, & Student Activities took breaks together and shared birthday celebrations monthly. Frank was always there to give our colleagues birthday greetings and of course have cake and coffee. He was our Santa Claus handing out white elephant gift to our colleagues and Tom Kirth his Elf. Those were fun times once students left campus for Christmas holiday. Frank made the best salmon dip for our pot luck parties at work. He shared many fishing trips with all, often fishing before work (4:00 a.m.), then decked out in professional attire at work. Frank will certainly be missed. My sincere condolences go out to Jane and his family. Rest in peace my friend. Bobby Koeper Nicholson

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**Bobby Koeper Nicholson** - July 04, 2022 at 12:35 AM



“ Frank was my mentor, confidant, friend and for 27 years my boss. His dedication to the pursuit of justice and meaningful work prompted me to grow so much in every aspect of my professional life. He went far beyond his job description, bringing a high school journalism camp to OSU that mentored students from underrepresented groups, inspiring them to attend college and tell difficult stories. He created a home for the PeaceJam NW program in our department. With me he took a faculty course qualifying us to teach a “ Difference, Power and Discrimination” Course in media. He worked hard to build a sustainable program for Media students at a time when the world of information was turned on its head. He loved working with students, writing references, helping them get ahead. He also loved Birthday celebrations, ice cream, and fishing. The photos are of times he generously shared with us post retirement in Alaska. He wore a tie and suit jacket to work every day and in appearance he was old fashioned but in reality he was open to new ideas and change and he appreciated those who challenged convention and gave him something to think about. I miss him already. Ann Robinson



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Ann Robinson - July 02, 2022 at 10:08 PM

RK

“ Frank was the first colleague who welcomed me to Oregon State. Over the years our regular lunch dates were a welcome retreat from the chaos of the daily routine. Frank was very generous with his time and so patient as he took me fishing and I managed to foul the reel. Frank is a man of honor who made the world a brighter place for all that knew him and met him. He will be missed..

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**Robert Kerr** - July 02, 2022 at 05:27 PM



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**DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory** - July 01, 2022 at 06:59 PM

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50th wedding anniversary party

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**Jane Ragulsky** - July 01, 2022 at 11:42 PM