

*We gather today
in loving memory of*



Frank G. Triepi

September 9, 1947— June 19, 2022

*Rose Hills SkyRose Chapel
July 1, 2022*

Order of Service

Gathering Song

Hallelujah

Greetings & Opening Prayer

First Reading

Daniel Chow
Psalms 103:8-22

Second Reading

Anthony Gonsalves
Revelation 21:1-5

Interlude Music

Remembrances by

Ryder Todd Smith
Karen Ogawa and Don Wagner
Tom Brisbin and Mark Risco

Closing Prayer

Closing Song
To Know Him Is to Love Him

In loving memory of Frank G. Tripepi, a leader in local government, who passed away on Sunday June 19, 2022 at the age of 74.

Frank was born in 1947 in Dearborn, Michigan and moved to California just before his first birthday. He grew up in Norwalk, CA and attended La Mirada High School.

Frank attended California State University, Fullerton, where he graduated in 1969 with a B.A. in Political Science. Frank was then drafted into the Army and deployed to Vietnam and Cambodia as a Field Artillery Operation and Intelligence Assistant. He led many night missions at fire support bases. In 1971, while stationed at a gun tower, Frank was attacked, fell 45 feet, and suffered severe injuries. He made a long and difficult recovery, and for his heroic service, Frank was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Good Service Medal.

Frank met the love of his life, Rhonda Reiley, while he was still in high school, in 1965. They were married upon his return from Vietnam in 1971. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December of 2021.

Frank began his long career in local government as an administrative assistant in the City of Hawaiian Gardens in 1971. In 1972, he was hired at the City of Rosemead as the assistant city manager. He was promoted to city manager in 1974, where he served until 2002—an unusually long and successful tenure in that position.

Frank then moved to the private sector to become president and CEO of Willdan Financial, and later, Willdan's senior vice president of business development. He also briefly returned to public service in 2008-2009, when he was the interim city manager for the City of La Puente.

Frank was widely respected for his expertise in local government and for his professional contributions to the San Gabriel Valley and greater Southern California. He also was well known for his mentorship and encouragement of emerging leaders in the field, earning the reputation as the "Godfather of city management."

Frank also served for many years on the board of governors for the Rose Institute of State and Local Government at Claremont McKenna College. He provided wise guidance to directors and staff, as well as generous mentorship to student researchers.

Frank leaves behind a loving family, including his wife Rhonda, daughter Nicole Tripepi Smith, granddaughter Reagan, son-in-law Ryder Todd Smith, sister Valentina Shoop and brother-in-law Ron Shoop, as well as countless friends and colleagues who benefited greatly from knowing this good man.

*Immediately following
the burial, please join us
for a reception to
celebrate Frank's life.*

South Hills Country Club
2655 S. Citrus Street
West Covina, CA 91791

Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep

by Mary Elizabeth Frye

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you wake in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die.*