



## **Obituary - Frank Rosin**

October 5, 1936 – December 3, 2023

Frank was born in Kirkland and lived, surrounded by family, on the Kirkland waterfront for most of his early life.

Frank owned a 1930 Model A Ford Tudor. His friend, Mike, was part of the Evergreen Model A group that Frank joined in 1987. He tells how Frank wasted no time getting involved and produced the newsletter, was on the board, received the "Man of the Year" award and maintained the chapter's tool library, which was a great responsibility and a lot of work. Frank encouraged youth to be involved in the club and he and fellow member, Archi Cress, founded and wrote a youth magazine called "A- World." He also got them involved in building and racing Hubley cars (1/20 scale Model A Ford models.) Towards the end of Frank's life, members of the Evergreen Chapter visited Frank at his home and rolled out his 1930 Tudor. They cleaned it all up and took Frank out for his last ride.

Bob Burns, one of the guys who took Frank for his last ride, was also a friend from Holy Family, this very church that Frank attended his whole life. He recalls how Frank and Don Schmitz served as altar servers at the 7:30 am Mass on Sundays. Frank always wore his maroon sweater covered in dog hair and always made sure things were set up properly for Mass. He also remembers Frank's famous chocolate chip cookies. Apparently, they were "hard as bullets" and folks would have to soak them in tea or coffee to eat, but they were always sold at the Fall Festival. Frank always brought those to funeral receptions too.

His friends Shaun and Robert tell us that Frank was one of the most esteemed collectors of Old Time Radio shows in the US. He was part of a group of dedicated preservationists that are rescuing these collections to preserve them for future generations to enjoy.

Frank was an active member of the Kirkland Heritage Society and shared a wealth of information because of his profound interest in and love of his city and all things nostalgic.

Frank was also a Seascout Skipper who introduced many young men to the joys of being on the water. Bob Banel, who was a great comfort to Frank at the end of his life, became a tug boat captain because of his involvement with Seascouts under Frank's leadership.

But of all the ways in which Frank made a positive impact on society, surely his greatest act of selflessness was adopting his son, Ron. Frank adopted Ron when he was 8 and cared for him until Ron died in 2001 at the age of 32. Ron had some severe disabilities, but Frank still brought him with him to his many meetings and functions. He gave Ron a good life and that, among all Frank's other achievements, was the greatest one of all.