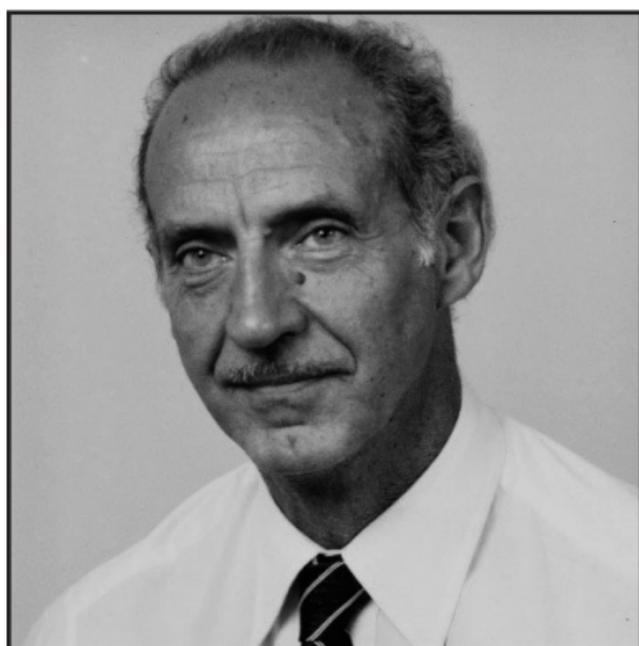


## In Loving Memory Of



### **Roger G. E. Franks**

1927 - 2017

Roger Gabriel Eugene Franks, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, author, and swimmer, passed away Sunday, October 15, 2017 in Johns Creek, Georgia. Born January 31, 1927 in Naples, Italy, he spent most of his extraordinary life diving into the complex equations of computer simulation and the Green Acres, Delaware neighborhood pool.

In 1934, his family moved to London where he swam in the local ponds of Hampstead Heath. Though never formally trained as a swimmer, he became a world class backstroker by the late 1940s. After graduating from King's College, London with a BSc in Mechanical Engineering, he entered the Royal Air Force as a Flying Officer in charge of armaments. In 1951, he moved to Philadelphia to pursue a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, while working for Honeywell. This led to a position at DuPont where he worked for 35 years as a senior consultant in chemical engineering. Along with pioneering the development of computer modeling for chemical processes, he authored 2 books and many technical publications while at DuPont. His books were published all over the world leading him to lecture in China, Iran, Egypt, Morocco, and at MIT for 25 years.

Roger is considered by some as the "Father of Simulation" and by others as one of the most accomplished masters swimmers of his time. He is credited with 75 championship wins over the course of his life including 42 national and 14 world records. He was a torch bearer for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and was inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. Some big fins to fill for us all!

Roger was predeceased by his first love and wife Barbara Neale Franks in 1974 and his beloved wife of 42 years, Joyce Jones Franks, in 2017. He is survived by his five children, Barbara Johnson, Deborah Cain, Jennifer Hilliard, Kathryn Hale and Arthur Hale, 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Silverbrook Cemetery and Memorial Park on Lancaster Ave. in Wilmington, DE on November 11th at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Delaware Sports Hall Of Fame.

*His Loving Family*