



## Aaron Vail Frost, III

July 7, 2018

Nov. 8, 1941 - July 7, 2018

Aaron Vail Frost, III, 76, passed away at home on Saturday, July 7, 2018, surrounded by family and beloved caregivers, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. Vail was born November 8th, 1941, in New Jersey, the son of Aaron Vail Frost, Jr. and Merillat Wills Frost. He grew up in Allentown, New Jersey, and graduated high school from St. Peter's School in Hyde Park, New York. After college at Lehigh University, where he received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1964, he served in the United States Peace Corps where he was assigned to India working on small business development. He then served in the United States Army until 1968, during the Vietnam War, where he was recognized as an outstanding sharpshooter but was ultimately assigned to Germany where he managed payroll due to his economic background. He married Eileen Mary Pulaski in 1968, and after his military service ended, returned to the States where he received his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1971. In Chicago he worked for Libby, McNeill and Libby International Caribbean. In 1976, Vail began work at L'Eggs Products, International (ultimately Sara Lee Corporation) and moved to Winston-Salem, N.C. Among many activities, while in Winston-Salem Vail served on the board of Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc., where he was known for his colorful socks, and was glad to support the beautiful art and craft produced by its juried members.

Vail traveled extensively with his work, with a special focus on South America and the Far East, and ultimately retired from Sara Lee Corporation in 1996. After living and working in Santiago, Chile, he married his dear friend Linda Neal Dekle in 2000. Ultimately, Linda and Vail moved to Atlanta, GA where they bought a small landscaping contractor business. Vail had a lifelong passion for exotic cars, and worked on many in his garage, taking them to shows all over the US. Travel continued to be a passion, usually including a Formula One race. His friends who shared his enthusiasm for cars and international travel were some of his best, although his sense of humor, impeccable manners, and easy conversation helped him develop friendships wherever he went.

Vail was predeceased by his parents and sister, Merillat Frost Hill (Tom). He is survived by his wife, Linda; his two daughters, Elisabeth Dresel (Paul) and Merillat Frost; his stepson, Christopher Dekle (Susie); two grandsons, Max Dresel and Charles Dekle; two godchildren, Maria Paz and Salvador, and their parents, Juan Carlos and Beatriz de Irisarri, brother-in-law Tom Hill and many valued friends. Special thanks to his long-term caregivers who are valued like family, Rosa Hernandez, Marilyn DeFreitas, Makani Diaby, Georgina Darkwah, and Latrina Howell-Smith. He was so loved.

A ceremony celebrating Vail's life will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Payne Corley House, 2987 Main Street, Duluth, GA. Meet the family 1:30, Celebration 2:00pm, with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014, and Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc., 601 N. Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, or via their websites. Family may be contacted at [ldfrost2@gmail.com](mailto:ldfrost2@gmail.com) and 678-409-4212.

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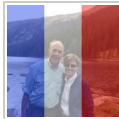
“ Aaron Vail Frost, III

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Vail. Love you much.

**Jesse and Ruby Young** - July 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



*Though did not see this until Sept 2021, was sad to hear of Vail's death. Our family's developed a close relationship while in Winston Salem in late 70s early eighties. Our two girls fondly remember Vail and Eileen's daughters. As my husband Dave has dementia and has for a while I understand the « struggle » involved in a slowly degenerative illness. I remember Vail as brilliant and kind, fun to be with always. Dave did get to ride in Vail's Lamborghini, which reputedly felt like a jet plane taking off and sported an instrument panel that suggested that the driver had better be skilled which Vail was. A thoroughly lovely man, he will be missed.  
Mary Ochsner (and Dave)*

**Mary Ochsner** - September 19, 2021 at 08:35 AM

JW

“ Dear Linda, Elisabeth, Merillat and the rest of the family,

*We were very sorry to learn about the passing of Vail. He was an extraordinary person. Not only was he very professional and capable in his job, but he was always so positive and had a tremendous compassion for other people. I enjoyed the many international trips that we took together while we both were at Legg's.*

*Our condolences to all of you.  
Jack and Jean*

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**Jack and Jean Ward** - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Linda & Family,

*We extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during this most difficult time. We did not know Vail as well as we know you but certainly enjoyed his company when we visited with you. Please know that we are keeping you, Vail's family, and yours in our thoughts and prayers. Praying that God gives you peace and shows you his divine love for you in a way that only he can.*

*Love ,  
Linda & Billy*

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**Billy & Linda Conley** - July 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort your mourning hearts. I pray that you find comfort in Revelation 21:3-5. This scripture paints a picture of a world that is very different from what we see today. A world with no more sickness, pain or death...and it is not a dream, it is a promise from God. He promises to reverse the effects of death and resurrect your precious one. You will never have to say a painful goodbye ever again!

(John 11:11-14, 41-44;

John 5:28, 29) [jw.org](http://jw.org)

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**Natalie** - July 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Linda, Merrilat, and Chris, I extend my sympathy in Vail's death. I don't remember whether or not we put together the Lehigh connection during Home Church days but I, too, was Lehigh class of '64. My prayers are with you. Bob Sawyer

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**Bob Sawyer** - July 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ He was greatly loved, and deserved it.

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**Eileen P Frost** - July 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM