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Beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, Frank Eugene Royston went to be with the Lord on August 14th, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, and family. He was 93 years old and the last remaining survivor of 18 siblings and their spouses. He was the 13th child born to Frank and Elaphia (Lawmaster) Royston.

Frank was born in Springfield, MO, and in 1943, the family moved to Vancouver, WA, where Frank's father worked at Keizer Shipyard during the war. Frank attended Gervais Union High. During high school, he worked at Paulus Bros. warehouse in Salem and Jungwirth's sawmill in St. Louis, OR.

In 1950, Frank joined the Navy, where he earned his GED. He served on the USS Point Cruz in the engineering department. He was also the movie operator and enjoyed playing on the ship's baseball team. In 1953, Frank's ship left for Korea. The movie "1,000 Men and a Baby" chronicles how the crew saved an abandoned infant boy they discovered. This experience was a source of great pride for Frank, and he enjoyed watching and sharing the movie with others.

After Frank was honorably discharged from the Navy he went to work for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Portland. In 1955, he married Magdalene (Maggie) Stahl - they were married for 66 years until her death in 2022. In 1961, Frank and Maggie welcomed their son, Mark, and in 1968 their daughter, Theresa. They started their married life in Portland, moved to Seaside in 1969, and then to Gearhart in 1970 where they remained for 46 years. Frank worked as a trouble shooter and lineman for the phone company, retiring in 1994.

Frank was an avid fisherman who loved crabbing and digging razor clams. He was an engineer who enjoyed inventing ways to repair or improve things working tirelessly on yard and house projects. Frank also spent many hours working at his church serving as elder, trustee and usher. In 2015, Frank and Maggie moved to Lincoln City to be closer to Theresa and her family.

Frank is survived by his son Mark Royston (Gary), San Jose, CA, daughter Theresa Winn (Jeff), Lincoln City, and much beloved granddaughters Janelle Winn, Lincoln City, and Olivia Winn, Monmouth, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ed and Pat Stahl, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, November 15th at 11:00 am St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church, 1226 SW 13th St., Lincoln City. Military honors will be held at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton on Saturday, November 22nd at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Legacy West Pioneers at <http://pioneersvolunteer.org/ways-to-give> or mailed to Telecom Pioneers, 8547 East Arapahoe Rd., Ste. J-312, Greenwood Village, CO 80112.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St Peter the Fisherman
1226 SW 13th St.,
Lincoln City, OR 97367

Military Honors

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Ocean View Cemetery
575 SW 18th St,
Warrenton, OR 97146

Tribute Wall

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“ *Cote, Terilee and Steve purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Frank E Royston.*



Cote, Terilee and Steve - November 12, 2025 at 09:37 PM

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“ *Frank was an exceptional man. In the four decades of our friendship, I never heard him utter an unkind word about anyone. He was always an exemplary gentleman. Over the past several years we attempted to have breakfasts together every two weeks. We considered ourselves to be brothers being we both lost all of our brothers. We laughed, talked and hugged just as siblings do. He was extremely proud of his service to his country, his family, and his life while maintaining a deep sense of humility. His strong faith and commitment to his Lord was evident throughout his life. His memory will be cherished, and his passing from his time here with us will leave a huge void in many hearts. God be with you Frank.*

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