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**Donald Frank**

Donald F. Frank, who for many years was a horticulturist and commercial rose grower in Portland before joining Eli Lilly as a research scientist in Indianapolis, died Aug. 13 at Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, Fla.

He was 88.

Born in Portland on Jan. 22, 1917, he lived here until 1967. A graduate of Portland High School, he received his degree in horticulture from Purdue University and also attended Cornell University, Ohio State University, and the University of Illinois. For many years, he directed Frank's Flowers, a large greenhouse operation in Portland.

After six years with Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Co.'s Elanco Division in Indianapolis, he moved to Boca Raton, Fla. He later moved to Palm Harbor, Fla., and was a resident of Lake Seminole Square, Seminole, Fla., at the time of his death.

He was a member of West Walnut Street Church of Christ, Portland, the National Rose Society, and the Purdue University Alumni Association. In Portland and Palm Harbor, he was a member of the Lions Club and the Elks Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Irene (Neil) Frank; two daughters, Sue Kendig, Aspen, Colo., and Ann Hodson, Maumee, Ohio; a son, Neil Frank, Washington, D.C.; three granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

Burial of ashes will be Sept. 2 at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Pennville.

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