

## *A Tribute to Frank X. Singleton*

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*Frank X. Singleton, a man of integrity, good humor, excellent business sense; a man well-liked and respected both professionally and personally. Frank X. Singleton began with an idea, a pick and a shovel, a Volkswagon and more drive, determination and work ethic than you will likely see today. Maryland Pump, Tank & Electric Company, Inc. was started up in July, 1960 and prior to Frank's retirement in 1997, it had grown into a multi-million dollar company.*

*Frank started out in a modest family, the fourth of seven children. He was involved in his community and organizations from an early age. A born leader, Frank organized, served as board member, chairman of the board or simply a valued member of many organizations and clubs.*

*Frank was one to make and keep friends. He had many lasting friendships, some spanning more than 50 years. These friends were in contact with Frank on a regular basis. All of Frank's friends have fond memories of many noteworthy events. Always a consummate host, Frank*

*often invited people to his homes or out on his boats. One thing to know for sure is that if you were in Frank's company, you would be charmed and well-fed. A very fine story-teller with uncommon wit, Frank was quite the entertainer.*



*Honesty and integrity were the foundation of Frank's business ethic. Many contracts were sealed with nothing more than a handshake. Frank was a man of his word. He built his company on simple principles; do the job right and stand by it - if that means working long hours, then that's what he'd do.*

*Frank worked many long hours and started off in the trenches - literally. A savvy, self-taught businessman, Frank lived the American dream and his legacy will continue.*

*We are all privileged to be a part of Maryland Pump, Tank & Electric Co., Inc. What started out as a way to earn a living for Frank and his family turned into the livelihood for so many others. For those employees that never had the honor of working with or meeting Frank X. Singleton, he lives in the heart of this company. If you want to know more about him, nearly everyone that knew him will have a story ready for you just for the asking. Frank lives on through all of us in our desire to do things right in this business. We can learn many things from Frank's example - honesty, hard work, integrity, and treating people right are just a few and if each of us desires to be a better person we only need to look at our Founder for that example. Frank X. Singleton, we will miss you more than words can adequately express.*