



## Mr. Frank A. Percacciante

February 23, 1949 - March 6, 2020

WHITESBORO - Mr. Frank A. Percacciante, age 71, was reunited with his wife Rosie and family who preceded him, when he passed away on Friday, March 6, 2020. At the time of his passing, he was in the hearts of those he loved the most.

Born in Utica on February 23, 1949, Frank was the son of the late Frank and Louise (Clarke) Percacciante. He was a graduate of New York Mills High School/Class of 1967. On May 10, 1975 he married the former Rosemarie Ferrese. They were truly soul mates who were deeply in love, and it was apparent in the ways they complemented one another. They were devoted to family life - dedicating their love and energy toward each other and their boys, who were their highest priority. His beloved Rosie passed away much too soon, on April 26, 2012.

Throughout his career in sales, he held himself to a high standard of integrity. He worked at K-Mart in the Sporting Goods Department, JPJ Electronic Communications Company, and lastly at Leonard Bus Sales in the Capital Region where he dedicated over 25 years as a trustworthy member of their team; a hallmark of his career. In addition to his knowledge and expertise, Frank took the utmost pride in forming and maintaining meaningful personal relationships with so many of his associates. Those relationships continued long after Frank retired to dedicate himself to the needs of his family.

Frank valued time with his family and instilled those values in his children. He had many passions in his life, but it was the sharing of those passions with his family and friends that brought him the most joy. He created countless beautiful memories with his family, whether it was catching a ball game at Yankee Stadium, or taking a boat ride around 4th lake in the Adirondacks. Frank also loved using his passions to start conversations with people, and finding a common interest to build relationships. He loved antique cars and had an incredible way of remembering even the smallest detail many years later. He was also an avid dog lover, and created a wonderful home for his beloved labradors - Toby, and most recently, his buddy Henry.

Frank enjoyed revitalizing old furniture, finding satisfaction in bringing back the original beauty of each piece he worked on, but it was the gifting of his many works that gave him the greatest fulfillment. Frank was well known for his wonderful sense of humor, and ability to always make people feel more comfortable by telling the perfect joke. He used his

humor to get through difficult times, often eliciting laughter in moments when nobody realized how much they needed it.

But above all else, Frank lived through his generosity. He was a compassionate father, a loving partner, and never hesitated to help someone who was in need. As Frank entered his later years, his dependability never wavered. He found happiness and companionship with his partner Laura, and experienced the joy of being a grandfather (“Pop”) to his precious Ella Rose. She was and will forever be his sunshine.

The kindness in his soul knew no bounds and it will forever radiate in the hearts of those who loved him.

Frank is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Frank T. and Rebecca Percacciante, and Jeffrey M. “Jeff” Percacciante; his 4-year-old granddaughter, Ella Rose, who loved her “Pop” and was the light of his life; his partner, Laura Bedford and her children, Davis, and Sean Bedford; and his sister, Carol Comenale. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, goddaughter, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, John and Diane Zdanowicz, Marie Grimaldi, Jeanne and Thomas Zdanowicz, Kathleen and Budd Osborn, and Thomas and Donna Ferrese; and his friends, Nick Crane, with whom he shared a brotherly relationship in which they were “partners in crime”, and George Beckwith, his respectful and loyal friend. He was predeceased by his sisters, Lois Percacciante who passed at a young age, and Linda Zdanowicz; and his brothers-in-law, James Comenale, and Fred J. Grimaldi, Jr.

The family extends their gratitude to Nurse Practitioner Sally O'Callaghan who Frank trusted on so many levels; and the nurses and technicians at Upstate Medical University Hospital/7A who were exceptional in the love and care rendered to Frank, which will never be forgotten.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. Frank's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 7:00 immediately upon conclusion of visitation. Memorial contributions may be considered to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society online at <https://stevens-swan.org/donate/>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank A. Percacciante.*



March 11, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank A. Percacciante.*



March 10, 2020 at 03:28 PM

CD

“ *Your Dad was so special to me. He would call me at work every couple of months and the first words out of his mouth would be Hey Buddy! He encouraged me to apply for the job I have now and said it was the perfect place for me. The last time we spoke he said he would be at my retirement party. I know he will be there in spirit. Over the years I have such great memories of great visits at Raquette Lake, conferences and many lunches and dinners. Every time anyone ordered, he'd ask "Are you sure you don't want some soup with that?" "Come on, have some soup!". He was so kind and funny and touched so many lives. He also always had so much love for his family and I feel I know you all because he would share your lives with me. Your Dad will always have a special place in my heart and I will miss him dearly. Cheryl Dalton*

**Cheryl Dalton** - March 10, 2020 at 02:29 PM

TF

“Your Dad was a wonderful man, a one of a kind. He brought joy and laughter to us and our family on all occasions and made us always feel better about ourselves. I remember in particular an unexpected phone call I received from him in the hospital just before a quadruple bypass operation. By the time he finished I felt so much better. He had upped my spirits at a time I needed it most. He was selfless and kind in all ways and will never be forgotten. Donna and I were shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. It brought a silence and a sense of loss of a man who meant so much to us through all the years. He was the perfect man for our sister (sister-in-law), Rosa. His respect for her and my family was real and cherished.

On one occasion when our sons were young he invited them to fly up to Utica and spend a week with him to go camping. No small decision for us but with Frank in charge we decided to let them go. They had a wonderful time and memories for a lifetime. Makes me think of a good description of your Dad. He did things he did not have to do, but he did them to bring joy, compassion, help, sympathy and whatever other support was needed.

His love of the Yankees also made him the perfect fit for our family.

We are so sorry that we cannot be there to share his loss. We know his innate goodness and loving spirit are now being rewarded. His physical presence is gone from us but his spirit will always be there to draw on. He will always be in our hearts and souls.

Uncle Tom and Aunt Donna

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**Tom and Donna Ferrese** - March 10, 2020 at 12:20 PM

GB

“Our thoughts and prayers are with all the members of Frank's family. We will always remember Frank for his sense of humor, his compassion, his love for the Yankees, and most of all his friendship. In recent years, after our retirements and my move south, Frank and I sometimes wouldn't see each other for a year, but we always kept in touch. Whenever I came back to New York for a visit, we would get together for lunch or a Yankees game and pick up right where we left off.

Special friends like Frank enter your life and forever change you for the better. We are so grateful for his love and will cherish our memories of him forever.

George and Lenice Beckwith

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**George Beckwith** - March 10, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank A. Percacciante.



March 10, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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“ *Nick Crane* purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Mr. Frank A. Percacciante.



**Nick Crane** - March 09, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank A. Percacciante.



March 09, 2020 at 07:41 PM

GB

“ *George and Lenice Beckwith* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Mr. Frank A. Percacciante.



**George and Lenice Beckwith** - March 09, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank A. Percacciante.



March 09, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank A. Percacciante.*



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March 09, 2020 at 03:52 PM

PM

“ *My thoughts with Frank's family at this time...what a wonderful man he was...he made everyone he touched feel special and was always there with a memory and a story to share. I felt blessed to have known and worked with Frank...his love for his family was without bounds...god bless him always...*  
*peter Mannella*  
*rensselaer NY*

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**Peter Mannella** - March 09, 2020 at 01:45 PM

GS

“ *To the Percacciante family I send my sincere condolences. Frank was my best friend growing up and all through school. I have fond memories of Frank and all the great times we spent together. I was shocked to hear of his passing, I'm sure he's reunited with his loved ones. God bless you good buddy until we meet again.*

*Gerald Spaziani*

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**Gerald Spaziani** - March 09, 2020 at 10:45 AM

NF

“ *Novak Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Frank A. Percacciante.*



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**Novak Family** - March 09, 2020 at 09:59 AM

GN

“ Frankie and Jeff and families,  
Bruce and I were so sad to hear of your Dad's passing. We have so many delightful memories of times spent with your family. Your Dad was the sweetest and funniest guy that I had the pleasure to work with. We send our sincere condolences. We are sorry we won't be able to come to the service. We are in Texas with Lindsey's family. She just had a baby girl in September. I have been babysitting since Lindsey went back to work. We plan to be back to Pa in May so hopefully we can get together and share some memories.  
We send love and wish for peace and comfort during this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Glenna and Bruce

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**Glenna Novak** - March 09, 2020 at 09:48 AM

LL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Franks passing. He always stopped to chat when he walked his dog. Such a nice man. A great neighbor. Our sympathy goes out to his family  
Ralph and Laurie Lupia

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**Laurie Lupia** - March 09, 2020 at 07:40 AM

ST

“ Frank. Jeff.and Laura.So sorry to hear about Frank's passing. Although we didn't get together much in recent years we had many good memories. I'm glad we had lunch 2 weeks ago and talked about all the good times we had in the past.

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**Santo Tomaino** - March 08, 2020 at 06:30 PM

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“ Frankie and Jeffrey - It's been alot of years since I have seen you both. My mom was your grandmother's sister, Josephine. So sorry to hear about your dad. From:  
Jerry and Sandy Massocco Claeys

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**Sandra Claeys** - March 08, 2020 at 05:30 PM