



## Francis Anthony "Turk" Joseph

August 11, 1934 - January 28, 2023

NORTH UTICA –The soul of Mr. Francis Anthony “Turk” Joseph, ascended into Jesus’s loving arms on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at the age of 88. At the time that he transitioned, he was in the hearts of those he loved the most.

Born in Utica on August 11, 1934, to the late Peter W. and Mora (Khoury Zady) Joseph, Franny spent his life in the area, he graduated from T. R. Proctor High School with the class of 1953. To this day, he retained close friendships and camaraderie with the members of the Proctor boys. At one time, he wed the former Dolores Macchione, and from that relationship came the blessing of two beautiful daughters, Maria and Ann-Renée.

For over 30 years, Franny was a dedicated route man for Utica Club, later known as FX Matt Brewing Company, making deliveries to restaurants through all Central New York.

Turk just loved spending time with his “girls” when they were young. He was mindful to each of their desires. He taught them to pitch and catch, paying special attention to their follow- through. Memorable were the hockey games of the Clinton Comets which he escorted them to at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. Turk made sure to teach his girls honesty and hard work to guarantee good outcomes in their lives. Turk delighted in being a good provider and was very protective of his daughters throughout their lives. If they

ever needed him, no questions asked, he was there. He also instilled in them the importance of attending church on Sunday. He made sure they sat straight, listened to the priest's message, and never fooled around!

He was known to his grandchildren as "Grandpa" and to his great-grandchildren, he was known as "Grampy"; these were the most endearing titles he held. With his grandchildren, he always felt remarkable and content. He loved visiting them, chatting with them, and scorching around. Grandpa spent many football Sunday's watching the NY Giants with his eldest grandson, Michael, where they often shared a few glasses of their favorite red wine together. Franny cherished those Sunday's with Michael. These were always charming times for him. He also brought his little great-grandchildren Lebanese pita bread that they called "pizza", and he enjoyed sharing a part of his heritage.

A big sports fan, Turk wholeheartedly rooted for the New York Yankees, the New York Rangers, the New York Giants, and the Boston Celtics, and Adrean Post legion baseball. He also spent much time playing golf on various courses, but he favored and especially enjoyed the fairways of Valley View. He was also very well-known and a constant presence at Pellettieri Joe's Restaurant. People loved listening to him tell jokes. Turk loved making people laugh and continued to do so right up to the end of his life.

Turk's family will always remember their fun family house parties with music at very high decibels. Neil Diamond was his go-to. His choice of spirits was a gin martini "extra, extra dry three olives and a twist"; and there was laughter galore when the group got together. Not one to let the fun slip by in his later years, Franny and his daughter Maria frequently traveled to Maryland to spend vacations, birthdays and holidays with his daughter Renée, and her six dogs. The magic was just as real as it was back in the day!

Even though he was outgoing, Turk was a deeply private man, and kept many things close to his own heart. A quote he often reminded others of was, realizing how true the words really were: "If you have health, you have wealth." Grounded in his faith, Turk made Mary, Mother of Our Savior (Lourdes Campus), a place he felt God's spirit.

Turk is survived by his cherished daughters and sons-in-law, Maria J. and Thomas A. Palumbo, Renée Joseph and her husband, Adrian C. Wertz with whom he shared a close father/son relationship and spent many conversations discussing investing; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Erin M. and Anthony Trinkaus and their daughter Taylor Mae "Little Flower" Trinkaus; Renée and Christopher Jarosz, and their children, Nolan C. Jarosz, Sadie A. "Sweet Pea" Jarosz, Nashton T. Jarosz; and his beloved grandson, Michael T. Palumbo.

Franny is preceded by his brothers, sisters, and their spouses, Anthony J. and Hattie Joseph, Isabel Joseph, who passed as a child, Lucille and Bill Martin, and Nazira (Rose) Enjem; many nieces and nephews, Lucille (Giacovelli) and Tom Harden, Anthony and Donna Giacovelli, Francis and Bonnie Enjem, Sharon Payne (and her late husband Steve) Peter Joseph, Lt. Cmd. Ret. US. Navy, Mora and William Milham, Nicole M. and Raymonté Early, Michael III and Krista Macchione, Erika Macchione and Jason and their daughter, Lucia, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. Franny maintained a very close relationship with his in-laws Anna-Marie (Macchione) and Anthony "Winks" Giacovelli, and Michael A., Jr. and Lynne Macchione. Franny and Mike were like brothers.

He will also be very missed by his special friends to carry on the Utica Club Toasts; The "Apple of his Eye", Big John Lucarelli, and Little John Lucarelli, as well as the Meola boys at the garage; Michael Fillipelli, Roc Tebsherany, Florio

Vitullo, Dr. Pat DeCarlis, Tommy Fabio, Sam Paniccia, and many, many other wonderful guys. Turk himself also dearly missed the friends who went before him: Remo Zegarelli (who was like a brother to him), Donnie Romanelli Sr., and Danny Salvo.

He was predeceased by his in-laws Michael A. Sr. and Josephine (DeMarco) Macchione; nieces and nephews, Lucretia Ingersoll, Anthony Joseph, Jr. and Terry Martin.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the compassionate staff of the Abraham House, Utica, who made the final journey for Turk and his family as pleasant as possible with their comforting words and actions. Lindsey, Ashley, Sheila, Jasmine, Emma, Bonnie, Shar, and Amanda; these incredible women were looked upon as angels on earth. The family would also like to mention two other earth angels, RN brothers, Brian and Corey Carnes, you know who you are, we thank you.

The family will commemorate Francis' life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will be held on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Church (Lourdes Campus), 2222 Genesee St., Utica. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. The family requests, in lieu of floral offerings, supporting the mission of the Abraham House would be greatly appreciated. Online tributes may be made at <https://www.theabrahamhouse.org/our-homes/abraham-house-utica/> as well as envelopes which will be available at the service. Turk will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery.

Fond memories and messages of encouragement may be shared at [www.EananceFuneralHome.com](http://www.EananceFuneralHome.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Church (Lourdes Campus)  
2222 Genesee Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

ET

“ We love and miss you Fuss. Rest in peace.



Erin Trinkaus - February 05, 2023 at 07:00 PM

RJ

“ We love you Face and will miss you so much.  
Rest Peacefully Grampy.



Renee Jarosz - February 04, 2023 at 10:15 AM

RI

“ Fran was a very good friend of our father.....  
Fran visited him in the hospital which made  
our dad very happy... Fran was a wonderful  
person and friend... he will be missed here on  
earth but welcomed in heaven...



Rosario & Dan Salvo II - February 03, 2023 at 09:58 AM

DI

“ Daniel Salvo II lit a candle in memory of  
Francis Anthony "Turk" Joseph



Daniel Salvo II - February 03, 2023 at 09:49 AM

JM

“ *Maria , Ann-Renee and family,  
So very sorry to hear about your Dad’s  
passing.  
We will always remember his sense of humor  
and that beautiful smile.  
With deepest sympathies,  
Julie and Jerry Masi*



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**Julie Masi** - February 03, 2023 at 06:23 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Francis Anthony "Turk" Joseph.*



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February 02, 2023 at 11:33 AM

TE

“ *Tony & Eileen Enjem&Family sent a virtual gift  
in memory of Francis Anthony "Turk" Joseph*



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**Tony & Eileen Enjem&Family** - February 01, 2023 at 06:54 PM

TE

*Dear uncle Fran’s family we’re sorry to hear of Fran’s passing, we tried  
to get together with uncle Fran several times but he wasn’t up to it.  
With our deepest sympathy  
Tony,Eileen Enjem and family*

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**Tony & Eileen Enjem&Family** - February 01, 2023 at 07:01 PM

RS

“ To the Family of the Turk, that's all I ever known by My condolences. Such a great and funny man.I never knew a man that could tell so many jokes from the first on he started with till the last one which related to the frost one he started with,. He blew my mind. I remember Franny living in my brothers Babe house, and I would stop to see Babe and his door would be open cooking and having a Martini and would invite me to join him and I did. I'm so sorry I can't make it because I am fighting Covid at this time. He will be remembered for the rest of my life and many many more. I was my pleasure to have known him thru all of his troubles. Like trying to sent the sweaters back to Italy after he paid so much for them. I will pray for him.

Raymond G Tantillo Sr - February 01, 2023 at 03:00 PM

PC

A great person who had a special gift to make others feel good, truly a happy fellow, I enjoyed knowing Turk, may God Bless his soul and may he rest in peace.

Peter Cerminaro - February 02, 2023 at 08:01 PM

MA

“ I didn't know Turk very long but I liked him. Miss seeing him. Always said to me about having health. Very sweet man.

MaryJo - February 01, 2023 at 01:35 PM

PW

“ He was just a wonderful person . Always a smile on his face .

Patty Williams - February 01, 2023 at 11:49 AM

BF

“ He was a great man I have known for years, may God bless you I hope that GOD will enjoy your jokes as much as we all did. God Bless my friend.

*Bob Fuller*

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**Bob Fuller** - February 01, 2023 at 07:48 AM

AT

“ The first thing that comes to mind when seeing Frannie was always. “What a nice man!”  
A beautiful person created in Gods image.

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**Anthony Tartaglia** - February 01, 2023 at 03:31 AM

LF

“ Love The Gray Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Francis Anthony "Turk" Joseph.



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**Love The Gray Family** - January 31, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ To the Joseph Family,,  
I had the pleasure of meeting "Turk" at Valley View Golf Course many many yrs ago. I didn't know his real name for about 5 yrs LOL,, My friend Remo brought me along to play golf with him. It was an immediate connection. He was one of the funniest guys i ever knew. He would always have a new joke to tell and we all enjoyed his laugh. Rest in peace my friend and send out one of your famous duck calls from heaven. Say hello to Remo for me too....  
Tony Domanico  
Tucson AZ.

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**Tony Domanico** - January 31, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ Although I've only known you for the past few years ,you made me feel like it was a life time of companionship. Your daily smile and endless jokes were the highlight of the day. We ( your friends at the Body shop ) will miss you dearly  
RIP my friend -- Ed Majka

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**Ed Majka** - January 31, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ To the Joseph family, have known Franny for probably 40 years . We had a lot of laughs together especially our trip to Atlantic City Yeats ago. He would always bring that up and laugh hysterically. RIP my friend

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**Aryhud Rapp** - February 01, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Francis Anthony "Turk" Joseph.*



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January 31, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ *Maria and family we are so sorry for your loss! Prayers your way during this time.*

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**michelle hollingshead** - January 31, 2023 at 08:09 AM