



## Mr. Francis Gregory "Frank" Chirico

April 20, 1927 - December 31, 2013

Mr. Francis Gregory "Frank" Chirico, age 86, passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord at the St. Joseph Nursing Home after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease on December 31, 2013, with his loving and devoted family by his side.

Born in Herkimer, NY on April 20, 1927, Frank was the son of the late Anthony and Francesca (Cimino) Chirico. He was a graduate of Herkimer High School, class of 1944, and Albany Business College. Frank was a proud member of United States Navy, and served his country during World War II as a Seaman, First Class aboard the USS Fall River heavy cruiser.

On June 18, 1960, he married the former Mary L. Gelose. They shared a loving marriage of 53 years.

Frank was the quintessential salesman, and enjoyed a long and successful career which began at Remington Rand. He was later employed at Addressograph Multigraph Corporation, where he was a member of the Hundred Club. It was during his tenure at Electrolux Corporation, first as sales representative, and later as Branch Manager, that Frank found his true career calling. He serviced hundreds of satisfied customers throughout central NY, and consecutively earned sales leader of the month designations as well as earning the "Career Sales Leader" award.

Frank served as commander of the Tony R. George Post of Herkimer, and was a member of the St. Anthony's Crusaders. He was a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Frank loved the great outdoors and enjoyed spending free time in his garden, fishing, and on vacations with his family. After his retirement, he discovered his artistic talents and became an accomplished painter.

Frank is survived by his cherished wife, Mary; his son Mark Chirico; his daughters Maria and Lisa Chirico; his sister Mary V. Chirico; his sister-in-law Rosemarie Chirico; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. He will also be mourned by his brother-in-law Sam Gelose and his wife Angie; and his brother-in-law James Gelose. He was preceded in death by his sister Anna Golden and her husband Richard Golden; his brothers Vincent and Anthony Chirico; his mother-in-law, Sophie Gelose and his father-in-law James Gelose; his sister-in-law Veta Thurston and her husband Blaze Thurston; his sister-in-law Nora Gelose; and his brother-in-law Pat Gelose and his wife Rose.

Frank's family is forever thankful to the Carmelite Sisters at St. Joseph Nursing Home for their spiritual guidance, love, and support during his stay. In addition, they would like to thank the entire St. Joseph Nursing Home staff, especially the nurses and CNAs of the second floor for their compassionate care. A special thank you is extended to the Palliative Care Team and the nurses of 3 West at Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare.

The family will receive visitors in the Parish community of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 2222 Genesee St. in Utica, on Monday morning from 10:30-11:30. Frank's life will be honored and celebrated in a Mass of Christian Burial

with military honors at 12:00 noon celebrated by Rev. Joseph Salerno. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a donation in Frank's name to the University of South Florida Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute of Tampa, FL; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will take place in the Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, Ny

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Takoda lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis Gregory "Frank" Chirico*



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**takoda** - January 07, 2014 at 10:08 PM

DM

“ *Mary, Maria, Mark and Lisa,*

*Our hearts go out to you upon hearing of the passing of your beloved Husband and Father.*

*What a beautiful, loving and devoted family you have shown to all who have come to know you, at St. Joseph's nursing Home.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow and may God Bless You with great strength, peace and comfort.*

*Love and prayers,*

*The Pardi Family... Angela, Debbie, Denise, David and Dawn*



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**Dawn Pardi Mccabe** - January 06, 2014 at 11:54 AM

CJ

“ Mary,Mark,Maria,and Lisa we are so sorry for dad's passing but know that he is at peace now.We truly are going to miss dad and all the good times we had with him.Frank was truly blessed to have had such a great and dedicated family. all of you did a great job takeing care of dad day in and day out.Also know that all of you helped to make dad's last days happy and peaceful.(as you wrote me(Lisa)) "They will soar on wings like eagles;they will run and not grow weary;they will walk and not be faint." love colleen,Staci,and Deanna

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**colleen Jennings** - January 06, 2014 at 08:07 AM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis Gregory "Frank" Chirico.



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January 06, 2014 at 05:19 AM

JC

“ Mary V.

*We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*We are in the Mohawk book, would love to speak with you, give us a call.*

*John & Shirley Casadonte*



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**John & Shirley Casadonte** - January 05, 2014 at 02:53 PM

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“ *In Memory Of Frank Chirico lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis Gregory "Frank" Chirico*



**In Memory of Frank Chirico** - January 05, 2014 at 01:56 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis Gregory "Frank" Chirico.*



January 05, 2014 at 01:11 PM

MC

“ *Mary V. Chirico purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Francis Gregory "Frank" Chirico.*



**Mary V. Chirico** - January 04, 2014 at 10:53 AM

TC

“ Dad,

*You are a true WARRIOR! We love and miss you more than words can say!*

*Please say hello to all our family and friends in Heaven, and enjoy all the Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin concerts, where we know you now have front row seats!*

*You were a wonderful and amazing husband and father, and blessed our lives in countless ways.*

*Love,*

*Your Wife Mary & Children Mark, Maria & Lisa*

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**The Family of Frank Chirico** - January 03, 2014 at 07:26 PM

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“ *The Family Of Frank Chirico lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis Gregory "Frank" Chirico*



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**The Family of Frank Chirico** - January 03, 2014 at 07:03 PM