



Mr. Francis R. "Frank" "Bushy" Collea

September 12, 1934 - October 10, 2011

Mr. Francis R. "Frank" "Bushy" Collea, age 77, of North Utica, passed away on Monday, October 10, 2011 at the Upstate Medical Center. He was blessed with the love and support of his family at the time of his passing.

Born in Utica on September 12, 1934, Francis was the son of the late Charles and Margaret (Kenefick) Collea. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Utica Catholic Academy. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, he honorably served his country during the Korean War. On September 14, 1968 he married the former Maryann V. Iacovella with whom he shared a union of 43 years blessed with happiness and devotion to each other.

Bushy worked as a Highway Equipment Operator for the New York State Department of Transportation, the position from which he retired. To his family, he was a very devoted patriarch, generous, selfless, and very attentive to their needs. He was a fantastic father who loved his children unconditionally and was always supportive, fun-loving, and involved in their activities. A protective father-figure, he held a special love for children, both his own and the neighborhood kids. He enjoyed the outdoors, loved fishing in his younger years, and was an exceptional basketball player and a member of the Navy team.

Frank is survived by his wife Maryann; his daughters and son-in-law, Maria and Andy Anderson of AZ, and Lori Collea of Oneida and Peter Gleason; and his grandchildren, Jessica Zegarelli and fiancé Chris Maine, and Allison Wrafter. He also leaves his sisters, Katherine Grimmer, and Eileen Philo; his

brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Ruth Collea, Jerome and Joyce Collea, and Robert and Jean Collea; his uncle, John Montaldo; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, especially acknowledging Frank "Hanky D" DiDominick; and in-laws, Frank Gaetano, Marilyn Minor, and Virginia and Anthony Muccari. He was predeceased by his brothers, John, James, and Charles; and his sisters, Margaret, Victoria, and Ethel.

The family wishes to acknowledge the outstanding and loving efforts provided by Nurse Practitioner Dana Ruth in caring for Frank.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Frank's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday evening at 6:00 at the funeral home immediately upon the conclusion of visitation with Rev. Anthony P. LaFache officiating. Interment will take place at St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Francis R. "Frank" "Bushy" Collea



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My favorite memory of uncle Frank is sitting at his living room while I ate more Christmas cookies that humanly possible while I listened to funny stories you told my did. God Bless you uncle Frank!



Dawn Stark - October 15, 2011 at 05:28 AM

JS

“ Uncle Frank. You will be missed dearly. Thank you for giving me such great memories. Love always, Jennie (polack)

jennifer szczesniak - October 14, 2011 at 08:04 PM

KW

“ Maria and Family,
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
We always enjoyed hearing the wonderful
Stories about your Dad.
Ardell and Kari Witt

Kari Witt - October 13, 2011 at 04:19 PM

PJ

“ Uncle Frank, although I did not grow up with you the way my dad, aunts, and uncles did; I feel like I did with the stories everyone told about you throughout the years. My father looked up to you as a son would to his dad, and I know that you had such a great influence on the man and the father that he is today. I will always remember going to your house to see you and Aunt Mary Ann and how without saying much, you made us laugh and there was such a comfortable family feeling that is not found in every home. I will always remember you as my dad's Uncle Booboo and my Uncle Frank. Love you.

Patrick Julian Jr - October 12, 2011 at 08:37 PM

MG

“ Mary Gajewski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis R. "Frank" "Bushy" Collea



Mary Gajewski - October 12, 2011 at 05:40 PM

JZ

“Poppy, Not a day will go by that I will not think of you. You have made me the person that I am today. Although the days of picking me up from school, watching me in the pool, taking me to the bookstore, church, daily breakfasts at Friendly's, and naps in the chair are in the past, these memories will never be forgotten. I know that I am the luckiest person in the world to have you as my grandfather- my dad. I do not know what I would have done without you by my side every step of the way-you are the most selfless, caring, and devoted pop there could be. And, although my heart is aching, I will always remember the last laughs you gave us... despite being sick. I love you more than anything, and you will never ever ever be forgotten. I miss you so much.

Love your favorite Jay.

Allison loves you too!

Jessica Zegarelli - October 12, 2011 at 02:17 PM

RW

Maria and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. May the angels watch over your father. He will be in my prayers.

Regina

Regina Wainwright - October 12, 2011 at 07:35 PM

MS

“Uncle Frank, growing up we had the privilege of living in a home with extended family. It was more like having more brothers and sisters than aunts and uncles. We were so lucky. I remember the coca cola you took us for was the best, and there is no way to duplicate it today. Memories always make things sweeter. Thanks and love, Mary Lourdes

Mary Lourdes Julian Scholefield - October 12, 2011 at 10:26 AM

MU

“ Uncle Frank, you will be missed by many. I always held a high respect for you. You were there for myself and brothers and sisters after Dad passed if we needed you. How you could make us listen yet laugh. Who could forget the nicknames you had for your nieces and nephews? Love Margaret Anne

Margaret Anne Collea Urtz - October 12, 2011 at 07:16 AM

PS

“ Uncle Frank, you were such a big part of my life growing up. The good times we had and the things you taught me. All kids should have an Uncle Booboo to teach them the things you really need to know in life to survive. You will forever be remembered through the years , your teachings were carried on to my kid's and I am sure they will pass them on to theirs. I love you, P. J.

Patrick Julian Sr. - October 11, 2011 at 03:37 PM