



## Mr. Francis R. "Frank" "Beef" Giruzzi, Ret. UPD

August 11, 1941 - August 23, 2021

UTICA - Mr. Francis R. "Frank" "Beef" Giruzzi, Ret. UPD, age 80, was reunited with his beloved Betty when he passed away on Monday, August 23, 2021 surrounded by his devoted family.

Born in Utica on August 11, 1941, Francis was the son of the late Frank R. Giruzzi and Mary (Dote) Giruzzi Lentricchia Colacino. He attended Roscoe Conkling Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1959. A proud veteran of the United States Army, Frank served his country with honor during the Vietnam Era from 1960-1966 as a member of the 107th Military Police. On October 7, 1961 Frank married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth A. "Betty" Caniato and from their union came 3 wonderful, loving, and caring children. Together they weathered many storms but saw everything through, in sickness and in health. They shared 52 years prior to Betty's passing on August 17, 2014, ...and Fran adored Betty until his last breath.

Frank was appointed to the Utica Police Department on May 1, 1966, a career that spanned 25 years serving and protecting the public as a Patrolman and later in the Mounted Police and Narcotics Divisions. He always reflected on his time with the Utica Police Department and was very proud that his nephew Jimmy followed in his footsteps. Concurrently, Frank co-owned and operated the K-9 Dog Food Company with his brother Joe and Uncle Dickie from 1972-1982. Above all else, Frank enjoyed being with his family. He looked forward to his hunting trips with his brothers, uncles, cousins, nephews, and son.

Some of Frank's best memories were going out in the "country" with his brothers Jimmy and Joe. He also enjoyed socializing with his gin club buddies, trying his luck at the local casinos, and taking treasured vacations with Betty to many exotic destinations. Frank loved watching his grandsons play baseball. He was an avid Yankees fan and often treated his kids and grandkids to a trip to Yankee Stadium to see the pinstripes in person. He was a loyal and enthusiastic New York Giants football fan. "Beef" was the life of every party, and on the holidays when everybody gathered, you could always count on him to tell many stories, over and over again, but it always felt like you were hearing them for the first time! He also had a unique sense of style ~ he had the best dress sweats of anyone in town! Civic-minded and patriotic, Frank was a member of the Fort Schuyler American Legion Post 1290. Frank is survived by his children and their loves, and his grandchildren, Carla Giruzzi-Keena and Luis Montero, Frank R. Giruzzi III and granddaughter Elizabeth, Patrick and Wendy Giruzzi and grandsons Patrick and Parker, and Angele and Bill Worden, Jr. and grandsons Nicolas and Michael; and his siblings and their spouses, Joseph and Mary Giruzzi, James and Denise Giruzzi, Mark Giruzzi, Cynthia and James Cahill, and Maryrose and Darryl Green. He will also be remembered by his nieces and nephews, Julie (his goddaughter) and Joe Mosca, Joseph Giruzzi; Danielle and Ryan McEwen, Jimmy and Gianna Giruzzi, Diana Giruzzi; Mark Giruzzi Jr., and Arianna Giruzzi-Lupo and her husband Dan; many great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Fran had many friendships throughout his life, but found great companionship with Joseph Maida, Sal "Butch" Rizzo, Phil Bailey, Vincent Pristera, and Frank Carzo. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, James E. Keena; siblings, Joanne, Jimmy, and Denny Reilly, and Michael Lentricchia; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Elmer and Anna Caniato; special aunts and uncles, Dominick and Gloria Dote, and Jenny and Fred Arcuri; nephew, Ronald Giruzzi, Jr.; sisters-in-law, Randi Zammiello Giruzzi, and Judy Giruzzi; step-mother, Helen Giruzzi; and many additional aunts, uncles, and special friends.

The family is grateful to Leo Sullivan/MD who always tended to Fran with a caring heart; Kelly Biesel/PA who was always available and compassionate; his niece, Arianna Giruzzi-Lupo/NP whose assistance and expertise was trusted and she was much loved by her uncle and family; and the nursing staff of the 2nd Floor at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center whose kindness and compassion will remain in the hearts of Fran's family forever.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 27, 2021 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 Saturday morning, August 28, 2021 at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred by the U.S. Army. Interment will follow graveside in St. Agnes Cemetery where he will be laid to rest beside his beloved Betty.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 27.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
[eannacefh@roadrunner.com](mailto:eannacefh@roadrunner.com)

# Tribute Wall

FF

“ I want to convey my sincere sympathy to the Giruzzi Family. I grew up on Eleanor Place near the Giruzzi, Dote, and Tomaino Families. God Bless You, Fran. Francis "Franny" Fragola...

Francis N Fragola - September 04, 2021 at 10:55 AM

GO

“ Gary Olerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis R. "Frank" "Beef" Giruzzi, Ret. UPD



Gary Olerenshaw - September 02, 2021 at 08:51 PM

EP

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy during this difficult time!

Emil Paparella - September 01, 2021 at 04:40 PM

KD

“ Karrie DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis R. "Frank" "Beef" Giruzzi, Ret. UPD



Karrie DiNigro - August 30, 2021 at 01:03 AM

  
PatnLorair  
Ostrander  
Piccione

“ Our condolences to family and friends. Rocco Piccione and family.

PatnLorraine Ostrander-Piccione - August 28, 2021 at 11:33 AM

JA

“ Always enjoyed being in the company of Beef, especially when we were playing Gin. May the family find Peace & Joy in the remembrance of his life. May he Rest in Peace. 🙏

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**Jamie Artessa** - August 26, 2021 at 07:42 PM

DC

“ My condolences to the Giruzzi family. Beef was a good friend, good officer and someone who always had your back. It was a pleasure to work along side him. I will remember him always and our prayers go out to you family members.

*Dan Corleto*

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**Dan Corleto** - August 26, 2021 at 02:25 PM

DU

“ Frank was a good man and also a good cop I had good time riding with Frank in car 55 he always had your six. RIP Brother you will be missed.

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**David R Taurisano Ret. UPD** - August 26, 2021 at 12:23 PM

NP

“ *Giruzzi family*  
I had the honor and privilege to work with Frank at Upd for many years. He was a good officer with compassion for others and was always dressed in uniform to the "T". Frank did his job well and was always faithful to his fellow officers, a strong union member, and told it like it was, may you rest in peace and a hug to Betty from.

*Nick Parrotta*

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**Nick Parrotta** - August 26, 2021 at 10:39 AM

DW

“ To the Giruzzi family. Our deepest condolences. Beef was a great friend and a great police officer. One of our greatest memories ever was my kids ran into the house saying a horse was coming up Howard ave. I go outside and its Beef. He gave our kids a ride up and down the street. All the kids in the 1400 block wanted a ride. But he only gave a few other kids a ride then he rode off into the sunset. Definitely Beef is an 🤪. My kids never forgot "uncle Beef ". That is who he told my kids he was. MRS. Betty when she worked at Faxton Hospital and our daughter was having surgery. She came in with a book and stuffed animal for our daughter. Both Beef and Betty were 2 amazing beautiful people. Praying for the families. Ret. Investigator Jim Winston and family.



Dawn Winston - August 25, 2021 at 11:42 PM

AC

“ To The Giruzzi Family, We Are So Sorry for your Loss, Our thoughts and prayers are with You! Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - August 25, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis R. "Frank" "Beef" Giruzzi, Ret. UPD.



August 25, 2021 at 09:19 AM