



## Mr. Francis G. "Franny" Klar, Jr.

May 2, 1964 - July 12, 2022

UTICA – Mr. Francis G. “Franny” Klar, Jr., age 58, passed away after a recent illness of several months on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, surrounded by his devoted family.

Born in Utica on May 2, 1964, to the late Francis G. “Frank” Sr. and Louann M. (Caruso) Klar, Franny attended Brandegee Elementary and was a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School/Class of 1982.

Francis seized the chance to enjoy differing work opportunities. Through working with the ARC of Oneida-Lewis counties, Franny enriched his abilities as he became part of the work force of Sansone’s Distributors, and Nickel Back Redemption Center in Waterville.

He had made many wonderful memories while walking around the streets of East Utica as a young man. He was constantly perusing with a bat and mitt in hand always looking for friends to play baseball—a sport in which Franny was so good that he could hit a straight ball out of the park! Additionally, being part of the ARC Program, he took advantage of all of their activities, including bowling as well as other sports. He partook in the Special Olympics and particularly loved to play baseball.

While a youth, Franny appreciated attending the Boy’s Club of Utica. He especially loved the experience he had when his sister brought him to a NY Yankee game, when the Yanks beat Boston—a favorite memory of Franny’s being that he was the only Yankee fan in the family. A diehard Yankees fan, he considered Derek Jeter and Reggie Jackson as his main guys, but he did

love all the players.

Not only did Francis love remembering the good times but he was also known for his excellent memory; in particular, he could recall people's names.

Franny had several passions; he was no stranger to good food, he enjoyed fish fries, fried clams, and considered his favorite bag of Lay's Potato Chips a must. Furthermore, he delighted in jumping on the bed (until his sister broke him of that happy habit). He so enjoyed his relationship with his cat Daisy.

Franny would often cuddle with and sleep snuggled up next to Daisy; she was his best friend.

An affectionate soul, he constantly had a smile on his face, and a hug to show his affection. He was beloved by the "East End" community.

He was a high-functioning young man who, through the love of his family, was able to accomplish great things. His parents were very protective and Franny was especially attached to his Dad. The two shared special moments together, fishing, and stopping at many garage sales and searching for treasures. With his Mom, he was her greatest helper. He worried about her and tended to her needs in his own special way. He took care of his Papa, particularly when he was sick. During his last few weeks, Francis reminisced about his parents....., almost as if he knew he would be seeing them again soon. His siblings take comfort in knowing that they are all reunited again. Franny was a good child who was raised with much love. He had a pure heart, and a kind soul, and his family was the center of his life.

When he was hospitalized and in rehab, Franny spoke of wanting to attend Mass, and his wish was fulfilled. He had received all of his sacraments at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, where he was welcomed into the church.

Francis is survived by his sister, Tammy Bottini (and her late husband, Paul E. Bottini, Jr.); and his brothers, Louie Klar, and John E. Klar (and his late wife, Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar). At the present time he is engaged to Betsy Reilly. He will live on in the hearts of his nieces and nephews, Paul and Jennifer Bottini, Kara and Jarvis Washington, Krystyna Bottini and Johnny Gonzalez, and Stephen Bottini; Johnathon Klar, and Dominic Klar; and

numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. Franny leaves behind his aunts and uncles, as well as the group of friends he made amongst the workers at the ARC of Oneida-Lewis County; he truly enjoyed them. He will be fondly remembered by all of the Klar family, many of whom reside in Cohoes, NY. He was predeceased by his paternal grandmother, Margaret Klar; his maternal grandparents, Louis T. and Helen "Hully" (McTiernan) Caruso, and his uncles and aunts, including Thomas Caruso.

The Klar family would like to thank the staff of the ICU at MVHS at St. Luke's Campus, who were attentive to Franny's needs with great compassion.

Additional gratitude is extended to those at Utica Rehab, who treated him with kindness and respect, and to the ARC family, who was a great support and continued to connect with the family during his illness.

Visitation will take place on Sunday, July 17, 2022, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. His Funeral Service and Celebration of Life will commence at the conclusion of visitation at 4:00 at the funeral home. He will be laid to rest with his parents in St. Agnes Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Louie and family,*

*My deepest condolences,*

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**Joseph J Arcuri** - July 31, 2022 at 08:39 AM

AM

“ *I miss you Franny 😞 Condolences to the family*

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**Andy Marshall** - July 19, 2022 at 03:33 PM

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“ *Sending love and prayers to the Klar and Caruso families and loved ones.*



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**Rena** - July 18, 2022 at 01:40 AM

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*From the Chapman family... Bev, Jimmy, John and Rena*

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**Rena** - July 18, 2022 at 01:40 AM

DP

“*Louie and family I am so sorry for your loss. Franny was always a good boy and good man. Respectful at all times and so very polite and a loving man of his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you Lou I always have special prayers and thoughts for you and Fran. Heaven has gained a wonderful Yankee fan and man. God Bless You Always Dave Piacentino*



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**Dave Piacentino** - July 17, 2022 at 01:28 PM

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“*Tammy and family so sorry to see that Franny has passed, I will not be able to make the services please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Franny rest in peace Gary O*



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**Gary Ollerenshaw** - July 17, 2022 at 09:15 AM

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“*Jimmy, Erica, & April Trudeau purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Francis G. "Franny" Klar, Jr..*



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**Jimmy, Erica, & April Trudeau** - July 16, 2022 at 06:25 PM

CO

“ Franny was a great person who truly will be missed. Franny was the kind of person that you could not help but to love him. We will never forget that beautiful smile he would give us everyday that we came to work. RIP Franny and fly high with the angels. Luv you Colleen and Staci

Colleen - July 16, 2022 at 12:09 PM

HD

“ Cousin Franny, you were a great guy! I always looked forward to the banter that came with you being a Yankee fan. I'll never forget making it my mission to steal your Yankee hat and make you chase us kids around Camp-A-Lot to get it back. We had such fun with that! You will be missed by all of your family. I'll even root for the Yankees for at least one game in your honor <3. Rest In Peace, sweet cousin.

Heather Donohue - July 16, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis G. "Franny" Klar, Jr..



July 15, 2022 at 10:08 PM



“ Charles Isgro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis G. "Franny" Klar, Jr.



Charles Isgro - July 15, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis G. "Franny" Klar, Jr..*



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July 15, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Rest easy Uncle Franny*



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**LaToya** - July 15, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ *Renee' lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis G. "Franny" Klar, Jr.*



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**Renee'** - July 15, 2022 at 10:42 AM



*Tammy and family - sending love,hugs and prayers for peace and comfort at this difficult time. May Fran rest in eternal peace.  
Renee'*

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**Renee'** - July 15, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis G. "Franny" Klar, Jr..*



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July 15, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Love you so much Uncle Fran and i em going to miss you more than anything.. you left us too soon* 💔💔💔💔

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**kara Washington** - July 14, 2022 at 09:56 PM