



Mr. Francis R. "Frank" Vella

December 8, 1933 - September 19, 2022

CLINTON – Mr. Francis R. “Frank” Vella, age 88, passed peacefully and went home to be with the Lord on Monday, September 19, 2022, surrounded by the love and support of his family.

Frank was born in Auburn, NY, on December 8, 1933, to the late Salvatore “Sam” and Mary (Monteleone) Vella. He was a graduate of West High School/Class of 1951. Frank then studied at Utica Tech.

On April 27, 1957, Frank married the love of his life, the former Eleanor E. “Ellie” Shrodi. As a couple, they always considered their strong family bond as their greatest blessing. The husband-and-wife pair shared 49 years together, which were filled with mutual love and support, until her passing on April 1, 2007.

Frank enjoyed stability in his longtime career as a Foreman Technician with his employer of 39 years, General Electric Co. He remained there until his retirement. He mostly worked the third shift so that he could be available for his children and their activities. He was truly dedicated to the needs of his children and to being present in their life events, which carried through when he became a proud grandfather. He would always cheer them on at the various events they participated in.

As a father, Frank was strong, fair, and stern when necessary. He was protective without being intrusive and instilled in his children the value of fairness in life. They always will remember his “open door policy” to all their friends. He oriented his days around spending time with his family; if you

asked, he was there. A selfless man, Frank's motto was: "Just get it done so you can put it to bed".

Frank enjoyed playing basketball, fast-pitch softball, bowling, and golf, and was an avid Yankee fan. He coached Little League and helped establish the West Utica Senior Hardball League for 13-15 year old boys. He looked forward to playing cards with his friends at the Malsan-Jones Post #7393. Frank had a witty sense of humor and was known to enjoy a good joke. Additionally, he loved music, singing, and dancing. Many of his children's friends endearingly referred to him as "Mr. V."

A very religious and spiritual man, Frank believed in the Catholic Creed. He was a parishioner at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Frank is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Francine E. and John Julian; as well as his sons and their loves, Paul A. and Christine Vella, and Denis Vella and Rebecca Talerico. He held close to his heart the memory of his son Richard T. Vella, who passed on November 26, 2008, and leaves behind his daughter-in-law, Karen Vella. He will live on in the hearts of his grandchildren, Emily, Erin, and Evan Julian; Samantha, Nicholas, Kyle, and Adam Vella.

Frank was predeceased by his sisters, Benedetta Crosby, and Josephine M. Vella; as well as his brother, Thomas Vella who died during World War II. He also leaves behind nieces, nephews, and cousins. Frank will be fondly remembered by his in-laws, Louise A. Shrodi and Frank Armon, and Lawrence and Theresa Shrodi. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John J. Sr. and Emily Shrodi, and his in-laws, Gloria and John Paul "Jack" Shrodi. Frank was blessed with many friends including, Carol and Tony Carzo, Art and Jackie Jones, Ceil and Stan Hamel, Bob and Torney Roach, Frank and Ann Onorati, Pat and Joe Aiken, and his extended "Rochester family".

The family would like to extend their thanks to Dr. Gordon Fung; and the staff and residents of the Saul unit and Rehabilitation Department at the Lutheran Home for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2022, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Frank's Mass of Christian Burial which will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 3:00 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
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis R. "Frank" Vella.*



September 23, 2022 at 10:25 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember your Dad as a very kind man.*

Karen (Wagner) Dean - September 23, 2022 at 06:45 AM



“ *Frank and Ellie were our next door neighbors on Wesley Ave for many years. so sorry to hear of your loss. my prayers and condolences to your family. Rich Peenstra Cookeville, TN*

Richard Peenstra - September 23, 2022 at 12:21 AM



“ *Worked with Frank for many years at GE great Guy, sorry for your loss.
Dick Phelps Remsen*

Dick Phelps - September 22, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ *Paul and Dennis I'm sad to read this 😞... My condolences and prayers to you and the family on your loss.*

Joseph Brady - September 22, 2022 at 01:07 PM

CA

“ Peace be with the Vella family. I knew Frank from bowling. Always a friendly smile and welcoming gentleman. Saw him some years back at Hidden Valley golfing and it was great to see him and Dennis. RIP Frank, you were a great guy.

Chuck Adams - September 21, 2022 at 07:56 PM

RB

“ Losing someone we love is never easy, the wonderful memories you shared will always be remembered. May you find peace and comfort in the coming days.
Ron & Maryann (Talerico) Bushey

Ron & Maryann Bushey - September 21, 2022 at 05:44 PM

JC

“ Saddened to hear about Franks passing, I was privileged to be his partner in a golf league 40ish years ago! Always enjoyed his company, we had a good day whether we won our match or not. Sending prayers to his family for peace and comfort at this time.

John Crouse - September 21, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis R. "Frank" Vella.



September 20, 2022 at 08:00 PM