

Frank J. "Butch" Acquaviva Sr.

November 20, 1939 - May 26, 2013

Mr. Frank J. "Butch" Acquaviva, Sr., age 73, entered into the arms of the Lord on Sunday, May 26, 2013. His passing occurred at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Rome, NY on November 20, 1939, Frank was the son of the late Frank and Lena (Cappelli) Acquaviva. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran, he honorably served his country with the United States Marine Corps in active duty from 1957-1960, and in 1990 during Operation Desert Storm as a member of the Military Police Unit with the National Guard. At one time, he was married to the former Antoinette "Nan" Derminio. He was blessed with a second union when he wed the former Lucille (Merrick) Withers on October 10, 2006.

Frank began his career as a machinist at Bendix Corporation where he attained the level of supervisor as the company transitioned to Lucas Aerospace, retiring in 2003. A great family man, Frank was devoted to his wife, children, and especially his cherished grandchildren. He had room in his heart for everyone he encountered and took them under his wing if need be. He enjoyed gathering for breakfast daily at the Mar-Logg Restaurant with his childhood buddies. His patriotism and allegiance to his country and his fraternity with the Marines led him to a lifelong support of the Toys-For-Tots program annual campaign. He was an affiliate of the Marine Corps League of Iliion, and the Military Order of Italian Devil Dogs. He loved all sports, but baseball's NY Yankees and Hockey's New York Rangers dominated the field.

Frank is survived by his loving wife, Lucille. He cherished the memory of his daughter, Regina Acquaviva Lowman, who predeceased him on May 28, 2001. His cherished family also includes his sons and daughters-in-law, Frank J. Jr. and Melissa Acquaviva of Utica, Dr. Anthony Acquaviva and his life partner, Michael Babineaux, of California, Michael A. and Amy Acquaviva of Whitesboro, and David and Melissa Acquaviva of New Hartford. His extended family includes Edna Acquaviva, William Lowman, Scott and Lucy Withers, Wendy and Jim Colp, and Jeffery Withers. He also leaves his beloved grandchildren, Kevin, Daniel, and Patrick Lowman; Allison Acquaviva; Jessica, Michael USMC, Kristen, and Jack Acquaviva; Timothy Hanrahan; Mariana, Matthew, and Frankie Acquaviva; Amber and Craig Amidon, Tanya Withers, Ally Colp, and Hunter Withers; and his great-granddaughter, Audrey Withers. His surviving loved ones include his sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia and Michael Haynes of Homer, Jessie and Robert Hanes of WV, and Diana and John Owen of Utica; his brothers and sister-in-law, James and Dorothy Acquaviva of Utica, and Mark Acquaviva, Sr. of Rome; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Eleanor Acquaviva, Barbara Acquaviva, Elaine and Roger Klein, Clinton and Rita Merrick, and Patricia Garramone; and his closest friends, Nick and Sandy Giglio. He was predeceased by his brothers, Peter M. Acquaviva, Sr., and William Acquaviva; and his sisters, Martha C. "Joanne" Molnar, and Rosemarie Snow.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of the 3rd Floor Oncology Unit at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for their care and compassion.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Frank's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 11:00 at St. Mark's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial, with military honors, will be offered by Rev. Mark Pasik. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a contribution to Toys-For-Tots in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the service. In keeping with Frank's wishes there will be no public visitation. Interment will

take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ We love you Frank, Melissa and Allison. We know that this is a difficult time for The Acquaviva Family and our thoughts are with you all. Love, The Daily Family

Daily - May 30, 2013 at 10:31 AM



“ Sympathy Sentiments™ Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank J. "Butch" Acquaviva Sr..



May 30, 2013 at 10:28 AM

SA

“ Shannon Acquaviva-Cinque lit a candle in memory of Frank J. "Butch" Acquaviva Sr.



Shannon Acquaviva-Cinque - May 29, 2013 at 08:31 PM

PG

“ To the whole Acquaviva family, my sincere condolences. Growing up, Frank was a constant presence in my life. Woodburne Dr. was a great place to be a kid, and Frank was one of the reasons. May he rest in peace.
Patty (Peters) Geckler

Patty Geckler - May 29, 2013 at 07:35 PM

TV

“ Terry VerHeecke lit a candle in memory of Frank J. "Butch" Acquaviva Sr.



Terry VerHeecke - May 29, 2013 at 11:10 AM

TV

“ Frank Jr., My deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your dad. He will always be watching over you. As hard as it is on losing a parent, you will always carry in your heart the memories of them. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family....Terry VerHeecke

Terry VerHeecke - May 29, 2013 at 11:09 AM

DA

“ I would also like to share with all of you what I remembered about Butch. I remember Butch at Jaime and Jeremy's wedding sitting at the table with my Dad. He found out that my Dad serviced in the Marine Corp in World War II and Butch took off his Marine Corp tie clip and put it on my dads tie. What a wonderful and thoughtful man, a true Marine. He made my Dad so happy and proud and my dad was so proud of him too. I will never forget that moment. You will be deeply missed Butch.

Dorothy Acquaviva - May 29, 2013 at 10:44 AM

JA

“ It is with sincere sympathy that we express our condolences to all the Acquaviva family. A moment I'll always remember is when I was about 7 years old, Butch was sitting with our Dad in our dining room. It was then he told Dad that he had joined the Marine Corps. I'll never forget how proud Dad was of him at that moment and throughout his life. Butch will always be remembered for his courage and wisdom. It was always a pleasure to be blessed with his presence. Once a Marine always a Marine. Semper Fi. Rest in peace Brother.

Jim and Dorothy Acquaviva

Jim and Dorothy Acquaviva - May 29, 2013 at 10:32 AM

KP

“ Frank and Melissa & family - So sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. May memories help ease your sorrow.

Gary & Karen Pryputniewicz

Karen Pryputniewicz - May 29, 2013 at 09:43 AM

AA

“ Sympathy to the entire Acquaviva family. I remember "Butch" when we were kids and lived on Morris St. I have good memories of "Butch" and his family. Antoinette Azzarito

Antoinette Azzarito - May 29, 2013 at 07:59 AM

DL

“ Lucille and family, I am so sorry to learn of your loss of Frank. May you be comforted in peace, hope and love. God Bless You.

Debra (Bullis) Lamoree - May 29, 2013 at 07:00 AM

NM

“ So Sorry for your loss Mick and Family. Your Dad, along with your Uncle Pete were class acts. Those two together made my Military career an awesome experience, especially in The Desert of Saudi Arabia. I could hear those two laughing right about now. Enjoy each other once again. Love them Both. Ret. SGT Nina Mucitelli and Family.

Nina Mucitelli - May 28, 2013 at 08:17 PM

JH

“ Frank and Melissa, so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I never met him, but knowing what a terrific, stand-up guy you are Frank, you're dad must have been one heck of a man. Again, please accept our condolences.

Jeff and Christine Howe

jeff howe - May 28, 2013 at 04:36 PM

GZ

“ We were so proud to have had Frank as a member of our "extended family." He was always a gentleman and fun to be with. He was so very proud of his children and his grandchildren as well and held them all dear to his heart. He will be missed dearly but is now smiling and looking down on us all and will be protecting all those he held so dear in his lifetime. Frank, RIP.

Gene and Gladys Zurakowski

Gene/Gladys Zurakowski - May 28, 2013 at 04:19 PM

GZ

“ *Gene & Gladys Zurakowski lit a candle in memory of Frank J. "Butch" Acquaviva Sr.*



Gene & Gladys Zurakowski - May 28, 2013 at 04:10 PM

SR

“ *Scott Riedman lit a candle in memory of Frank J. "Butch" Acquaviva Sr.*



Scott Riedman - May 28, 2013 at 09:37 AM

RH

“ *To Frank, Melissa and Allison and all the Acquaviva family. We are deeply sorry for your loss and know how much you are hurting. Just remember that your Dad is now resting in peace. You always did all you could for him and now rest assured he is in the arms of God and will be happy in heaven.*

*All our love always,
Ron & Aunt Mary*

Ron & Mary Halkovitch - May 28, 2013 at 07:26 AM

DC

“ Frank was a positive influence and dearly loved man in my life. Although years have passed since I've seen him, there is no denying the role he played in the lives of all the Forte kids. He loved me and I knew it. He never let me down or hurt me, and never hesitated to give me a firm talking to (on maybe more than a few occasions) when I needed it. He was part of the "village" that helped the Woodburne Drive kids become the fine adults they are today. My love has been and always will be there for the Acquaviva family. May Frank rest in peace. You have my sincerest sympathy at this already difficult time of year.



Dianna Forte Carrock - May 27, 2013 at 06:44 PM

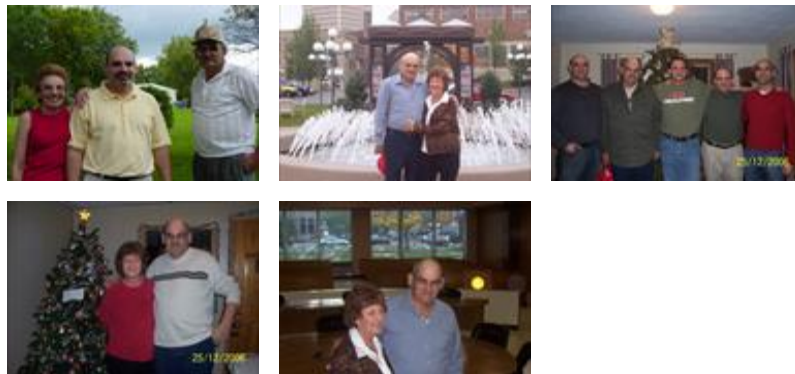
AC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Frank was a great guy. Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - May 27, 2013 at 01:51 PM

MA

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Melissa Acquaviva - May 27, 2013 at 12:29 PM

EY

“ To Frank, Melissa, Allison and the entire Acquaviva family, cherish the time you had with him and remember the memories with smiles on your face. He no longer suffers in the arms of the Lord. RIP Frank, Sr. We will miss seeing you.



All our love and sympathy,
Scott, Erika and family

erika young - May 27, 2013 at 08:53 AM

KM

Frank was such a positive spirit, a kind and sweet soul....someone who made people feel like they'd known him forever. I'm honored to have been able to get to know him and spend time hearing his stories about his wife and family, and how much love he had in his heart for you all. There is a really amazing angel in heaven now! Prayers and love to you all! Kathy Moccaldi

kathy moccaldi - May 28, 2013 at 04:26 AM

DT

Condolences to Frank's family. We worked together for many years at Bendix Corp. He was a good friend. So sorry for your loss.
Darwin "Zeke" Tennant

Darwin Tennant - May 29, 2013 at 07:58 AM

GK

Frank, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. He is now in a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family at this time.

Georgia Kaples

Georgia Kaples - May 29, 2013 at 10:01 PM