



## Mr. Frank A. Arrigo Sr.

February 4, 1947 - April 16, 2018

SCHUYLER - Mr. Frank A. Arrigo, Sr., age 71, passed away on Monday, April 16, 2018 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 4, 1947, Frank was the son Theresa (Scalise) Arrigo and the late Frank C. Arrigo. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran, Frank enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve and honorably served his country from 1967-1971. On May 27, 1972 he married the former Karen LaClair with whom he shared 45 years in a union that balanced their attitudes and strengths in life. Their family became one of their greatest accomplishments.

Frank began his civilian working carrier at Mohawk Data Science (MDS) until their closing. He then worked for the United States Postal Service at the Pitcher Street location for 17 years as a mail handler. He was an easy-going guy with a great sense of humor. He used unfiltered, light-hearted language to show his love and admiration. Frank was at the heart of it all, a family man who embraced his responsibilities and was a source of support and guidance for his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was admired by all for the strength and fortitude he displayed during his fight with his illness.

A classic car enthusiast, Frank loved car races, NASCAR, and especially races on the dirt track at the Fonda Speedway, thrilling times he enjoyed with his kids. He was also a fan of the NY Jets, the NY Yankees, and rock 'n roll music of the 50's and 60's. Frank was a member of the Twins Club and had

fond memories of Saturday evenings babysitting or gathering with close friends. He was of the Catholic faith.

Frank is survived by his wife, Karen; his son, Frank A. Arrigo, Jr.; daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Philip Johnson; grandchildren, Frank A. Arrigo III and Ashley, Angelina Arrigo; Samantha, Mya, and Brooke Johnson; great-grandchildren, Hayleigh, Celia, and Brantley, aka Little Frank; his mother, Theresa; and his sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Pete Mastrovito. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Andrea Aurigema, Jacklyn and Pat Gurdo, Bolita and Gary Schorer, Ricky and Linda LaClair, and Christine and Gary Artessa. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Francis "Sham" Aurigema; and his special cousin, Frank Gaeta.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 3:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Frank's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Committal services will take place at West Schuyler Cemetery with Naval Military Honors conferred.

"I did nothing today, and I will do even less tomorrow."

# Cemetery Details

**West Schuyler Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church  
422 Tilden Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-1177  
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire Arrigo family. I was happy to see Frank again at the 50th reunion of PHS. Always a friendly smile an a real genuine guy. He will certainly be missed. Rest In Peace my friend.*

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**Dan Salsbury** - April 22, 2018 at 10:24 PM

KJ

“ *Ken (Charlie) Johnson purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Mr. Frank A. Arrigo Sr..*



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**Ken (Charlie) Johnson** - April 21, 2018 at 02:40 PM

JH

“ *I was very happy to see and talk to Frank and Karen at our High School Reunion. My memories were our classes together and when he would be sitting behind me pulling on my ponytail. Will miss this guy!*

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**Jessie Acquaviva Hanes** - April 21, 2018 at 08:18 AM

PC

“ I last saw Frank at our 50th reunion. He had not changed in the 50 plus years I've known him. Always talking family, cars and friends. The many days and nights hanging at DanDee Donuts on Mohawk St. So many laughs.

*My condolences to Karen, kids and family.*

*Patsy Campola*

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**pat campola** - April 20, 2018 at 08:26 PM

PH

“ I had the pleasure to work with Frank for many years. He was a kind and considerate man and a good friend. He kept people smiling! Rest in peace old friend.

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**Pat Harris** - April 20, 2018 at 07:44 PM

DM

“ Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank A. Arrigo Sr.



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**Don Marino** - April 20, 2018 at 04:30 PM

JJ

“ Jake And Phyllis Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank A. Arrigo Sr.



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**Jake and Phyllis Jacobs** - April 20, 2018 at 02:55 PM

FC

“ We go back a long time. Unforgettable memories from High School and working together at Chicago Market. Especially the many times Tony, the manager, fired and hired us back for clowning around. Cherished memories of Frank. Love u buddy.



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**Frank Cannistra** - April 20, 2018 at 08:00 AM

 Gloria Joyce

“ Karen, we are so sorry to hear this sad news, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, John and Gloria Joyce

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**Gloria Joyce** - April 20, 2018 at 07:50 AM

JG

“ Jody Guarnieri lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank A. Arrigo Sr.



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**Jody Guarnieri** - April 19, 2018 at 05:42 PM

JG

“ Karen, Ann, Pete and families  
It is so sad to lose another classmate. We had so much fun with Frank on our Proctor Reunion Committee. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Sending love and prayers.

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**Jody Guarnieri** - April 19, 2018 at 05:41 PM

MC

“ I am so sorry to lose another TR Proctor classmate. Frank was a kind, caring and wonderful person. We will miss him and remember him always.

Marlene Cangelo-Mazza - April 19, 2018 at 02:21 PM

MC

“ Marlene Cangelo-Mazza lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank A. Arrigo Sr.



Marlene Cangelo-Mazza - April 19, 2018 at 02:16 PM

DT

“ Diane Treen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank A. Arrigo Sr.



Diane Treen - April 19, 2018 at 01:59 PM

DT

*My heart goes out to all of you . I know how difficult this is and I hope your memories of him will bring ease the pain. I am always here anytime. Love, Diane*

Diane Treen - April 19, 2018 at 03:03 PM

MA

“ *Maria Arrigo-sequin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank A. Arrigo Sr.*



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**Maria Arrigo-sequin** - April 19, 2018 at 01:10 PM

MA

*Love and prayers to all*

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**Maria Arrigo-sequin** - April 19, 2018 at 01:11 PM

GO

“ *Something I will always remember about Uncle Frank is when, as a kid, trying to convince him to let Frankie sleep over. I remember us asking Aunt Karen and her saying, "ask your dad" to which there was NEVER any way to predict whether we would get a yes or a no. Getting a 'no' was not fun at all but when we did get a 'yes', it was all that much more fun and exciting for me. I'd give anything to ask him just one more time...  
Love you Uncle Frank - You will be missed.  
~Gootie*

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**Gootie** - April 19, 2018 at 11:43 AM

FF

“ *Love to the family. Sorry that Uncle Frank is gone. He is at peace; something he deserves immensely.*

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**Friend of the Family** - April 19, 2018 at 08:34 AM

JN

“ Karen & kids, Ann, Pete & kids & Mrs. Arriigo,  
so sorry to hear we lost Frank-a life-long friend & genuinely a good  
guy to all.He suffered so long & fought so hard.now i realize that in  
our last phone conversation he was actually goodbye.

Love  
John

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**john nole** - April 18, 2018 at 08:46 PM

JN

*actually saying goodbye*

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**john nole** - April 19, 2018 at 09:35 AM

SR

*Karen and Family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your  
family! I had a lot of funny conversations over breakfasts with the  
Riverside Dinner gang. Frank was a great man I will miss him ! Let him  
Rest In Peace! Steven Russo & Family*

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**Steven S Russo** - April 19, 2018 at 04:15 PM

MM

*Karen and family how very sad this is to so many people..we went all  
through grade school and high school..what a gentlemen and kind  
man...loved by so many..rest in peace..*

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**Mary Raspante Malachowski** - April 20, 2018 at 12:01 AM

GL

*Dear Karen and family. So sorry to hear about Frank's passing. I just  
found out today, April 27th, or I would have attended his wake. With our  
deepest sympathy.....Gloria and Savey Lombardo (Sham's cousins)*

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**Gloria Lombardo** - April 27, 2018 at 08:58 PM