



Frank S. Grippe

February 13, 1936 - November 27, 2011

Mr. Frank S. Grippe, age 75, of Utica, passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2011 with his loving and dedicated family by his side.

Born in Frankfort, NY on February 13, 1936, Frank was the son of the late Sam and Lena (LoManto) Grippe. He was raised and educated in Frankfort, and for several years spent time in New York City studying voice under the same instructors as Perry Como and Tony Bennett. On May 31, 1972 he married the former Donna English, and the union blessed them with their daughter.

Frank made use of his smooth, strong voice in his work as a “singing” bartender at Grippe’s Tavern, Twin Ponds Country Club, and the Alpine Restaurant. Lastly, he held a position at the San-Bro Meats Company. He also held his New York State Cosmetology License. Concurrently, he performed as a member of the local Utica band, “The No Name Band”. Frank was a class act in his dress, demeanor, and décor, and music was his life’s passion. He was blessed with a resilient and robust vocal range, and he also loved to perform on stage. He was resourceful and creative in problem solving, and was known to make the best pina colada. Frank was a good listener and a true gentleman, qualities which engendered in him feelings of friendship for those near and dear to him. Frank will also be remembered for being the most enthusiastic father in the front row with applause at the ready, supporting his daughter. He held a deep faith in God and attended St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Frank is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Ondrea Grippe-Getz and Steve Getz of Utica, and Ondrea's mother, Donna (Grippe) Kratzenberg of Whitesboro; and his cherished grandchildren, Carmine Grippe Getz, and Ellia Grippe Getz, both of Utica. He also leaves his daughters and their families, Jacqueline and Jim Sutton and their children John and Julia, and Angelique and Claude Bernier and children Brittany and Ben. Also left to mourn his passing are his sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Gordon Leon; his brother and sister-in-law, Philip and Carol Grippe; aunt, Evelyn Harte; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, many cousins, his extended family including Nikki, Tony, and Nicole Fraccola, Patty Dennison and Jennifer Karam; his godchildren; and many valued friendships. He was predeceased by his many aunts and uncles of the Grippe family who he adored.

The family is grateful to the staff of the Hawthorn House at the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center for truly going above and beyond in caring for Frank as one of their own family. Thanks also to all the relatives and friends who took the time to visit, especially cousin Franny.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Frank's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank S. Grippe



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - November 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Hey Katie!! How are ya!! Come over here, how ya doing. You look great. Never gave me a bad compliment, always complimented me!!! He was family in my eyes, a different kind of family not the family of relatives, but family of a different era. I liked him, loved him, he was a special man, whom had a kind heart, and always ask if I was hungry, I ate, it was the right thing to do no disrespect to anyone..lol. Great man will be missed. Always smiling, Frank always told me if there was anything I needed he would help out. I never ask for anything, didn't need anything. He was a friend to so many people, and I'm am happy to have met a wonderful guy..Peace to the family, Peace to his soul. Love always Katie!! John 3:16

Katie - February 11, 2016 at 07:02 PM

TF

“ *Ondrea! We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your father! He was a wonderful and kind and funny man. He always had a kind word to say, and will be missed. May he rest in peace. You and your children have a special Angel to watch over you. He was so proud of you. He always talked about you, and said how lucky he was to have you in his Life. ..God Bless you.. Love the Sciortino Family.*



The Sciortino Family - December 02, 2011 at 06:50 PM

BM

“ *Dear Grippe family - seeing this video of Frank's life brought back many fond memories of our youth and growing up on Sheldon Ave. and Bee St. in Frankfort. I was saddened to hear of Frank's passing and treasure these memories. He was a great boyhood friend and will be missed. Benjamin (Bennie) Migliore. - Scotia, N.Y.*

Benjamin J. Migliore - December 01, 2011 at 09:51 PM

MF

“ *Dear grippe family, so very sorry for the loss of FSG 31. Many happy times together at the Alpine and the Verdict's Inn. Class act gentlemen, will be missed. Rest in peace.*

Michael and Christopher Filipelli - December 01, 2011 at 04:02 PM

MC

“ Our fondest and most loving memory of "Cousin Frank" was his getting up to join the band for a song at our wedding reception. He sang his trademarked version of "Tenderly."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Frank's family as he now joins all of the Grippe family members who have passed. We can take comfort knowing that they are all seated at the table of our Lord.

Mark & Shelley Cushman - November 30, 2011 at 05:49 PM

MT

“ Mena Testa lit a candle in memory of Frank S. Grippe



Mena Testa - November 30, 2011 at 08:28 AM

CS

“ Our prayers and thoughts to you and your whole family. So sorry for your loss.

Clorinda and Jeana

Clorinda Stephens - November 30, 2011 at 07:31 AM

DN

“ *Dianne Nassar lit a candle in memory of Frank S. Grippe*



Dianne Nassar - November 29, 2011 at 09:30 PM

TP

“ *Tiffany Pacciarelli lit a candle in memory of Frank S. Grippe*



Tiffany Pacciarelli - November 29, 2011 at 09:11 PM

AS

“ *Ondrea, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Andrea Laria Stott.*



Andrea J. Stott - November 29, 2011 at 09:02 PM

CB

“ *When I think of Frank -I remember hom holding a towel for Ondrea as she was getting out of the water on the St Peter's trip to Enchanted Forest. Ondrea was freezing and he was ready to wrap her in the towel and keep her warm. He wanted to take care of his little girl that day and always. I am so sorry for your loss. Chris Barnes*

Christine Barnes - November 29, 2011 at 09:02 PM

SG

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steven grippe - November 29, 2011 at 08:51 PM

DH

“ *"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love."*



*With Sincerest Sympathy,
Dana*

Dana Hobaica - November 29, 2011 at 02:38 PM

NO

“ *Norman & Elaine O'Connor lit a candle in memory of Frank S. Grippe*



Norman & Elaine O'Connor - November 29, 2011 at 12:11 PM



“ Dear Ondrea and Family, We were saddened to hear about your dad. I will always remember him in the front row with a big smile on his face and so proud. He was the one cheering and clapping the loudest...Heaven just got a little more brighter!
Candy and Jamie Payne



Candace Payne - November 29, 2011 at 10:36 AM



“ To the entire Grippe family,
Please accept our deepest sympathy. We have many fond memories of Frank coming into the salon and singing to everyone. Please take comfort in knowing that he is at peace and his eternal life with the lord is now underway.
Sincerely,
Mary Steele and Tammy & Gary Konicki



Mary Steele - November 29, 2011 at 09:20 AM



“ My favorite memory, of my cousin, Frank, is as a little girl, I would wait on the corner of Third Ave, in Frankfort, for him to walk down from the high school. I was five at the time. He would put me on his shoulders and take me down to the corner of Second Ave. drop me off and be on his way. He was always kind to me when I was a child. Rest In Peace, Frank.
Girl's, I know how much, you will miss your Dad. With our deepest sympathy.
Love to each of you,
Cousin Cheralyn and George Fedinatz, Jensen Beach, FL

Cheralyn Grippe Fedinatz - November 29, 2011 at 08:14 AM

DD

“ *Deanna DiBrango lit a candle in memory of Frank S. Grippe*



Deanna DiBrango - November 28, 2011 at 11:15 PM

FA

“ *Ondrea and family,
With our sincere sympathy for the loss of your father. A wonderful person with a fabulous personality. His smile will always be a treasure in our memory and hearts . The last time we had the pleasure of seeing him was at the, King and I Restaurant a few years back. A complete delight!!*

May he rest in peace.

With Love,

*Frank and Mary Guzzardo Annese
Plantation, Florida*

Frank and Mary Guzzardo Annese - November 28, 2011 at 07:22 PM

AC

“ *To the Family So Sorry to hear of the loss of a Great Guy! He will never be forgotten! Andy & Linda Convertino*



Andy Convertino - November 28, 2011 at 08:42 AM