



Mr. Frank D. "Harpo" Inserra

January 4, 1952 - May 16, 2023

MIRAMAR, FL – Mr. Frank D. “Harpo” Inserra, age 71, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, with his loving and supportive family by his side.

Born in Utica on January 4, 1952 to Ninfa (Aiello) Inserra and the late Anthony “Sonny” Inserra, Frank attended Brandegeee and Hughes elementary schools and T. R. Proctor High School.

Frank shared a loving 28 year relationship with Rosemary B. Homeister, Sr. Besides their love for one another, they shared so much in common, like their affinity for horses and animals, their heritage, and a lifetime of happiness.

In Frank’s earlier years, he owned Harpo Productions, a musical entertainment and events coordination company. He and Rosie also became enchanted with and owned several horses. He even became a horse broker.

A free spirited and compassionate man, he was always able to make people laugh, and forged good memories with them. Loyal to the end, he was true to his word and people knew they could depend on him. He made friends wherever he went and left an impression on others even after only knowing them a short time.

He was a shopper and a great cook. He even still phoned his mother for recipes. The two of them shared a very special bond and spoke daily which was so precious. He always made sure to come home for Christmas and a week in July for family gatherings. He always loved his Utica base.

Frank is survived by his beloved mother, Ninfa; and his companion, Rosemary. He was also blessed to share his life with Rosemary's daughter, Rosemary, Jr., as well as his "granddaughter" Victoria. His loss is also felt by his brother, Salvatore A. Inserra; his niece, Nina Inserra, with whom he shared a wonderful and loving relationship; his nephew, Donald J. Inserra; and his great-nieces and great-nephews, Annabelle, Christopher, and Olivia Inserra and their mother, Alexis Arcuri. He is also survived by his aunt Franca and the late Carmen Marsala; his uncles and aunts, Augie and Judy Aiello, and Dominick and Dianne Aiello; as well as many aunts and uncles who preceded him. He was blessed to have many cousins, especially Anne Calabrese who was the sister he never had, but certainly needed! He will also be missed by many friends who enriched his life and with whom he forged many good memories.

The family commemorated Frank's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of life on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 684 Jay St., Utica. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Frank's honor may be made to Anita's Steven Swan Humane Society online at <https://www.anitas-sshs.org/donate>; envelopes will also be available at the service. He will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall



“ *Nifa, Sal and family my thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏🙏🙏
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Francis Pavia - May 22, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank D. "Harpo" Inserra.*



May 22, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Sal and Family, We were truly sorry to hear about your brother's passing. May All your wonderful memories guide you thru this difficult time.
Carol and Phil Scampone*

CAROL SCAMPONE - May 21, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy...Sal, and family...my deepest sympathies.
May his memory be eternal.*

john brown - May 20, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *He was one of a kind.....RIP Frankie.*

Santina Murine - May 20, 2023 at 03:13 PM

BB

“ Dear Sal and Ninfa I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Frank. With our deepest sympathy. Love always Bethann Kistner and Mark Buttiglieri

Bethann Kistner & Mark Buttiglieri - May 20, 2023 at 10:19 AM

LF

“ Love Uncle Domenick Aunt Diana & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Frank D. "Harpo" Inserra.

Love Uncle Domenick Aunt Diana & family - May 19, 2023 at 03:10 PM

LF

“ Love Uncle Domenick Aunt Diana & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Frank D. "Harpo" Inserra.



Love Uncle Domenick Aunt Diana & family - May 19, 2023 at 03:10 PM

MM

“ Dear Ninfa, Sal, and family ,So very sorry to hear of Franks passing. Our sympathies and prayers to all of you at this difficult time
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Marty and Theresa Maio - May 19, 2023 at 12:16 PM

DT

“ It was a total shock to hear of Frankie's passing. We were friends since around 12 years old. He always brought a smile to everyone around him--he really enjoyed life. Me and the boys, Billy T, Butchie, Mike "VP" enjoyed some great times with "Harpo" back in the day. He will truly be missed ☐ My prayers go out to his loved ones whom I hope can find comfort in this very sad time.
Dougie Thomas

Doug Thomas - May 19, 2023 at 08:20 AM

LB

“ Sal,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Sending hugs and prayers for strength during this difficult time.

Lisa Mattison Bates - May 18, 2023 at 09:07 PM