



## Frank A. Massaro

September 17, 1923 - June 15, 2009

Mr. Frank A. Massaro, age 85, of Deerfield, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 15, 2009 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family.

Born in Utica on September 17, 1923, Frank was the son of the late Luciano and Cora (Maurizio) Massaro. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. A veteran of World War II, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. On September 9, 1950, he married the former Josephine Graziano with whom he shared 34 years prior to her passing on February 8, 1985; as a couple, they admired each other and loved their family life. Frank adored JoJo to his very last day.

A talented carpenter, Frank served this community in residential and commercial remodeling and repairs. He also knew a second profession as a body and fender repairman at King's Body Works on Elizabeth Street where he worked until his retirement. As a father, he was fair and understanding and he encouraged his children to be the best people they could be. Through his example, they learned the values of fortitude, kindness, and a hard work ethic; they appreciated his valuable lessons and strength of spirit. As a friend, some of his most precious times were spent with his buddies sipping black coffee at the kitchen table. A talented woodworker, he was proud of his meticulous and precise woodcarvings of model cars and other creations. He also dabbled in the game of golf, cheered for the New York Yankees, enjoyed solving crossword puzzles, and took pleasure his vegetable garden. An avid boater

and fisherman, he was complemented by a devoted group of sportsmen who gathered yearly, and he was also a member of the Power Squadron, a local boating organization.

Frank is survived by his daughter, Gail L. Massaro and her special friend, Christina Fellone of Deerfield; his son and daughter-in-law, Frank L. and Patti Massaro; and his grandchildren, Frank P. Massaro, and Teresa M. Massaro, all of Texas. He also leaves a nephew and numerous cousins. He was blessed with many wonderful friends, including his neighbors, Dick and Mary Waldron. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Santina and Mickey Posnick; and his in-laws, Carmen and Teresa Graziano.

The family is grateful to Dr. Kevin McCormick, longtime family physician, Central New York Cardiology, the nurses and staff of the Special Care Unit at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, all who attended Frank with kindness and compassion in their care.

Visitation will be held Thursday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Frank's honor to the Abraham House; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Frank's funeral service and Celebration of Life, with Military Honors, will commence on Thursday evening at 7:00 immediately upon the conclusion of visitation with Sister Maureen Denn, CSJ officiating. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

“Good night, sweet prince;

And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest”

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank A. Massaro



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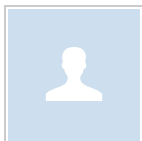
Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gail and family: So sorry about your Dad. He is now with your Mom and happy. Love Sue##imported-begin##Susan {Mattia}/Raymond Dembowski##imported-end##

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June 20, 2009 at 07:43 AM



“ Gail and Chris, So sorry for your loss. Dad sounds like my own, who I lost in 1986...a wonderful man. May God Bless him and your family.##imported-begin##Sandy Hastings##imported-end##

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June 17, 2009 at 05:47 PM



“ Dear Frankie, Gail, and Family,  
Mr. Massaro was a very brave and sweet man. Nothing pleased me more than to see his return address on a Christmas card. Or to hear of his latest boating adventure from his daughter Gail. I shall miss him. My heart goes out to you, Frankie.  
Peace and love-Mary.##imported-begin##Mary Ludwig-Crangle##imported-end##

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June 16, 2009 at 07:49 PM



“ Gail, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. It must be hard, but know that he is comfortable now and with your mom, and they can watch over all of you together now. Love, Shirley##imported-begin##SHirley Diven##imported-end##

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June 16, 2009 at 10:45 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing, Gail. He and your mother were my parent's best friends. A very different time is now leaving: neighbors knew and helped each other, kids ran around from yard to yard, morning coffee get togethers, impromptu cookouts and shopping trips. Times change and people change but those are the things I remember and two more personal ones... Christine and Eric loved going over to your father's garden, when we came to visit, and pick carrots. The other one was the day my father found out his mother died, your father came over and handed him a wad of money and said "Go, Richard, don't worry about anything, we'll catch up later".  
My parents will truly miss your dad.##imported-begin##Barbara Waldron##imported-end##

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June 16, 2009 at 09:17 AM



“ Gail,

*We were so very saddened to learn of your father's passing. It is like loosing one of our own after being in each other's lives for almost 52 years.*

*He leaves us with so many fond memories. Everytime I see carrots with their tops, it brings me back to images of Russ and Mel trotting across the yard with their precious hand picked carrot gift from Frank!*

*Please know we are with you in your sorrow. The world is a less nicer place with his absence but the Waldrons were so much richer for having him (and your mom) in our lives.*

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June 16, 2009 at 07:05 AM