

Mr. Franklin D. Fern

October 7, 1940 - March 31, 2016

Mr. Franklin D. "Frank" Fern, age 75, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2016 in the comfort of his home with Mary Lou and Carol by his side.

Born on Long Island, NY on October 7, 1940, Franklin was the son of the late Howard and Loretta (Ryan) Fern. He was raised and educated on Long Island, graduating from the local high school. A proud veteran, Frank honorably served his country in the United States Army and later joined the Merchant Marines participating in transporting cargo and passengers during peacetime. For many years, Frank was graced with the love of his companion, Mary Lou LaClair.

Frank was employed by the Star Bakery on Catherine Street where he worked as a baker for over 30 years. In his earlier days, he held positions as a gifted cook at various New York City restaurants. Every spring and summer he enjoyed gardening. He had an artistic and creative nature. He was also a jack-of-all-trades. He loved the water, especially the ocean surrounding Long Island.

Frank is survived by his companion, Mary Lou; his daughter, Danielle Fern of Florida; his son, James Fern of Long Island; and Mary Lou's daughters whom he loved as his own, Christine Fedor, Carol Lynn LaClair, and Rebecca Lynn LaClair; and his sister, Marietta "Mary" Swanson of FL. His extended family includes his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Howard Frances "Hank" Fern; and his sister, Eileen Finzi.

The family would like to thank Hospice and Palliative Care for all the love and support they showed to Frank and his family during this difficult time.

In keeping with Franklin's wishes, there will be no services.

Tribute Wall

GJ

“*Marylou, Christine, Carol Lynn and Becky, Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Frank was a fine, decent man. He was always there for you and you were there for him in his time of great need. Remember the good times. God Bless Gail*”

Gail Johnson - April 08, 2016 at 04:52 PM

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“*Frank was employed by our family for over 20yrs., a conscientious person. He had many great stories he shared with us on his life travels and experiences. Frank had a great sense of humor and was never lost for words. We will miss you and never forget you, Your friends Bobby and Charisse.*”

Bob Marshall - April 05, 2016 at 05:03 PM

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“*I had the pleasure of working with Frank at the Star Bakery for over 20 yrs. In that 20 years I got to learn what kind of man Frank was. A very concerned man loyal to people he cared about and a hell of a sense of humor. Going to miss you Frank thanks for all the great memories we shared. God Bless you Marylou and Carolyn he loved you both very much you did a great job taking care of him Love Madeline*”

Madeline - April 04, 2016 at 01:27 PM

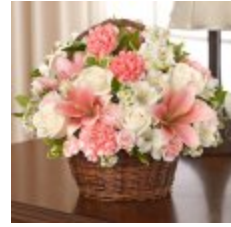
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“*MaryLou, Christine, Carol Lynn, Rebecca and Frank's family, we are sorry for your loss.
Roseann & Mickey*”

Roseann Petronella - April 04, 2016 at 10:14 AM

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“ *Marie Tynon purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Mr. Franklin D. Fern.*



Marie Tynon - April 03, 2016 at 10:58 PM