



Ret. USMC/MGySgt. Franco M. Capirci

October 24, 1938 - February 12, 2019

Sebastian FI/Utica NY – Ret. USMC/MGySgt. Franco M. Capirci, age 80, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, in the comfort of his home with the love and support of his family.

Born in Aquino, Province of Frosinone, Italy on October 24, 1938, Franco was the son of the late Angelo and Lucia (Ciccone) Capirci. Immigrating to the United States as a child, he was then raised and locally educated. He joined the USMC at the age of 17 and proudly served his country for 30 years as a drill instructor and chief instructor. He was awarded distinguished decorations earning numerous commendations, ribbons, and medals for his exemplary service. He retired with the highest enlisted ranking E-9 Master Gunnery Sergeant in 1985. Returning to the workforce, he held a position at the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant from which he retired in 1996. On October 7, 1961 he married the former Diane Feketa with whom he shared 58 loving years. They were a devoted couple, remarkable parents, and proud grandparents. During their golden years Franco and Diane traveled the United States and summered in Italy often with their extended family. They were determined to defeat every obstacle during his illness as he did with great courage with the steadfast commitment of his wife and children. Though being deemed tough in character, he had a kind soul and loved deeply. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Franco is survived by his beloved wife, Diane; his adored children and their spouses, Lucinda and Ret. USMC/Sgt. Maj. Emmett Salas of N. Carolina,

Mark Capirci of Arizona, Melissa and USN/HM2 Fabian Perez of N. Carolina, and Diana Capirci of Florida; his cherished grandchildren, Melissa “Coco”, USAF SSgt. Eric Salas, Katy, Tessa and their mother Wendy Capirci, Franco, Christopher, Cynthia, Serena, Jesse, Mark, and Joseph; his great-grandchildren, Adelina, Jaylianna, Hannah, Isabella, Haley, Kaley, Reagan, Joell, Gabriel, and Josiah; his brother and sister-in-law, Francesco “Ciccio” and Angela Capirci of Utica; his sisters and brother-in-law, Rose and Biagio Patane of Clay, NY; Paula Nasto of Utica; and in-laws, Lorraine and Charles “Cass” Casamento of NJ; Robert “Bobby” and Leota Feketa of Whitesboro. He also leaves nieces and nephews with special mention of Ret. USMC/Gy.Sgt. Steven Manzo who he loved like a son and his wife Margaret, Peter Manzo, Joseph and Lynn Capirci, Stephen Capirci, Joseph Coco, Danielle and Steven Brucker, Christopher Coco and Tara Collins, and Dane and Jennifer Casamento; great-nieces, USMC/PFC. Sara Manzo, Brianna and USAF/SSgt. Zachariah Austin. Also remembered are his cousins in Italy, Adele, Sandro, Mario, Anna and Pietro, Teresa, Rosella, and Rosa, as well as cousins, Gary and Linda Westfall; his best bud, Donald Durso Sr.; friends, Sal Arcuri and Diane Bonanza, USMC/LtGen. John Toolan, and Sam Shefcyk. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Frances Feketa, sister-in-law Marie Capirci who passed away on Christmas Day in 2018; and his loving pet, Pebbles “Pebla”.

The family would like to express their profound gratitude to Gill and Jackie Laflamme for their compassionate care given to Franco and the family.

A funeral service was held in Sebastian, Florida with full military honors.

Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

“Semper Fi”

Tribute Wall

DA

“ Danielle lit a candle in memory of Ret.
USMC/MGySgt. Franco M. Capirci



Danielle - February 15 at 01:20 AM

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“ Danielle lit a candle in memory of Ret.
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Danielle - January 09, 2025 at 02:31 PM

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“ Danielle lit a candle in memory of Ret.
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Danielle - February 12, 2023 at 10:52 PM

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“ Danielle lit a candle in memory of Ret.
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Danielle - July 27, 2022 at 12:55 AM

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“ Danielle lit a candle in memory of Ret.
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Danielle - February 06, 2021 at 02:17 PM

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Danielle - July 26, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ To the family, I conducted some research to find MGysgt Capirci. I am so sorry to find out about your loss. I know it has been over a year since he has passed, but I had to say something about him. He meant a lot to me. He did a lot for me too. I knew him at Japan and 29 Palms, and I really looked up to him. He really did a lot for a young Marine like me. He will not be forgotten.

Semper fi my friend-my father figure.

Lavoris Jackson

Lavoris Jackson - July 16, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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Danielle - March 30, 2020 at 08:09 AM

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Danielle - March 22, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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“ Danielle lit a candle in memory of Ret.
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Danielle - February 22, 2020 at 04:11 PM

RN

“ Roy D Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ret.
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Roy D Nelson - March 09, 2019 at 06:14 PM

MP

“ I had the pleasure of working alongside my fellow Nuclear Security Sergeant, Franco Capirci, for a number of years at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Arizona. Frank was a very hard worker, and took his job seriously. He presented a gruff exterior, as one would expect given his background in the Marine Corps. He had a much softer side, though, that he shared once you got to know him. He and I accomplished some good things together, and I was proud to work with him. Rest in peace, Frank.

Michael Priebe - March 08, 2019 at 03:06 PM

BE

*Agreat Marine and a great Mam. It was an honor ti work with Frank.
RIP My Brother*

Bill Early - March 08, 2019 at 04:14 PM

RN

RIP my friend. You were a great man and a better friend.

Roy D Nelson - March 09, 2019 at 06:13 PM


Oliver
Jones

I considered it an honor and a privilege to work with Frank while I was at Palo Verde. My deepest condolences to his family.

Oliver Jones - March 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ 24 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Brenda mazza - February 20, 2019 at 02:22 PM