



Frank A. Cassano

October 19, 2021

Frank A. Cassano, 92, of Estero, FL, formerly a 54-year resident of North Syracuse, NY, passed away peacefully at the Hope Hospice House in Cape Coral, FL on October 19, 2021 with his daughter and granddaughter at his bedside. He was a loving and devoted son, brother, husband, uncle and father. He is survived by his daughter, Sandra "Sandee" (Mark) Brown; his granddaughter, Gretchen N. Krohn and his grandson, Theodore S. Krohn II; his brothers, Michael (Sarah), Peter (Lee) and John N.; his brother-in-law, Joseph (Arlene) Swieck; many nephews, nieces, great-nephews and nieces and a great-great nephew and a great-great niece. Frank retired in 1992, after 41 years as a machinist/engineer from Killian Manufacturing in Syracuse, NY. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cicero, NY. He and his late beloved wife, Mary Jane, volunteered for many many years delivering meals to those in need for NAMOW (North Area Meals on Wheels). Frank also served on the North Syracuse Central School District Board and on the Village of North Syracuse Board as a member and Deputy Mayor after serving as the Village's Purchasing Agent. He also gave back to his community through his years of service to the North Syracuse Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball League putting his metalworking expertise to frequent use. Bowling Green also availed itself frequently of his knowledge and expertise with their pin-setting and ball return equipment. He was an avid bowler on the Killian team for many years and later in life loved playing nine holes of golf at Wildwood. As a proud husband and father, Frank always

supported and encouraged Mary Jane as a member of the Sweet Adelines, as well as Sandee's participation in band and Tommy's participation in America's Pastime-baseball and his grandchildren's varied interests and pursuits. He attended almost every event, competition, parade and game, always supporting them by applauding and cheering them on. Win or lose, he was always in their corner and appreciated their efforts. Of course, his North Syracuse neighbors remember him as the always smiling and ready 'fixer' of all things mechanical-for the adults, lawnmowers, cars, tools, and snow blowers, to name a few. And, he was always ready at the call or visit from any child in the neighborhood with a broken bicycle, skateboards or any other sort of item that meant something to them. He and Mary Jane, along with their fellow 'Wilshirl Drive gang' of adults-Russ & Peg Hewitt, Adam & Marge Shaffer and Paul & Doris Graham (all of whom sadly pre-deceased him), enjoyed regular monthly 'card nights' and for 25+ years celebrated New Year's Eve together with a themed party at one of their homes. Frank cherished all these memories through many years until Alzheimer's Disease started slowly erasing them until most disappeared. So, in lieu of flowers, Frank's family requests contributions, in his memory, be made to The Dubin Center, 12468 Brantley Commons Court, Fort Myers, FL 33907. www.dubincenter.com This wonderful agency was founded in 1995 to provide assistance to families of individuals suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. Its staff and volunteers provide local expertise with resource referrals, education and support groups, all of which has proven invaluable to Frank's family these last seven years. Calling hours will be Thursday, November 4th, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Fergerson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse. A Catholic Funeral Mass will be offered on Friday, November 5th at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church of Cicero, Brewerton Road, Cicero, followed by niche placement in North Syracuse Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank A. Cassano*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Frank A. Cassano.*



October 28, 2021 at 08:42 AM



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October 28, 2021 at 08:39 AM

DM

“ I knew Frank & MaryJane in the late 80's/early 90's when they came to the Wagon Wheel Sr. Ctr. in Syracuse. I was the Nutrition Program Coord. at the time & they were such a pleasure. They volunteered & participated in or programs and I looked so forward to the days I knew they were coming. They were such a great help. Your Dad always had a great smile, fantastic outlook on life & wonderful sense of humor. I kept in touch with him for a few years after I left. I'm sure you will miss him greatly. My Mom died unexpectedly at 75 and I was so touched when they came to her wake. God bless your parents. May they rest in peace.
Donna Marshall

Donna Marshall - October 27, 2021 at 04:39 PM

SB

Donna your kind caring words describing Daddy & of condolence are very much appreciated—thank you.

Sandee Cassano Brown - October 28, 2021 at 08:45 AM

PP

“ One of the many New Years with their gang, Mr & Mrs Cassano. Mr&Mrs. Graham, Mr& Mrs. Shaffer, Mr & Mrs Hewitt all your kids are sure your together again ❤️❤️



Peggy Phinney - October 26, 2021 at 04:07 PM

SB

Thx Peggy—so many memories of the Wilshirl Dr 'gang of 8'. Daddy & Mom so enjoyed their many times 2gether for more than 25 years!

Sandee Cassano Brown - October 28, 2021 at 08:48 AM

AI

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Adam Shaffer III - October 22, 2021 at 10:56 AM

AI

The Wilshirl DR, gang together again in heaven planning this New Years Eve party !

Adam Shaffer III - October 22, 2021 at 10:58 AM

MH

I can just hear them now...

Mary Hewitt - October 25, 2021 at 04:29 PM

MH

They are all sorely missed

Mary Hewitt - October 25, 2021 at 04:30 PM

WG

Wow, all 8! How sad!

Will Graham - October 25, 2021 at 06:52 PM

MH

Sure is Will.

Mary Hewitt - October 26, 2021 at 04:40 AM

SB

Yes it comforts me that Daddy is w/Mom, Tommy, his sister Marie & the Wilshirl Dr 'gang of 8' playing cards & planning the theme for their 2022 New Year's Eve celebration!

Sandee Cassano Brown - October 28, 2021 at 08:50 AM