



Frank "Cheech" Fontanarosa

April 22, 1930 - September 26, 2021

Frank "Cheech" Fontanarosa, 91 of Eiltingville, passed away on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at Richmond University Medical Center in Staten Island, New York.

Born and raised in South Brooklyn, he was the son of the late Vincent and Carmella Fontanarosa. Frank was the beloved husband to his late wife Louise. They married in 1954 and had 5 children together; Jill, Roy, Lisa, Gary and Marc.

Frank worked for Topps Baseball Cards as a machinist for many years before moving to Staten Island where he began working at Wagner College. He worked for the college in the shipping and receiving department. He enjoyed his job and the people he worked with and all he came in contact with there over the years. He retired in 2009.

He was a family man who would go above and beyond for them. He was loving father, and doting grandfather.

Frank was an avid sports fan and excellent softball player. He was a Golden Gloves Boxing Champion in 1948. His love of sports and family together had him create a family softball team which would play in many leagues over the years. He played until he turned 80. He also enjoyed bowling and bowled a

300 game.

He is survived by his children Jill Davillo, Roy Fontanarosa and his wife Helen, Gary Fontanarosa and his wife Jeannie, and Marc and his wife Amy; his sisters Rosemarie Hios, Rachel Marra and Grace Venero; his eight grandchildren Jan, Carissa, Jon, Gina, Jessica, Maria, AJ and Aurora; and his four great grandchildren Syris, Jesse Jay, Asher and AJ and his loving dog and companion Nucky.

He was predeceased by his wife Louise and his daughter Lisa Ferruci.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312. Arrangements include private cremation.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory may be made to the Grandma Louise Foundation at the College of Staten Island.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Crematory NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

SEP 28. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank "Cheech" Fontanarosa*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *I just learned of Frank's passing...my belated condolences to the family. I worked for Frank as work study student at Wagner College in the mid 80s. I enjoyed those times; especially the conversations we had. He was a great guy and definitely left a lasting legacy.*

Steven Coker - April 27, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *Just a small correction to honor the memory of Louise, Frank and Louise separated decades before her passing. Louise shared many wonderful years with Frank and their children but she endured a lot and I am glad to have known her.*

anon - February 26, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *"What a Guy" he will be missed by his family, friends and all of the people that had the pleasure of knowing and working with Frank at Wagner College.*
Lucille Mistretta

Lucille Mistretta - September 28, 2021 at 06:54 PM



Frank was the BEST. Always there to help out at Wagner College and always a smile. He was a special person.

Clare Lurket - September 30, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank "Cheech" Fontanarosa.*



September 28, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I called him Sugar Bear when we worked together at Wagner College. He was a sweetheart and I'm sure he is resting in peace. My sympathy to his entire family. With love, Kathy Pannell*



Kathy Pannell - September 28, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Frank "Cheech" Fontanarosa.*



September 28, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Frank "Cheech" Fontanarosa.*



September 28, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Frank "Cheech" Fontanarosa.*



September 28, 2021 at 06:58 AM



“ *George H. purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Frank "Cheech" Fontanarosa.*



George H. - September 27, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank "Cheech" Fontanarosa.*



September 27, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Always a kind, humble gentleman. Rest Peacey 🙏🌹*

Suzanne Howard - September 27, 2021 at 05:24 PM

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“ Angie Golden lit a candle in memory of Frank
"Cheech" Fontanarosa



Angie Golden - September 27, 2021 at 04:35 PM

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*I treasure the time we spent together thank you for being part of my life
I will always miss you rest in peace my friend* ❤️😊🥹

Angie Golden - September 27, 2021 at 04:37 PM