



Frank A. Gauci

December 10, 1942 - July 22, 2021

Frank A. Gauci, 78 of Eltingville, passed away on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at Staten Island University Hospital South.

Frank was born on the Lower East Side of Manhattan and raised in Brooklyn. In 1961 he met the love of his life, Elizabeth Avena, and in 1967 they were married. They settled in Eltingville in 1971 where they raised their three children, Renee, Frank A., Jr. and Elizabeth.

Frank served honorably in the U.S. Army as a Private during the Vietnam War from 1962-1969 and then continued his service in the Army Reserve.

Frank was an avid card player, where he and his friends would meet every Friday night to play Texas Hold-Em, which he enjoyed immensely. He also enjoyed taking trips to Atlantic City with his wife. He had great pride in his vegetable garden and was known to have a green thumb. The family would often use those vegetables for family meals.

He was a man of great faith and longtime parishioner of St. Clare Church. Above all, Frank will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather who cherished time spent with family. He adored his grandchildren and would play a game he called "Indian" with them and fondly gave each of them an Indian name during the games.

Frank was the beloved husband of 54 years to Elizabeth Gauci. Loving father to Renee Brown, Frank A. Gauci Jr., and Elizabeth Sferlazza. Fond father-in-law to Al Sferlazza. Devoted grandfather to Isabella, A.J., and Francesca Sferlazza, Olivia, Leanna, and Juliet Brown and Tracy Wang.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 26, 2021, at St. Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308. Cremation will be private.

A New York State decision that those who are vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks. However, our staff who have serviced over 350 covid funeral services safely will wear masks to protect those who have not been vaccinated or those who feel uncertain and our own families. We feel this is necessary because we have handled 8 covid deaths in the month of May and more as of this writing of June 21st.

Due to the current pandemic circumstances please note: We ask that you please send bakery products, fruit baskets, and other personal items to the families home directly. Floral Arrangements can be purchased from our in-house floral designers by calling 718-948-2016 to place your order or to request a catalog of selections that can be emailed to you.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUL 25. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank A. Gauci*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *I know Frank is looking down on us.I haven't stopped thinking of you my friend.I just want you to know.I did bring your Betty.Some figs as I usually would bring you both.It's prime fig season Frank.We have had so much rain.I managed to beat some of nature's critters to the figs.I will bring Betty another assortment.Of my figs from around the world.If I could see your face.I know you would show that wonderful smile.As you always would when you stopped by and said.Hey Pete when are the figs going to be ready.They are in their ripping stage.As long as I have figs I will always make sure.I do as I did always.I will bring Betty some unusual varieties.So rest peacefully my friend.All bases are covered.Your three wonderful children will do the rest.*

I will miss you in my driveway.Looking for ripe figs.

God Bless you my friend.

Pete the fig as you called me.

peter Cundari - September 01, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Dear Betty. I was just watching tv,just now...and Frank popped into my mind. No reason, but suddenly there. I searched the internet and found that he passed away last month. I am so sorry. Lorraine and I are deeply saddened. He was a good and gentle man.*

Cousin Peter and Lorraine Danna

Peter Danna - August 29, 2021 at 03:53 PM

RO

“ Aunt Betty, Cousins Renee, Elizabeth & Frankie,

I am so sorry for your loss; no one told me I found it on Google today 8/18/2021.

I did not have enough time with my uncle Frankie in my adult life through no fault of mine and that brings me deep sadness as well.

Most my memories of him were at my grandmother's house when he was young and I was a child. He was always trying to be funny and teaser too. Once, when I was eating ice cream on a stick he asked me for a bite and when I offered him some he bit off the whole top in one gulp and I started crying. My grandmother liked to play tricks on him too. She once tied a pair of terribly smelly socks to the back of his bed and my grandmother and I were her bedroom laughing when we heard him trying to go to bed and yelling "What's that stink? What's that stink?"

I hope he did not suffer before the Lord took him home.

And although I'm very happy now, I do wish circumstances in the past had been different and I had my family in my life. Miss all of you, just take one day at a time.

Rosanne

Rosanne - August 18, 2021 at 05:40 PM

PC

“ Also my wife and I offer Frank's entire family. Our deepest and sincere condolences. You all were blessed to have Frank as a husband and father.

Peter and Marguerite Cundari

Peter Cundari - July 26, 2021 at 09:45 PM

PC

“ Today is July 26, 2021. I just found out tonight that Frank is now in God's Kingdom. The very God Frank cherished. You in good hands my friend and you safe now and peaceful.
I met Frank about ten or so years ago maybe more. Frank and Betty lived on the next block from me. We met over my fig trees. That Frank would see in my driveway. We got to know each other. Became friends talked about our families. Frank's family from Malta mine from Italy. I would often bring Frank and Betty a bag of figs. Sit in their kitchen and chat old world family stories. Frank was a funny man we shared many laughs together. Frank also was friendly with my wife Marguerite. They went to the same mass every week. I will miss you Frank and your great smile and kindness. Don't worry about Betty. You told so much about your wonderful children. I will always remember you. Rest in peace my friend.
Peter Cundari or as Frank would sometimes call me.
Pete the Figman.

Peter Cundari - July 26, 2021 at 09:40 PM

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Thank you Peter. Your kind words are truly appreciated.

Elizabeth Sferlazza - July 29, 2021 at 12:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank A. Gauci.



July 24, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank A. Gauci.*



July 24, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ *John and Laura McMahon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank A. Gauci.*



John and Laura McMahon - July 24, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank A. Gauci.*



July 24, 2021 at 12:00 PM