



Francis "Frank" J. Eraca

May 16, 1929 - September 11, 2018

Dad, Pee-pa, Summer Wingman, Francis Joseph "Frank" Eraca died peacefully at Wingate at Dutchess on September 11, 2018 in Fishkill, NY at the age of 89.

Born to Hungarian and Italian immigrants on May 16, 1929, Frank was the 6th of nine children raised in Beacon, NY. Our dad was a truly amazing individual that lived many lives: he was a butcher, a baseball player, a lineman, bar owner, and rounded out his career as a swimming pool contractor.

An accomplished athlete, in 1947, he was taken by limo from Beacon to the original Yankee Stadium for a private try-out with the legendary Connie Mack, the longest serving MLB manager in history. Offered a position on the Philadelphia Athletics Triple A team, he played catcher for a short stint. Upon returning home to Beacon, he married Dolores Annis in 1949 and settled in Fishkill. For 13 years, Frank worked as a lineman for Central Hudson until the entrepreneurial spirit took over. In 1962, he started Fishkill Pools, Dutchess County's oldest swimming pool company. An avid gardener, diehard Red Sox fan, and maker of the best sauce and turkey barley soup around, he will be remembered for his "gabadost" (stubborn) nature and living on his own terms until the very end of his life.

Frank is survived by his five children: Ardra Todd (John) of Hopewell Junction, NY, Jeff (Valerie) of Hopewell Junction, NY, Erika Stevens (Dave) of Poughkeepsie, NY, Greg (Jennifer) of LaGrangeville, NY, Elizabeth Moses (Jesse) of Binghamton, NY. In addition, he is survived by 12 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Dolores in 1976 and his former 2nd wife, Bonnie Blanchfield in 2012. He is also survived by the mother of his youngest child, Mary Eraca who resides in Binghamton, NY.

While the last few months have been difficult, the support of our friends and family has been overwhelming and we are very grateful. This experience has brought us closer together than ever as a family and for that we are so humbled and appreciative.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, September 17 at 1 p.m. at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Rte. 9, Fishkill, NY. Always a giver, Frank was a monthly supporter of St. Jude Children's Hospital. In lieu of flowers, we request donations be made in his name at <https://www.stjude.org/give.html> .

Our family would like to thank the exceptional staff of Wingate at Dutchess and Hospice of Dutchess County for the love, care, and dedication they provided to our dad in his last four months of life.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Cemetery

Fishkill Rural Cemetery

801 Route 9

Fishkill, NY, 12524

Events

SEP **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY, US, 12524

Comments



“ Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" J. Eraca.



September 19, 2018 at 06:56 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeff/Valerie and family at your time of loss.

Mr. And Mrs. David Andrick & Family

David Andrick - September 17, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ I new Frank many years ago. Frank and I played basketball and base ball back in the 1940's. We graduated from Beacon High school in 1947. He was not only a great athlete but a great friend. I remember when he married Dolores Annis, who lived down the end of dutchess Terrace in Beacon---I lived on the same St. May you rest in peace frank,you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Jim Hopper

Jim Hopper - September 16, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ Hi Greg and family, Harry Foley here the diver,maybe met your dad once but he has left a great legacy as a pool man, never heard a bad thing about the man, and I've heard alot, my condolences

Harry Foley - September 16, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ Rose & Jack Barry of Naples Fl. will always remember the fun times we spent with Frank. May he RIP.

Rose Barry - September 16, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ Greg , To you and your family, Bitsy and I would like to extend our condolences regarding your loss of your father. He was a great guy in buisness and on the golf course. Our love to you all
Vic Stopski

Victor Stopski - September 16, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ Although I have moved from Beacon for many years now. I have very good memories of Uncle Frank. He gave me work when I was young, and I thank him to this day. He gave a kid a chance. May he rest in peace

Francis J. Eraca - September 14, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ Ardra & family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your Dad. May all of your wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts.

Pat and Terry Kirkup - September 14, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ I am saddened to read of the passing of Uncle Sonny. Many times he would drive Aunt Julie to the mall in Johnson City, NY so that I could pick her up for a visit with my family in Owego, New York. He would often bring me large containers of his pasta sauce and it was a favorite of our family. We got in the habit of not just exchanging Aunt Julie, but exchanging his sauce for some of my baked goods. Like my sister Ginny, I, too recall sharing that special dinner with this amazing man! My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his children and grandchildren.
Sue (Suzy Annis) Tomazic

Sue Tomazic - September 14, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ So very sorry to read about Uncle Sonny. Judy, Suzy and I had a wonderful dinner with Uncle Sonny on one of our trips to see Aunt Julie a few years ago. Our dinner was filled with lots of stories, laughter and great food. We've spoken of that wonderful evening for some time,
Sincerely,
Ginny (Annis) Wolbert

Virginia Wolbert - September 14, 2018 at 07:43 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" J. Eraca.



September 13, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ Our sincerest condolences on the loss of Frank. I'll never forget how much help he was when Cavaccini's restaurant burned. He immediately brought up a backhoe and truck to start the cleanup and rebuild. Jim LaColla

Jim LaColla - September 13, 2018 at 01:10 PM



“ To my extended Eraca family: so sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Sonny. He was a great man. Lots of memories to cherish forever. Now he peacefully joins the rest of his family in Heaven. Uncle Sonny will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love Tracy & Steve Pavlovic

Tracy Eraca Pavlovic - September 12, 2018 at 11:00 PM