



Franco F. Abate

October 27, 1937 - January 31, 2017

East Greenbush- Franco F. Abate, 79, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in Bennington, VT. Born in Amantea, Calabria, Italy on October 27, 1937, he immigrated to the US in June of 1957. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Virginia H. (Shafer) Abate in 1999.

Frank was a lifelong grocer and produce legend, past owner of (Concord) Star Supermarket, and was most recently employed by Hannaford in East Greenbush, NY. He loved spending time with family, cooking, shopping, and growing vegetables, including his 5 foot tomato plants. He enjoyed going to the racetrack to see the horses and loved most things Italian.

Frank is survived by his daughter Gina Marie Farry (David P. Farry) and their daughter, the light of his life, Gianna Maria Farry of North Bennington, VT; his daughter Deborah L. Betts (Leon I. Betts) of Latham, NY; his son James D. Russell (LeAnn Russell) of Albany, NY; and his late son, David J. Russell; his grandchildren, Gianna Maria Farry, Jennifer L. Wagner, Jason Russell, and Robert Russell; his brothers and sisters, Clara (Abate) Provenzano (Fiore), Saverio (Sam) Abate (the late Mildred (Gulli) Abate), Dora (Abate) Eaftrato (Lawrence J.), Arnaldo (Arnold) Abate (Emilia (Mannarino) Abate), Eda McDonnell (Edward), and the late Rocco Abate. He is also survived by great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit with Frank's family on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, now located at 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Friday, February 3, 2017 at 9:30 am at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 33 Walter Street, North Albany, where a funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Interment will immediately follow the Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

To leave Frank's family a message on their guestbook, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.LGfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors
208 North Allen Street
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1566

Service

FEB 3. 9:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
33 Walter Street
Albany, NY 12204

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Frank gave me my first real job when I was 16. I was hired as a stock clerk at the concord. He was a very strict boss who probably formed my work ethic to work hard. He had a sense of humor though not often seen. I worked for two years and it was considered one of the best jobs in the area at the time for a teenager. I remember Virginia because she would do the books and on payday would do the checks. I remember getting a raise and it was because of Virginia. She was like the silent boss of the operation. I also worked with his brother Rocko and had some fun times with him. They were always good to me as a kid. I met his nephew Frank Provenzano one summer when he came to work. It was many years later as an adult that Frankie and I crossed paths again. We could laugh about those times. My family stayed in east greenbush. My mom always would see him at the grocery store and he would say hi. When I heard about this I was sad but it also made me smile. I hope Frank you are with Virginia and all of your other relatives who have passed in heaven and are happy. Smile down on us because you had an impact on us all especially this once 16 year old boy trying to get his first real job. Thank you for the opportunity.

Michael P. Sagar

Michael P Sagar - February 04, 2017 at 12:26 PM

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“ I am so sorry. Franco brightened up many days for me with our conversations about Italy and our families. I will miss him. You have my sincere condolences. Carol Coppola

carol coppola - February 02, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Franco F. Abate.*



February 01, 2017 at 09:50 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Franco F. Abate.*



February 01, 2017 at 09:42 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Franco F. Abate.*



February 01, 2017 at 08:57 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Franco F. Abate.*



February 01, 2017 at 04:19 PM

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“ Dear Gina and Family,

I am so heartbroken to learn that your Dad lost his battle with cancer. He is at peace now and I pray that you too will have peace during this very difficult time. You have so many wonderful memories of a great Dad and grandfather- hold on to them!!! We will miss him.

Love,

Bev and Bill (neighbors for more than 35 years!)

Beverly Kennedy - February 01, 2017 at 02:53 PM