



Deacon Francis J. "Frank" Camacho

April 23, 1937 - March 26, 2019

Deacon Francis J. "Frank" Camacho 81, of Estero, FL died unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. He was born April 23, 1937 in Cambridge, MA, the only child of the late Frank and Louise (Silviera) Camacho. He had been a resident of Estero for the past 24 years coming from Cape Cod, MA.

He graduated from Rindge Technical High School in Cambridge, MA. After graduation, Frank enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and served his country from 1955 thru 1959.

He would spend the next 37 years working for the Federal Government. While working for the GSA during the day, he attended night school at Northeastern University where he received his Bachelor's degree in 1979. He retired as the Assistant Regional Administrator for the General Services Administration. He was responsible for all programs associated with Federal Buildings in the New England area including land acquisitions, the building of new Federal Buildings, leasing space and maintaining them to house Federal Agencies.

He was a member and Deacon at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community in Ft. Myers. He was also named their Director of Liturgy with the responsibility of planning and implementing all Parish Liturgies.

Deacon Camacho was first Ordained on June 7, 1980 in the Diocese of Fall

River, Massachusetts by Bishop Daniel A. Cronin. He would serve at Our Lady of the Cape in Brewster, MA, Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, MA and as the Assistant Director of the Diaconate in Dartmouth, MA.

After moving to Bonita Springs, FL, Deacon Camacho was Incardinated on April 22, 2003 by then Bishop John J. Nevins in the Diocese of Venice. He served at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs and was named Parish Administrator for a 90 day period until a permanent administrator could be named. He was elected President of the Diaconate Council and held that position for 6 years. He was also the Director of Formation and the Director of Diaconate Personnel where he was responsible to the Bishop in all phases of Life and Ministry Programs in the Diocese according to the National Directory.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lillian B. Camacho who died May 14, 2018; a son, Joseph Camacho who died in 1964 and a daughter, Barbara Peters who died in 2014.

He is survived by three children, Leo Almeida of Fargo, ND, Susan C. Franze and her husband, William of Brewster, MA and Francine E. Camacho of South Yarmouth, MA; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 4:00 PM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community 19680 Cypress View Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33967 with Bishop Frank J. Dewane and the priests of the Diocese, officiating. Following the Mass visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions in his memory be made to the Our Lady of Light Memorial Fund 19680 Cypress View Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33967.

Additional services will be held in Cape Cod, MA with burial in Oak Ridge Cemetery, South Dennis, Massachusetts.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Oak Ridge Cemetery

South Dennis, MA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to his family*



Carson Loveless - July 03, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ *Deacon Francis J. "Frank" Camacho*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Yesterday, April 23, I called Frank to wish him a Happy 82nd Birthday, I have done this every year since he retired from GSA in 1994. Then I found out he had passed away less than a month ago. A great loss to me personally. I first met Frank in 1986 when we started working together at GSA. I was his boss for the last few years of his GSA career and we had become very close friends. I last saw him in July, 2018 in NYC when he came to a small GSA reunion. To his family and friends: My deepest sympathy.*

*Bill Jenkins
Lewes, Delaware*

Bill Jenkins - April 24, 2019 at 11:12 AM

TM

“ To the Family of Deacon Frank,

We want to express our deepest sympathy to all of you with the passing of Deacon Frank. He was one of the most kindest, gentle, loving man we have ever met. We hope the love of your Family & Friends help all of you this most difficult time. We are so sorry that it took us long to get a message done. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers! Deacon Frank will certainly be missed by us and so many people. We were proud to have been able to call him a Friend!!!



Tony & Gale De Mello - April 13, 2019 at 07:46 PM

AN

I am so sorry to hear about Frank' passing. My sincere condolences to his family

Ashley Cohen (GSA NY) - April 24, 2019 at 12:43 PM

JB

“ We enjoyed Deacon Frank in many homilies and teaching sessions through the years but especially traveling with him during our Holy Land Pilgrimage in 2017 ... where these photos were taken. Janice & Jerry Bent



Janice & Jerry Bent - April 10, 2019 at 07:46 PM

JB

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Janice & Jerry Bent - April 10, 2019 at 06:40 PM

CR

“ I had the honor and great privilege to work with Deacon Frank and Lil during his time at St. Leo Catholic Church in Bonita Springs, FL. He was such an inspiration and help to me during my time as DRE there. I had moved out west to be near my ailing parents, but he and Lil continued to be in my prayers daily, and I was deeply saddened to hear it was his time to go on home (and that Lil had passed on the year before.) I am sure he will be warmly welcomed. My prayers go out to his family at this time of loss. Blessings on you all.

Cyndi Rypl, Port Angeles, WA

Cyndi Rypl - April 03, 2019 at 05:52 PM

JD

“ I was a Trainee under Frank's mentoring at GSA in New England beginning in 1973 and we worked together for more than 20 yrs. Frank was a dedicated Federal Employee, Coast Guard veteran , and Deacon in his Church. He contributed much during his life here on earth , May he rise again in glory. Jim Devir, Scituate, Ma.

James Devir - April 02, 2019 at 03:30 PM

LE

“ Lorraine El-Deiry lit a candle in memory of Deacon Francis J. "Frank" Camacho



Lorraine El-Deiry - April 01, 2019 at 01:53 PM

PC

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Peg Carroll - March 31, 2019 at 01:09 PM

PD

“ To the Family of Deacon Frank:

*Frank will be missed dearly by the parish members of Our Lady of Light, He was an insightful speaker, good friend and a truly holy man. May his soul rest in peace!
Phil Douglas, parish member and resident of Estero.*

Phil Douglas - March 31, 2019 at 11:54 AM

MH

“ I have many great memories of your dad and whole family . He was a great man always had a smile on his face . I'm sorry to read of his passing. . My condolences go out to your whole family.

mike holloman - March 31, 2019 at 04:32 AM

DA

“ We love you Dad.



Diane Almedia - March 30, 2019 at 04:19 PM

LA

“ Leo Almeida lit a candle in memory of Deacon Francis J. "Frank" Camacho



Leo Almeida - March 30, 2019 at 04:05 PM

EM

“ I am saddened to hear of this sudden loss. I'm sure your hearts must be hurting. I have lovely memories of my children sitting at his feet in church so eager to know what he had in that brown paper bag this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of grief. God bless you all. With love, Ellen Murphy

Ellen Murphy - March 30, 2019 at 02:00 PM

KC

“ Dear Deacon Frank's family,
Your Dad was beloved by everyone who knew him. I am a seasonal parishioner who loved speaking with him and listening to his sermons.
I will have a Mass said for him at St. Patrick, my parish in Mystic, CT.
You are in my thoughts & prayers.
Kathleen from CT

Kathleen Clark - March 29, 2019 at 04:53 PM

PH

*I'll have you and your family in my prayers tomorrow as I pray the Mass and receive holy Communion, hoping that the good Lord can help you through this difficult time. My thoughts and love will be with you and your girls and your whole family who loved him so much.
Peggy, now from Georgia*

Peggy Herrick - March 30, 2019 at 06:57 PM

DC

During diaconate formation your Mom and Dad were our teachers and friends. Over the years we grew to love them more and more. He always told my husband Tom he never had a brother so he was adopting him to be his brother. What an honor. We already miss him so much and we miss your Mom. What wonderful friends they were to us. God bless you. Deacon Tom and Jo Caliguire

Deacon Tom and Jo Caliguire - April 02, 2019 at 09:10 AM