



## Frank "Poppy" Ciccarelli

June 30, 1929 - October 27, 2016

Frank "Poppy" Ciccarelli, age 87, of Naples, Florida passed away at his home, October 27, 2016.

Frank was born June 30, 1929 in Buffalo, New York to Frank Ciccarelli and Lena (DiDomizio) Piccolo and raised by his mom and step father Peter Piccolo. He advanced a grade in school and, at 14, began working assisting a widow in continuing her husband's furniture making business. He graduated high school early at 17. It was following a YMCA dance while still in high school, where Frank asked Joan, "Do you want to twirl squirrel?" resulting in the two being married on August 13th, 1949. They celebrated their 67th anniversary this year and what made it work was their enduring love for each other, their deep faith in God and their desire to have and commit to a large family. Upon graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Marines, serving a second term during the Korean War.

Frank Ciccarelli attended the State University of NY at Buffalo night school, pursuing a degree in accounting while running a business and raising a family of seven children. Frank "Poppy" was considered a mentor to his children, employees and numerous people with whom he was associated. He shared his wisdom and experiences with his children, their spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends in hopes they could learn in their own pursuits for success both personally and professionally. He was a visionary, and when he saw a desire in someone, he did everything he could to

encourage it. He shared his love freely and without judgment.

He developed a number of successful businesses in Buffalo, Rochester, and Chautauqua, New York; and Naples, Florida. He was a founding member of the International Association of Financial Planners (IAFP) with Loren Dunton in 1960, and helped develop the standards for CFP designation. Frank had a keen sense to understand people and knew what to say and when to say it. Frank and Joan believed in the knowledge one could learn from hands on experiences, spending many summers traveling the US and Europe while also raising their family in Chautauqua, New York and, in their later years, enjoying their cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Georgia.

Frank is survived by his two sons, Raymond (Annette) and Paul (Neri) Ciccarelli, five daughters, Kathleen Curatolo (Anthony), Deborah Clementi (Louis), Kim Ciccarelli Kantor (Jan), Gaynell Anderson, Jill Ciccarelli Rapps (Pete) and his beautiful wife of 67 years, Joan Ciccarelli; further defining the family with 15 Grandchildren, 15 Great Grandchildren, his sisters Paulette Nardelli, Arlene Becker, his brother, Raymond Ciccarelli, Lynn Ferraina and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Lena Piccolo, brothers Donald Piccolo, Vincent Ciccarelli and Guy Ciccarelli.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday, November 25, 2016, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, Florida 34108. Rev. Thomas James Glackin will be officiating.

The Ciccarelli family wishes to extend a special thank you to Avow Hospice, his caretakers Anita, Grace, Jane, Patrick, Ron and Winston, McKenney Home Care, NCH and the Alzheimer's Association.

In Lieu of Flowers Memorial Contributions may be made to: US Charitable Gift

Trust, reference Ciccarelli Family Foundation in the memo line and mail to Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N., Naples FL 34108.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **25**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 111th Ave N  
Naples, FL 34108-1825  
(239) 566-8740

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank "Poppy" Ciccarelli*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Aunt Joan, Ray, Paul, Kathy, Deb, Kim, Gaynell, Jill and family. I'll never forget how kind and loving Uncle Frank was. He was a gentle soul and would give you the shirt off of his back. His family was truly his life and it shows in how caring and loving they all are. He has left behind a wonderful legacy and many wonderful memories for all to share. He will be missed. He is now in the hands of the almighty and is healthy and happy again. "There are far, far better things ahead than we leave behind" (CS Lewis). Our prayers go out to all during this difficult time.*

*Mark & Diane Davies*

**Mark Davies** - November 21, 2016 at 06:59 AM



*Thank you - The Ciccarelli's*

**debi** - December 22, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ *Ciccarelli family, My heart grieves with you for the lost of Poppie. His contagious smile and his Corny sense of humor will forever be in my heart. I wish I could join you in your celebration of this wonderful man with such a big heart. We send our love and prayers. Sarah (Girvin) Walluk and family*

**sarah walluk** - November 20, 2016 at 08:25 PM

SA

“ Friday: November 18, 2016

*Dear Joan and family of FRANK CICCARELLI,*

*You view the picture in the death notice. You begin to recall.*

*No one can forget it - that inimitable smile is etched in your mind. It's an immediate recollection/vision - instantly recognizable. You know that it belongs...to a special person. And you know to whom it belongs - you remember. That's how it was for me. It was Frank!*

*Although it's been about fifty years since I last spoke or saw Frank, the recognition was instantaneous because regardless of the last time one may have seen Frank, you just can not miss nor forget that infectious smile which Frank wore so well for his entire life; it was a beacon; it was his signature look. As I am viewing Frank's picture now, he is smiling at me, and...he's got me smiling. He makes me feel better, notwithstanding his loss. He's a force; he lights up any venue.*

*Grinning from ear to ear, his beautifully contagious glance lets you know at once that he was a most approachable person, affable in every way, treating people in all walks of life equally - a true measure of a person. Frank made the human condition better wherever his presence took him, extending kindness, courtesy, respect, and dignity to all with whom he came in contact.*

*I am glad to have met and known Frank even if it was only for a very short time. I'm better for it, and we all are, as we have benefitted from his positive attitude on life; it shown on his face; it permeated his being. Frank was a transformative guy; anyone who knew him was blessed and fortunate to have had him as a part of their life. Frank modeled the best of humanity excellently, exemplifying it simply.*

*He taught all much. Personally for me, when I was in college, we*

were discussing (you guessed it) investing, and he related to me that it is much easier to go to your mailbox at 2 pm and pick up your dividend check than it is to go to a tenant's apartment at 2 am to fix a broken water pipe. Simple, effective advice, easily implementable. Although it's been many years ago, I remember Frank as being insightful, persuasive, willing to share and help. That's the experience I had with him. Thank you Frank.

Frank's earthly journey is complete, however, his sphere of influence/impact remains and will reach far into the future; his spirit lives on! Among his many accomplishments is the template he leaves on how to live the Christian life; a model of what it means to be a consummate gentleman; a legacy of love embodied in his family. Priceless.

RIP Frank.

Joan, my sincere sympathies and condolences to you and to your entire family at this very difficult time. I am sorry for your loss. Your faith will help you as you move forward; trust in God, lean on Him. Frank did.

You will remain in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you and God bless your family.

Take care.

Fondly with admiration,

Steve Ash

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**Stephen Ash** - November 18, 2016 at 08:12 PM

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Thank you such a beautiful memory-

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**debi** - December 22, 2016 at 04:21 PM

BB

“ We were very sorry to hear of your fathers passing. our heart felt condolences to you and you family, our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

*Bryan and Joyce Busacco*

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**bryan busacco** - November 14, 2016 at 07:19 AM

EC

“ I am so lucky to have met Frank,a very intelligent and inspirational gentleman. I was his Podiatrist. He was always very personable. He always smiled and would never complain about his struggles in life. He was so proud and always expressed an overwhelming love for his family!! A wonderful man.

*Elana Cibula*

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**Elana Cibula** - November 13, 2016 at 09:32 AM

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*Thank you for your kind words- The Cicarelli's*

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**debi** - December 22, 2016 at 04:22 PM

SK

“ A memory from Depew, NY.

*Kathy, most likely you do not remember me, but I recognized that smile immediately on the Buffalo News obituary page. Every time I drive down route 5 in the Lakeview area, I think of your father. Way, way back in 5th or 6th grade when you and your family moved, you had a pajama party in your new home. Your dad came all the way out to Depew to pick some of us up. I remember this "long" ride as a wonderful, fun time. Your father's smile, humor and caring for a carload of giggling girls and their pillows was memorable. I would imagine you have a lifetime of special memories to help you and your family through the sadness.*

*Sandie (Utz) Karpie*

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**Sandie (Utz) Karpie** - November 13, 2016 at 08:28 AM