



Frank A. Paniccia

August 14, 1933 - June 19, 2024

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

Frank Angelo Paniccia, 91, of Naples, FL, passed away peacefully on June 19th, 2024, supported by his large loving family. Formerly of Columbus, OH he moved to Bonita Springs, FL in 1988 before relocating to Bentley Village in Naples 12 years ago. He was born April 24, 1933, in Michigan, the son of the late Bernardo and Anna Maria (Camastro) Paniccia.

Frank accomplished much in his long, beautiful life. He married his high school sweetheart while finishing college. Frank and Sandi together created a wonderful world for our family. Many will remember his Sunday Family Dinner. Family life was a passion of his. Many will remember the "cork trick" and the humorous stories he would tell while holding two corks.

He was an energetic businessman, founding more than one successful business. He was a National Guardsman for 20 years. Named Catholic Man of the Year by the Columbus Catholic Times, he was actively involved in parish and diocesan organizations: Family Life Bureau, Cursillo, and Marriage Encounter. He was a member of the first class of permanent deacons for the Diocese of Columbus ordained in 1976. His work for both the church in Columbus and the church in Naples was his crowning achievement. Those who knew him understood well his love and dedication to serving God, and by

his life of prayer helping people know the peace that is beyond all understanding.

Survivors include his loving children and their spouses, Bernie Paniccia of Columbus, OH, Greg (Celia) Paniccia of Columbus, OH, Lauri (Greg) Gierhart of Estero, FL, Tammy (Bill) Pancake of Naples, FL, Paul Paniccia of Columbus, OH, Peter Paniccia of Columbus, OH, Nick Paniccia of Columbus, OH, Maria (Doug) Sweeney of Long Island, NY and Tony Paniccia of Columbus, OH; 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Sandi R. Paniccia; 2 brothers and his sister, Dominic and Rocco Paniccia and Mary (Paniccia) Lowry.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 12:00 noon at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108. Mass will follow and a reception afterwards in the ballroom.

Additional services will be held in Columbus, OH where the family will receive friends on Sunday, June 30, 2024, from 5-7 PM at Maeder-Quint-Tiberi Funeral Home, 1068 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43206. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 11:30 AM in the Chapel at St. Joseph Cemetery in Columbus, OH.

Online condolences may be offered to the family by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 27. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Maeder-Quint-Tiberi Funeral Home
1068 High Street
Columbus, OH 43206

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 1. 11:30 AM (ET)

Chapel at St. Joseph's Cemetery
6440 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43137

Tribute Wall



“ *Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank A. Paniccia*



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - June 26, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank A. Paniccia.*



June 29, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ *Willis & Nora Parker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank A. Paniccia.*

Willis & Nora Parker - June 29, 2024 at 10:47 PM

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“ What I will remember most about Deacon Frank, other than the cork trick, is what a gentle, peaceful soul he had and how his smile went from his heart straight to his eyes. We had so many great memories of all the Parish cruises we went on, but the one that stands out to me and will remain with me throughout my life, happened a couple of years back. We were standing in the buffet talking and a man ran Deacons foot over with his walker. Deacon said "Owww that hurt" and I said to the man " Excuse you" The man, instead of apologizing, said we should have gotten out of his way. My first thought was to go fist to cuffs with the guy for hurting my sweet friend but Deacon Frank simply said " God Bless You" to the man. What a lesson...I was ready for a fight and Deacon was ready with compassion and forgiveness. On the bus back to Naples after the cruise I sat with Frank for a bit and told him I was still thinking about that interaction. I told him people always say "WWJD" I, instead, will go thru my days asking "WWDFD" Because what a better world it would be if we all asked ourselves What Would Deacon Frank Do. The cruise in January will be different then any I have been on because Deacon won't be on it...but I will definitely have 2 orders of escargot as an appetizer in his memory. Rest in Heaven and Thank you for all the memories. 🙏



Kate McGrory Foran - June 26, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ 320 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - June 26, 2024 at 01:02 PM

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“ Love, Peggy and Steve Giuntini purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Frank A. Paniccia.



Love, Peggy and Steve Giuntini - June 24, 2024 at 10:07 AM

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“ Love, Peggy and Steve Giuntini planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank A. Paniccia.

Love, Peggy and Steve Giuntini - June 24, 2024 at 10:07 AM

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“ Thank you Deacon Frank for teaching us what living a Christian Life is all about....your warm smile, encouraging words and endless acts of kindness will never be forgotten...rest in peace 🙏💕

Beth Lucci - June 23, 2024 at 08:33 PM



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



June 23, 2024 at 08:39 AM