



## Frank J. Vollmann Sr.

November 6, 1941 - September 11, 2025

Frank J. Vollmann, Sr., 83, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away peacefully on September 11, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Elizabeth, NJ, on November 6, 1941, he was the son of the late Frank and Agnes (née Ratchford) Vollmann. Frank grew up with a deep sense of family, faith, and service that would define his life's path.

Following high school, he proudly served in the U.S. Army National Guard. His lifelong dream was realized when he became a firefighter for the City of Elizabeth, NJ—a calling that allowed him to dedicate his career to protecting others. Alongside his firefighting duties, Frank and his brothers, John and George, owned and operated Brick Starter and Alternator beginning in 1974, successfully running the business for over two decades. Known as “everyone’s go to guy,” Frank was always quick to lend a hand, no matter the task.

After 25 years of service, he retired as a decorated firefighter from the Elizabeth City Fire Department with the rank of Captain. Yet, his greatest joy and accomplishment was the love he shared with his wife of 60 years, Jeanne. Their devotion was an inspiration to all who knew them. Frank often said he had “already hit the lottery”—with his job, his children, his family, his friends, his adventures, and most of all, his beloved Jeanne.

In 2017, Frank and Jeanne made Bonita Springs their home, where they enjoyed their later years together surrounded by family and friends.

Frank is survived by his cherished wife, Jeanne Wilchek Vollmann; his daughter, Jill Vollmann-Pepe (son-in-law, Chris Pepe); his son, Frank J. Vollmann, Jr. (daughter-in-law, Sabine Wagner); and his adored grandchildren, Christopher Pepe (and his fiancée, Samantha Longlade), Justin Pepe (and his fiancée, Madalyn Weikert), and his granddaughter, Juliet Pepe. He is also survived by his brother, John Vollmann; his mother-in-law, Irene Wilchek; his aunt, Claire LaRocco; his uncle and aunt, Bob and Connie Vignes and many nieces, nephews, godchildren, extended family and many dear friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, his siblings George, Susan, and Linda, and his uncle, Sam LaRocco.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL. A reception for family and friends will follow in The Nest at St. Leo's. For those unable to attend the Mass in person it will be livestreamed at <https://facebook.com/events/s/mass-of-christian-burial-for-f/644843468344948/>?

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Frank's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the International Association of Fire Fighters Foundation at [www.iafffoundation.org](http://www.iafffoundation.org)

To sign his guest register or leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are under the care of Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home – Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

## Reception

SEP **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Nest Café at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Rd.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *John and Debe Halliday purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..*



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**John and Debe Halliday** - September 20, 2025 at 01:02 PM

JH

“ *John and Debe Halliday planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..*

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**John and Debe Halliday** - September 20, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..*

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September 19, 2025 at 09:51 PM

RP

“ *Frank & Jeanie were beautiful lovers... they respected each other's individuality & their togetherness! Frank was from Elizabeth( as i was) he was a real person- no frills  
In communication or life! An honest Man!  
Jeanie & Frank loved the beach  
And holding hands  
And adored Family & friends as everyone loved them back!  
Roseanne & Tony Palladino*

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**Roseanne Palladino** - September 18, 2025 at 07:43 PM

TD

“Dad Vollmann was like a second dad to me, and I’ll always hold my memories of him close. He never hesitated to offer honest guidance, yet he was always there with a hug and support when I needed it most. I’m so grateful for the love, wisdom, and laughter he shared — he will be deeply missed and always remembered with love.”...Tracy Van Duyn

Tracy Van Duyn - September 18, 2025 at 05:49 PM

TD

“ Tracy Van Duyn lit a candle in memory of Frank Vollmann



Tracy Van Duyn - September 18, 2025 at 05:46 PM

TD

“ Tracy And Christopher Van Duyn purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..



Tracy And Christopher Van Duyn - September 18, 2025 at 05:45 PM

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“ Tracy And Christopher Van Duyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..

Tracy And Christopher Van Duyn - September 18, 2025 at 05:45 PM

TV

“ Tracy V. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..

Tracy V. - September 18, 2025 at 05:33 PM

LK

“ Love, Bob and KAREN purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..



Love, Bob and KAREN - September 18, 2025 at 03:02 PM

LK

“ Love, Bob and KAREN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..

Love, Bob and KAREN - September 18, 2025 at 03:02 PM

LV

“ Lillian Vollmann purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..



Lillian Vollmann - September 18, 2025 at 02:50 PM

LT

“ Love Dealerweb Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..



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**Love Dealerweb Team** - September 18, 2025 at 11:12 AM

LT

“ Love Dealerweb Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..

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**Love Dealerweb Team** - September 18, 2025 at 11:12 AM

HD

“ Holly D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..

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**Holly D.** - September 17, 2025 at 05:15 PM

JS

“ I first met Frank when I joined the Fire dept. in 1991. He was always kind and willing to help. I later had the pleasure of getting to know him better on the golf courses of Ocean County, where he often played golf with my dad, George Sherrier, Sr. He was fun, helpful and kind. Please accept my sincerest and heartfelt condolences on the loss of Frank. I will remember him fondly.

*Joe Sherrier*

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**Joseph Sherrier** - September 17, 2025 at 01:44 PM

SF

“ Sabine Wagner and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..



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Sabine Wagner and family - September 17, 2025 at 01:06 PM

SF

“ Sabine Wagner and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank J. Vollmann Sr..

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Sabine Wagner and family - September 17, 2025 at 01:06 PM

BT

“ Jeanne. Frank and Jill - My heart goes out to you and wish you love and prayers for comfort at this time of deep sorrow. Heaven now has another angel and was welcomed into Heaven, received his wings and will be watching over you forever until you meet again. Frank will be missed by many. All my love xxx BettyAnn

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BettyAnn Trela - September 17, 2025 at 12:51 PM

BT

“ BettyAnn Trela sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank Vollmann



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BettyAnn Trela - September 17, 2025 at 12:38 PM

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“ *Betty Ann Trela lit a candle in memory of Frank Vollmann*



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**Betty Ann Trela** - September 17, 2025 at 12:36 PM