



Louis E. Frattarelli

October 17, 1942 - April 8, 2026

Louis E. Frattarelli, 83, of Bonita Springs, Florida, passed away on April 8, 2026, at NCH North Hospital following a cardiac event.

Born on October 17, 1942, in Providence, Rhode Island, he was the son of the late Louis and Marjorie (née Shaw) Frattarelli. Louis spent many years as a winter resident of Bonita Springs beginning in 1999 before making it his permanent home in 2001.

He was a proud graduate of LaSalle Academy High School and The University of Rhode Island, where he earned his MBA. Following his education, Louis began a distinguished 35-year Civil Service career with the Department of Defense United States Navy. After several years as a Navy Auditor, he transferred to the submarine shipbuilding facility in Groton, Connecticut. He ultimately retired in 1999 as the Deputy Supervisor of Shipbuilding, where he played a vital role overseeing the construction of submarines for the U.S. Navy.

After retiring, Louis relocated to Spring Run in Estero, Florida. He became an active and devoted parishioner of Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, where he served on the fish fry committee. He was also a proud Third-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Louis was deeply involved in his community and held numerous leadership roles. He served as President of Spring Run Golf Club, Copperleaf Golf Club, and The Preserve at Corkscrew, and was Chairman of The Preserve Community Development District (CDD).

He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Louise M. Frattarelli of Bonita Springs, Florida; his three sons, Louis E. Frattarelli Jr. (Michaela) of Bristol, Rhode Island, Anthony V. Frattarelli (Kerri Lyn) of Westerly, Rhode Island, and Michael J. Frattarelli of Naples, Florida; and his seven cherished grandchildren, Rocco, Zane, Ava, Tea, Nikolas, Sofia, and Stella. He is also survived by his brother, Ret. Sgt. Major Richard Frattarelli (Itoe) of Punta Gorda, Florida and many loving cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Frank Frattarelli.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers, Florida.

Additional services will be held in Warwick, Rhode Island at St. Kevin's Church on June 19, 2026, at 11:00 AM, with burial at St. Ann's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Lou Frattarelli Memorial Scholarship Fund, established to support education initiatives in the community. Louis was a member of the Engage Estero Board of Directors, and contributions can be made through the Engage Estero website.

To sign the guest register or 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

St. Ann's Cemetery

Cranston, RI

Upcoming Events

Memorial Mass

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM.

St. Kevin's Church
Warwick, RI

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Tribute Wall

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“ I’ve been away from the Groton area for quite some time and always remember the good times we had at Supship. I worked for Lou for many years...he was very special and cared so much about everyone in the command. Easy to talk to, very down to earth. Fond memories and he will be missed. Condolences to Louise and the family.

Madeline McPheraon

Madeline McPherson - April 23 at 07:12 PM

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“ A true SUPSHIP ICON!

V/R,
Chip

Chip - April 21 at 11:24 AM

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“*Lou was a stand up guy! As the Deputy at Supships Groton he personally took charge of resolving the backlog of longstanding shipbuilding claims some dating back to the Nautilus era. Lou’s honest straight forward business approach set the environment for trusted negotiations which made this possible. He was personally congratulated by ASN RDA (Ev Pyatt) for this achievement and his actions reflected highly on the professionalism of the men and women of SUPSHIP GROTON. Lou was also a trusted and most valuable advisor to me as the Supervisor of Shipbuilding at that time. Joyce and I wish to express our deepest sympathies to Louise and the family on their loss.*

Sincerely,

John S Claman RADM USN (ret)

John Claman - April 20 at 09:38 AM



I had the privilege of working with Lou on various committees that were designed to make Estero a great place to reside. Lou was always kind, patient, interested in the committee members input, and an extremely hard worker. He really cared about Estero!! It was my great honor to call him my friend. He will be missed.

Susan Prock

I worked with Lou over the last 10 years in civic advocacy. Transportation and safety were important to Lou and he worked continuously to make the greater Estero Area a better place to live, work, and play. As a fellow retired 36 year civil servant we shared stories from our careers. He will be missed.

Mark Novitski

Mark Novitski - April 20 at 01:04 PM

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When we first moved to Estero in June of 2021, Lou was one of the first people outside of Grandezza that I met. He was welcoming and helpful in explaining Estero. I continued to interact with Lou as I became more active in Engage Estero and Grandezza and attended the East Corkscrew Alliance meetings. Lou always was helpful, conciliatory, and embracing. Thank you, Lou. You will be missed! May God Bless, rest in peace.

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