



Frank Venetta

March 16, 1936 - January 15, 2021

Frank Lawrence Venetta, 84 formally of Niles, Ohio peacefully passed away January 15, 2021 in his Royal Palm Beach, Florida home with his daughters by his side.

Frank was born March 16, 1936 in Morgantown, West Virginia to the parents of Nicola and Isolina (Salucci) Venetta. Shortly after, the Venetta family moved to Warren, Ohio. He was a 1955 graduate of Warren G. Harding High School and following graduation he entered the US Army serving in Fort Irwin, California with an honorable discharge in 1957. Frank was a dedicated employee of Warren General Electric for 39 years retiring in 1996.

Although Frank enjoyed driving truck for GE his true passion was playing the saxophone and creating beautiful music for others. Frank began taking clarinet lessons at the age of 11 which led to his love of the Saxophone. While in high school, he was a member of the marching band, orchestra and started his own band which played at sock hops and basketball games. He also played at weddings and picnics with the Ray Olszewski Band and was featured every Sunday on the Warren WHHH Polka Broadcasting show. While in the Army his sax career continued as the member of a military jazz band. Frank played in the Bob Delmuti Band, The Eddie Vallus Band for 15 years, the Bill Basilone Band and his most loved band, Gloria Jean and Friends. He performed for numerous concerts, weddings, Masses and recorded Polka albums, which one was nominated for the Grammy's in 1990. He also recorded three romantic love song albums with Gloria Jean and Friends in which two of the albums were Grammy nominated. He continued to play during his time in Florida with the Joe Fedorchak Band in Spring Hill and the Eddie Rodick Band in Daytona. Frank was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, The Penn-Ohio Polka Pals and the American Federation of Musicians Local 118 Warren, Ohio. Frank also was member of the Pit Band which performed at the 2008 Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show and in 2008 received the Penn-Ohio Polka Pals Side Man of the Year Award.

Frank married his beautiful wife Joanna May (Infante) Venetta in 1957, having two daughters which he cherished. Frank was preceded in death by his loving wife Joanna (Joanie), parents Nicola and Isolina Venetta, sister Frances (Guy) Guglielmi of Warren, Ohio and his sister Ann (Robert) Hannuksela of Cortland, Ohio.

Frank will be deeply missed by his beloved daughters, Lynette (Venetta) & Joe Violante,

Leanne (Venetta) & Howard Klippel, his grandsons he adored, Justin Bloom, Michael Bloom, Lukas Klippel, Jakob Klippel, niece Maria (Nickie) Rizer, niece Tonia Santangelo, nephew Mark Hannusela, his dear family, friends and the world of beautiful saxophone music.

Palms West Funeral Home in Royal Palm Beach, Florida assisted the family with arrangements. A private service will be held for the immediate family only. Memories and condolences maybe shared with the family at www.palmswestfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ To the family, of Frank Venetta, I am from Warren, Ohio, and had the pleasure of hearing him play the saxophone so graciously at polka jams for several years on a weekly basis, up until about 2015. His music was wonderful and he was a very nice man who I enjoyed being acquainted with, a part of the Warren community. My deepest condolences to all of you. - Laurie James

james, laurie - January 26 at 01:26 PM



“ To the family of Frank Venetta, Frank and I grew up in the Collelongo Italian community of Warren, Ohio. I remember him and his band playing for many special occasions over the years. Frank and Joanie were very nice. May he rest in peace. Our prayers are with you all. Sincerely, David and Letizia (Tish Fiore) Lowman

David and Letizia (Fiore) Lowman - January 26 at 10:11 AM



“ Christine Soriano lit a candle in memory of Frank Venetta



Christine Soriano - January 23 at 11:07 AM



“ Melissa Folb lit a candle in memory of Frank Venetta



Melissa folb - January 20 at 03:54 PM



“ He was a really nice guy. I only met him a couple of times at the carshows and he was really nice.

Melissa folb - January 20 at 03:53 PM



“ Terry Bell Klippel lit a candle in memory of Frank Venetta



Terry Bell Klippel - January 20 at 10:04 AM



“ Heartfelt sympathy from your OHIO family. We have many many family memories of both Frank and Joanie. We always loved to hear the stories about their "crodges" aka Joanie's little flowers and of course their grandsons. Frank had his own fans of groupies with Joanie driving the cronies all over the tri-county area to hear him play. He will be missed. God's Blessings to all of you.

Terry Klippel - January 21 at 09:48 AM



“ So sorry to hear about frank. He was a wonderful man
I'm sure Mr Sax Man will play his Sax in Heaven..May he R.I.P.

Dee Venezia - January 19 at 06:39 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. He was a very fine man and will be with his beloved wife, Joannie.

Mary Ellen Hughes - January 19 at 06:33 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to Mr Frank’s family.
Mr Frank will be missed.
He was always kind and a helpful and had a contagious smile.
He will be missed.
Thank you for being such a wonderful person, Frank.
RIP my friend and neighbor

giovanna ferraro - January 19 at 05:43 PM



“ Our condolences. He always had a smile. He was fun, kind and gentle. Art enjoyed playing together in the bands. May he RIP.

Art and Debbie Tracy

Art and Debbie Tracy - January 19 at 11:56 PM



“ Giovanna Ferraro lit a candle in memory of Frank Venetta



giovanna ferraro - January 19 at 05:37 PM



“ My deepest condolences .
Mr Frank a true gentleman a sweet soul, and wonderful neighbor to us all.
We will miss him dearly.
R.I.P

jenny covetskie - January 19 at 05:20 PM



“ Sorry for yuir loss of frank i remember over aunt joan house when we were at ger house you will be missed from gary and brenda godiciu

Brenda godiciu - January 19 at 12:35 PM