

Francis Sumi "Frank"

July 30, 1950 - November 30, 2020

Francis "Frank" Sumi, A lifelong resident of North Tonawanda, passed away unexpectedly on November 30, 2020 at the age of 70. Frank was a graduate of North Tonawanda High School and Buffalo State College. He was a teacher in the Niagara Falls City School District for 33 Years. He coached hockey at LaSalle Senior High School, and coached Babe Ruth Baseball. Frank was an avid Bills, Sabres, and Yankees Fan. In 2012 he got the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at the Yankee Stadium. He also enjoyed golfing and going on the yearly golf trips. Most of all Frank loved to spend his time with his friends and family. Frank was a longtime member of Third Warders Social Club, where he participated on many of the sports teams over the years, and was a member of the GAC Club. Frank always looked forward to his weekly get-togethers with the guys.

Frank was a loving father, brother, uncle, and devoted friend. Frank leaves behind his children Erik (Jamie), Joanie (Ernie), Ryan, and their mother Lynda (Tussing) Sumi. Devoted grandfather of Ava, Dylan, and Riley, brother of Wayne (Maureen) Sumi, and Joan Wisniewski, also survived by many nieces, nephews, and close friends. Frank was predeceased by his parents Andrew and Mary Sumi, also his nephew Mark Sumi.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, private services will be held for the immediate family. A public celebration of Franks life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Third Warders Social Club Building Fund in Franks Memory.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Sad to see this obituary. Frank was my automotive teacher at LaSalle. Many memories. A tough guy but fair and giving. Learned a lot in class and in life with him as an educator. Thank you for the memories.*

David - November 14, 2022 at 12:09 PM

CO

“ *I was a student of Mr Sumi's from 78-82, and played hockey 81-82 at LaSalle Sr HS. The thing that stands out the most all these years later is that he really loved his students and players. Mays Gods peace be with the family and his friends.*

Charles Otis - December 09, 2020 at 02:44 PM

SD

“ *Thoughts and Prayers!*

Scott Driscoll - December 05, 2020 at 07:57 AM

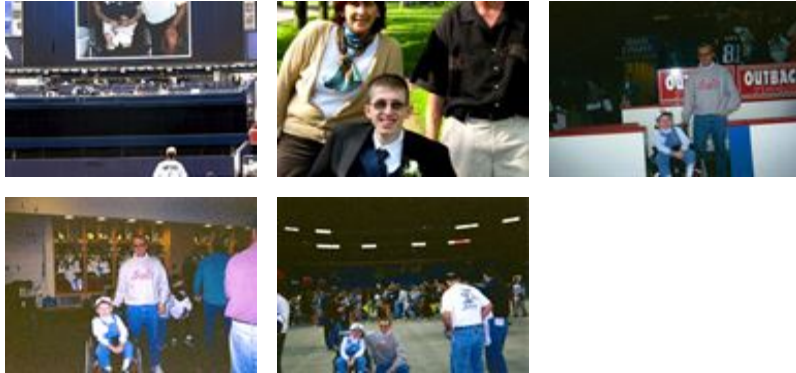
MR

“ *Frank was a great guy. Played softball against him and he also played with us in Honeys league in Niagara Falls. Many thoughts and prayers for the family !!*

Mike De Rose - December 04, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ 143 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wattengel Funeral Home - December 04, 2020 at 11:33 AM

SD

“ *The perfect mentor. .. what a outstanding teacher and man ... if my memory is right ...we had Frank Sumi for his 1st yr at LaSalle HS & his friend Teacher Peter Morath... ..*

After getting out of the military. ..I started at the Tonawanda Post Office & became friends with Tommy Pazik & Alan Frankowski ...coworkers at the post office with me ..& childhood friends with Frank... Tommy & Alan had nothing but praise for there friend Frank Sumi.... even my wife Maxine Maracle had Mr Sumi for Auto Shop... He was loved by all ...

This man made the difference in our lives when we needed it the most ... he was there and gave us his undivided attention. .

Frank Sumi's family please accept our sincere condolences ...on his loss... but know we all had a soft spot in our hearts for Mr Sumi..

Scott Drapo & Maxine Maracle Drapo

Scott Richard Drapo - December 03, 2020 at 10:18 PM

JR

“ Frank was one of the best men I have ever known. He was a great father, teacher coach and friend. Always organized and ready to put a plan into action. Will be missed by all that had known him. My heart goes out to his family. God bless you all.

Jay Roeder - December 03, 2020 at 07:23 PM

MK

“ Frank was one of the best guys known . A great guy and true friend , will be sadly missed . My sincere condolences to the family . Going to miss you Frank mike k

mike klis - December 03, 2020 at 03:20 PM

JG

“ Frank was such a beautiful soul. We went to high school together and always had great conversations at the class reunions. Tim remembers fun times playing baseball and basketball with Frank. Not only was Frank kind, caring and respectful but funny; always had a smile on his face. Rest in peace dear friend, you will be missed.

Joan & Tim Goodman - December 03, 2020 at 12:48 PM

PS

“ Very sorry to hear of this sad news. Condolences to the family. RIP Frank. You will be missed

Paul Smist - December 03, 2020 at 10:07 AM

SR

“ Our condolences to Frank's family. He was so friendly to us when we'd go to Third Warders.

Steve & Becky Rosky - December 03, 2020 at 02:26 AM

JD

“ To Mr.Sumi's family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I had Mr. Sumi as my auto shop teacher at LaSalle Sr. High in the 70's. He was a good teacher. He knew his cars. His class was cool. He will always be remembered. God bless his family. Your friend Jim Day.

Jim Day - December 02, 2020 at 11:54 PM

CC

“ Frank was such a nice person. He was always glad to talk with us when we visited the TW. Such a great Dad. He will truly be missed. Our deepest sympathy to his family.



Chuck & Mary Catanzaro - December 02, 2020 at 08:47 PM

LF

“ Love Zaf and the Tsikerdanos Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Francis Sumi "Frank".



Love Zaf and the Tsikerdanos Family - December 02, 2020 at 08:15 PM

Tammy Wilke

“ So very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers. the Wilke Family

Tammy Wilke - December 02, 2020 at 07:42 PM

WC

“ I am so sorry for your loss - Sending prayers during this difficult time. <3

Wendy Cirocco - December 02, 2020 at 02:52 PM

DS

“ *Derek Sumi*

My uncle Frank was a very special man. Every time I visited Frank and family he was so warm and energetic. There was always a party going on or we would be heading somewhere like 3rd waters for a cookout. Eric and family, Joanie and family, Ryan and Aunt Lynda, Frank will be watching over you from heaven and will always be in your hearts as well as mine forever. May the Lord give you strength and peace.

*Love always,
Derek, Liz, Chelsea and Ashley*

Derek Sumi - December 02, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JW

“ *My deepest condolences to the Sumi Family.*

Frank was a wonderful friend and we shared many good times together. I was truly blest to know him. He will be missed.

Joe Wielgosz

Joe Wielgosz - December 02, 2020 at 10:14 AM

RP

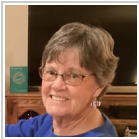
“ The kindest, friendliest person who always had time to chat at the Third Warders Club. Coached Babe Ruth baseball against Frank when our sons played and he was kind enough to sponsor me for membership in the GAC. He will be sorely missed. Condolences to his family.

Ray Prelewicz - December 02, 2020 at 10:13 AM

SP

“ Eric, sorry for your families loss.

Steve Plekan - December 02, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ So sad to hear of Frank’s passing! He was a truly nice guy. We graduated from NTHS together and it was always great to run into him through the years. My deepest sympathy to his family!

Wendy Binkley

Wendy Binkley - December 01, 2020 at 11:11 PM

BC

“ Frank was a true gentleman. We are blessed to have become friends when we met him many years ago at the Third Warders. He was always so pleasant and truly interested in hearing what’s going on in everyone’s life. A very proud father and grandpa. We are very saddened to hear of his passing. Sending comfort and wishes for peace for all of his family and friends. ❤️ Bev and Sal Colangelo

Bev Colangelo - December 01, 2020 at 11:10 PM

LM

“ Frank was always so kind to everyone! We will miss his smiling face. Our hearts go out to the whole family.

lorrie may - December 01, 2020 at 09:11 PM

CD

“ Frank was a long time friend of our's. His son Eric is like a son to us and I know he felt the same about our boys. Everytime we would run into Frank he was so genuinely happy to see you even if you just saw him the day before. He always had a story about a great place to go eat or a winning horse to bet on at OTB. We will miss him this is a great loss to his family and friends. We are sending so much love to Eric, Jamie, Joanie, Ernie, Ryan, Linda and his grandchildren. May all your lifetime of beautiful memories carry you through this difficult time.

All our love,
Sil and Chi Chi Dan

Chi Chi Dan - December 01, 2020 at 08:05 PM



Shared many good times with Frank at the TW. He will be missed by all who knew him.
Rest in peace Carnack

Chuck Catanzaro - December 01, 2020 at 09:07 PM

PM

Well said Chi Chi I taught with Frank at LaSalle HS for many many years he was a very kind soul! We had many good times together in the faculty room! He was well liked by all the staff & definitely the students! Frank would go out of his way to help everyone whether in his Auto Shop or outside of school! He will truly be missed! Coach Pat Monti

Patrick Monti - December 03, 2020 at 04:54 PM

HW

“ We will most remember Mr. Sumi for attending our Friday night softball games . He would avidly bring Ryan every Friday to cheer on his big brother Erik. Mr. Sumi had great tenacity in caring for his children and that lasting impression will carry on with Dan and I forever . With deepest condolences, love Heidi and Dan Wichlacz



heidi wichlacz - December 01, 2020 at 07:34 PM

SL

“ I was also in the class of 1968 and remember Frank as a really nice guy who was also a good listener to my constant gabbing on and on. So very sorry for your loss. Heaven has another angel!

Sue Kania Loveday - December 01, 2020 at 05:42 PM