



## Michael Patrick Frank

December 15, 1947 - February 8, 2025

Michael Patrick Frank, 77, of North Tonawanda, New York, unexpectedly, Saturday (February 8, 2025) in DeGraff Memorial Hospital. Michael was born in North Tonawanda, New York on December 15, 1947 to Robert J. and LeoBelle (Kyler) Frank. Michael was a United States Marine, who served two tours in Vietnam, receiving the Navy and Marine Corp. Medal in 1967. Michael was a member of Sweeney Hose Volunteer Fire Company #7, the North Tonawanda Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent, and for over 45 years Michael was known for exercising behind the North Tonawanda High School with his dogs. Michael was also an animal lover, in his spare time he loved to go dancing. Michael was predeceased by his parents, brothers and sister Timothy Frank, Gregory Frank, and Alicia Frank.

Michael is survived by his wife of 59 years, Patricia (Basnett) Frank, children Michael (Renee Dunn) Frank, Lynn (Joseph) Wright, Brian (Samara) Frank, Kevin Pieper, Kristen (Peter) Zizzi, sister in laws Judy and June Frank, grandchildren Allie (Robert) Kavanaugh, Anthony Zizzi, Matthew Zizzi, Annabelle Wright, Samuel Wright, and Vita Frank, also surviving are sisters in law, brother in law, and many nieces and nephews.

Per Michael's wishes no prior visitation, a celebration of Michael's life will be held at a date and time to be announced. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Michael's memory to the SPCA.

# Tribute Wall

VF

“ *he was the best grandpa in the world. I loved him so much.*

vida frank - December 01, 2025 at 09:10 AM

JA

“ *Sadness after hearing of Michael's passing. He was a kind, gentle, knowledgeable Church friend who always went out his way to greet me. Will miss you working in the kitchen at Church. Jackie Thompson*

jackie - February 23, 2025 at 07:23 PM

SZ

“ *It was a total shock hearing about Mike. My husband and I have been linedancing at the Dry Gulch with him for several years now and have always looked forward to see his smiling face on the dance floor. He would always have a clever comment after we'd dance our favorite songs. He will truly be missed.*

Susan Zilliox - February 15, 2025 at 12:38 AM

GU

“ *Mike was a friend and a frequent visitor to GFY over the years that I owned it. I will miss his friendship, his conversations and the zest he had for life he will live on my in my memory forever.*

Gus Uguccioni - February 14, 2025 at 10:38 AM

SR

“ My deepest sympathy to Michael's family. He will be deeply missed. I have been on the dance floor with Michael for 25 years. I will miss his hug each night he walked into Dry Gulch. We have another angel looking over us dancing! You are all in my prayers.



Shelly Ratzel - February 13, 2025 at 09:51 AM

RP

“ The dance world will surely miss you Michael. You could feel the music and it showed. A warm friendly guy. A joy to watch and dance with. Our fondest thoughts are with your family. Put your dancing shoes on, we will see you there.

Ruth and phil - February 13, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ I am so saddened to learn of Michael's passing. There are so many words to describe the Michael I knew... He was soft spoken and very knowledgeable. He tutored my grandson in math while Jack was at NCCC. He was fun to dance with and would so often help others on the dance floor. I knew that he knew most of the intermediate dances that a lot of other dancers hadn't learned yet, and danced them with me at the Dry Gulch. Dance with the angels!!!

February 12, 2025 at 11:17 PM

GB

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. He was always so polite and giving and he loved to dance. RIP Michael. He will surely be missed

Gail Beyer - February 12, 2025 at 10:16 PM

SC

“ I met Michael through line dancing, saw him last week, will miss him. Condolences to his family.

Sharon Collopy - February 12, 2025 at 05:56 PM

DW

“ This is shocking. I just spoke with him last week at the Dry Gulch. He always had a smile for everyone. He will be missed.

Deborah Weitzel - February 12, 2025 at 03:59 PM

TJ

“ I met Michael through line dance at the Dry Gulch. I don't think there was a dance he didn't know, it seemed he was always out on the floor. My deepest sympathy to his family . He will be in my thoughts and prayers. May he Rest in Peace.

Terry Jasinski - February 12, 2025 at 03:58 PM

MB

“ RIP my friend

Mary Boorum - February 12, 2025 at 03:25 PM

DB

“ Donna Biro Barkey lit a candle in memory of Michael Patrick Frank



Donna Biro Barkey - February 11, 2025 at 05:56 PM

DB

“ I am sorry for this sad news. We lived next to the Basnetts. Patty babysat me and I remember when little Michael was born. Later our daughter Kristen swam with Kristen for NTHS. We were very sad to learn this. Our prayers are with you Patty & family! We had many memories with our families.

Love, Marcus, Donna Biro Barkey and our family in the Carolinas.

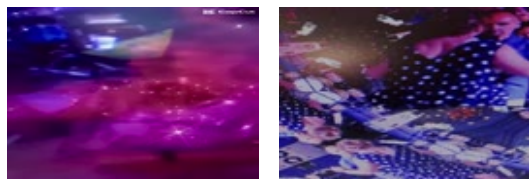


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**Donna Biro Barkey** - February 11, 2025 at 05:56 PM

MJ

“ Ten years ago I had the greatest blessing of teaming up with Mr Frank as a dance partner. Michael did so much teaching to me and I learned so much on the dance floor . Five wonderful Joyous treasured years of dancing and had gained a wonderful friend. Heavenly angels are gifted with your presence now. Rest in Peace Always in my heart. Respectfully Ms. Annette L.M. Jemiolo



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**Ms Annette L.M. Jemiolo** - February 10, 2025 at 06:27 PM

CS

“ Mike was an outstanding individual. He was a quiet intellectual and an amazing scholar. He displayed tremendous empathy and he lit up a room with his personality and charm. He will be greatly missed.

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**Chuck Schultz** - February 10, 2025 at 03:43 PM

SS

We enjoyed spending time with Mike, especially when we were out dancing. May his memory be a blessing.

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**Suzi Schultz** - February 12, 2025 at 08:04 AM

CG

“ I have enjoyed Michael's company and dancing for over 25 years. My dance partner and I shared many hours of Country Line Dancing with him. He was always upbeat and shared dance time with all the other dancers. His enthusiasm and energy were contagious. He will be greatly missed.

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**Charlene Gore** - February 10, 2025 at 11:26 AM

CM

“ My heart breaks for you all. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I love you all so very much. And I am always here for anything you may need.



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**Carmen and Jill Magno** - February 09, 2025 at 07:31 PM