



Frank Joseph Calabrese

October 12, 1939 - February 16, 2023

Frank Joseph Calabrese, 83, of Bloomington died Thursday, February 16, 2023 at his residence.

Born October 12, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the son of Franks and Lucille (Saratella) Calabrese.

Survived by wife, Joann Richardson Calabrese; sons, Tim (Lauren), Ken (Kim), Jon (Chel) and Ben (Azure); step-children, Melissa Richardson, Chris Finley (Kathy). Grandchildren, Caleb, Cameron, Daniel, Dawson, Marissa, Nic, Caralyn, Christopher, Jonah Calabrese, Todd, Tyler, Thomas, Trent (Cassidy) Richardson, Emily (Johnny) and Meghan Finley). Several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, sister, Carol (Rich) Wendling and brother, Robert (Geri) Calabrese.

Called Gramps by many, he was loved tremendously by his family and the many, many people he touched. He was a kind, generous and oh, so funny man. When remembering him laughter is the reaction. So many stories! He will leave an incredible legacy to many people; most importantly his wife, children and grandchildren!

Frank graduated from Yorkville High School, Yorkville, Illinois and Illinois Wesleyan University with a Bachelor's Degree. It was in college he met his first wife, Dale, the mother of his four boys. He began his 40-year career with Pfizer Pharmaceutical serving as a district manager, hospital manager and pharmaceutical rep. Along with raising his four boys, he was always active in his community.

Upon moving to Bloomington in the 1970's he continued his involvement in community serving on the Boys Club board, First United Methodist Church, managing the church softball team and was named to the Monroe County Softball Hall of Fame, and Bloomington Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. Upon his retirement from Pfizer, he became president of the Smithville Diamonds baseball board and served in that position for over 10 years helping to build a great facility for both baseball and softball. Through baseball and softball he encouraged thousands of kids at Bryan Park, Winslow and Smithville. Many of them continue to stay in contact with him over the years.

He was active with the Smithville Community Association and recently was elected as a member of the Clear Creek Township Board.

Visitation will be 4-8pm Tuesday, February 21, 2023 and 10-11am Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37 in Bloomington.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Wednesday at the funeral home, with Reverend Jimmy Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery in Bloomington

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in Frank's name to Smithville Diamonds, P.O. Box 13, Smithville, IN 47458.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Visitation

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
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<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ Ken! This is Mike Lewis. Sorry for you loss brother. I'm here on this site because my Dad passed Friday. JoAnn!!! I always loved the phone call ten years ago or more when you and I accidentally became reacquainted, when I was calling Ken's dad to track Ken down. You are a special person in my life, and Ken you are too man! Peace and love to you all BHSN 85.

Mike Lewis - February 27, 2023 at 07:24 AM

HJ

“ *First and foremost, I was stunned to learn of Frank's passing. I received a phone call from my neighbor in Bloomington informing me that Frank had passed away.*



I met Frank, in 1982, when Frank called on the IU Health Center on behalf of Pfizer pharmaceuticals. He was the most knowledgeable pharmacy rep that ever set foot in Health Center. Frank's demeanor and charismatic personality made him a favorite with all the medical providers and pharmacists. We became friends and shared many wonderful times together with JoJo his wife. He even allowed me to host a bachelor party for one of his son's, just of one of many nights to remember. Poker nights over the years were also exceptionally memorable.

In recent years, with my move to Florida, we didn't get to spend much time together. Every year I would say to myself, that I needed to call Frank and play golf, poker or maybe a boat ride on Monroe. The moral is don't wait to do things with your friends and family. A lesson I just learned the hard way.

To JoJo and the rest of the family, please accept my sincere condolences. With Love Hugh Jessop.

PS: To a few of us, we nicknamed Frank "The Italian Stallion" He is revered and loved by all that had the good fortune of knowing him. A man of all people, he was always there to help anyone in need, and he did.

hugh jessop - February 24, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*



February 21, 2023 at 12:53 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*



February 20, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*



February 20, 2023 at 10:01 PM



“ *The Koryta Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*



The Koryta Family - February 20, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*



February 20, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Today the Monroe County Democratic Party mourns the passing of Clear Creek Township Board member Frank Calabrese, who passed away last week.*

Frank was a fixture in Smithville, as a long-time booster of the local little league. After a career in pharmaceuticals, he had nothing but baseball ahead of him in retirement but decided after getting involved in township issues, he wanted to serve.

Frank was our ballot vacancy nominee for Clear Creek Board in 2022. He won in a very close race and was the first Democrat in some time seated in Clear Creek, taking office this past January.

We extend our condolences to his wife Joann, and his family, during this trying time.

--David G. Henry, Chair

David Henry - February 20, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*



February 20, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of your great loss. Thinking of all of you at this sad time. Ron, Judy, Kori, Kenny and Kandi Childers's family.*

Judy Childers - February 20, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ *Geri, Rich, Brian, Dane, Brett, Jill purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*



Geri, Rich, Brian, Dane, Brett, Jill - February 19, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ *Joann, boys, and the entire family; Our hearts are broken, hearing of beloved Frank's passing. We pray that you find God's peace and comfort in this difficult time. We have so many great memories with you guys and I missed telling Frank that he regularly butt-dialed me on his phone. His name would pop on my phone and all I would hear was whatever activity he was doing. We love you and remember us, if you need anything. Bill and Leslie Pfrommer*

Bill Pfrommer - February 19, 2023 at 11:17 AM

BM

“ Although we never met, I’ve heard so many stories over the years I feel as though I knew him a bit. And I know how much he meant to my parents, Joe and Gloria. May your memories be a blessing, Beth (Emerson);Mrkvicka

Beth Mrkvicka - February 19, 2023 at 08:53 AM

NJ

“ My heart goes out to the entire family. Many happy memories having coffee with Frank when we discussed our Doctors we called on. Rest in Peace my Dear Friend. Prayers for the family. Nancy Jonas

Nancy Jonas - February 19, 2023 at 06:33 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.



February 18, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.



February 18, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*



February 18, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*



February 18, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *In an era when citizenship, service and caring for America’s youth have never been more essential, Frank Calabrese was a model. As a charismatic and talented coach, his approach was an inspiring mix of instructional clarity, demanding players’ best performance and rewarding the growth of the less talented as much as the exceptional ones. All of it was bound up with a fatherly love that assures he is a revered memory for the multitude who were lucky enough to be on his teams over the years. And that reverence extends to the many families, fans and friends who were touched by the sterling character of Frank Joseph Calabrese.*

Our community is fortunate we had his life in our midst.

*Cleve Wilhoit
Bloomington*

Cleve Wilhoit - February 18, 2023 at 09:58 AM



We were sorry to hear of Frank's passing. He was a very good neighbor to our mother.

Willard and Lori Purcell

Lori Purcell - February 18, 2023 at 12:18 PM