



# Frank J Russo Sr.

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### **O**bituary

Frank J. Russo, Sr. of Thurmont, MD passed from this life at home with his family at his bedside at age 91 on May 10, 2021. He suffered from heart failure, but fought a hard battle before finally letting go.

Frank was born on October 18, 1929 in Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, one of 9 children of Italian immigrants, Barbara (Padrone) and James Russo. Although poor, the family was rich in love. He was married to the love of his life, Angela Palermo Russo, for 65 years before she passed in 2016. He was very proud to have served in the US Navy during the Korean War from 1948-1952. Frank was an accomplished offset pressman, last employed at the Government Printing Office. After retirement he enjoyed working as a bus driver at La Petite Day Care Center where he developed a lifelong friendship with Chris Gardner and her husband, Russ. He could fix or build anything and applied his skills there, as well.

Frank loved his family more than anything, proven by his beaming smile as his children gathered at his bedside in his final days. He enjoyed coaching and attending his sons' ballgames and watching their beloved New York Yankees play. He cherished his cat, Candy, a wonderful companion for 17 years. In his younger years Frank entertained family and neighbors with his guitar and harmonica playing. Frank had a great sense of humor and loved to tell stories about how he met his wife and about their many happy times together. He had several interesting Navy stories that he told over and over, but we never tired of listening to them. Frank cared deeply for those who suffered, particularly for the poor and for sick children. He regularly gave generously to charities that supported making the lives of those less fortunate a little better. In the fullness of time, through how he lived and through what he taught us, we learned that love and family are everything. Frank's children find solace in knowing that Mom is "waiting for him at the bus stop."

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his 8 brothers and sisters, Angie, Joe, Dominick, Emily, Mary, Sam, Tommy, and Teresa and nephews Anthony, Richey, Dewey, and Jimmy. Frank leaves behind to cherish his memory his four children Frank Russo, Jr. married to Pam, of Bowie,



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MD, James Russo of Owings Mill, MD, Joseph Russo married to Rhonda of Frederick, MD, and Roseann Russo of Thurmont, MD; grandchildren Michael Russo and his mother, Karen, Eric McGaha and his wife, Tiny; his sisters-in-law Sally Prah married to Edward, and Theresa Russo; and many dear nieces and nephews.

We will be forever grateful to the staff of Frederick Health Hospice for their excellent and compassionate care. They brought comfort and reassurance in Frank's final days when it seemed there was none to be found. We would not have had our dear father for these many years without the expert care of Dr. Kusay Barakat and Frank was also blessed to receive the special care of Dr. Katherine Buki, Dr. Mary DeMino, and Dr. Muneeb Malik.

The family will receive friends at the Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center, 9501 Catocin Mountain Highway (Rt. 15 N) in Frederick on Saturday, May 15 at 1:00 pm. The service will follow at 2:00 pm, officiated by Father Colin of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. There will be a military burial at 2:30 pm in Resthaven Memorial Gardens. The family would very much appreciate donations be made to Thurmont Food Bank, 10 Frederick Road, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick Health Hospice, 1 Frederick Way, Frederick, MD 21701, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 in honor of Frank's memory.

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.



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**Jeff Shiflett** posted:

Frank was like a second father to me when I was growing up with Joe. He would always make me laugh. God Bless the Russo Family!

May 12 at 11:34 AM



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