



## Donald J. Frering

January 2, 1933 - March 21, 2021

Colonie-Don Frering passed away on March 21, 2021 at the age of 88, at his home in Albany, NY, surrounded by loved ones.

Don was born on January 2, 1933, to parents Joseph and Irene Frering in The Bronx, NY. They moved to Chatham, NY with his two brothers Richard and Joe after the untimely death of their father Joseph when Don was 6. He loved his time in Chatham where his uncle Bill had a farm. He worked for GAF and BASF for 46 years from 1950 until his retirement in 1996. Don served his country honorably in the Korean war as a Medical Lab Technician at an army base in Tokyo from 1952-53.

Don moved to Morris Street in Albany, NY as a young man where he met the love of his life MaryAnn Groark. They were married on Jan 10, 1959 by Bishop Maginn and enjoyed 62 years together.

Don loved spending time with his family and was dedicated to his four children Mark, Eileen, Keith, and Chris. He also loved spending time with his seven grandchildren and enjoyed many summer vacations with them in the Adirondacks, the coast of Maine, and Cape Cod, where they would bicycle

and fish and swim and canoe. He kept six bicycles in the shed in case anyone ever wanted to go for a ride.

Don was an avid volunteer over the years. We remember him coaching our St Pius X Little League baseball team, he volunteered at St. Pius X school, and at St. John's / St. Anne's.

He is survived by his beautiful wife MaryAnn and his children Mark (Karen) of Voorheesville, NY; Eileen (Bruce) of LaGrange, NY; Keith (Patti) of Southbury, CT; Chris (Aimee) of Halfmoon, NY; and their seven grandchildren Kelly, Greg, Lia, John, Luke, Alex, and Keegan; and he was the brother of Joseph Frering (Sharon).

Funeral services Friday, March 26, 2021 at 11:00 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Please only enter the church from the front doors; masks and social distancing are required; church ambassadors will be available to help with seating and questions; and please attempt to arrive by 10:45 am.

The Rite of Committal will be held immediately following the Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, 965 Albany-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110 or by visiting [regionalfoodbank.net](http://regionalfoodbank.net)

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Chapel  
23 Crumitie Rd.  
Loudonville, NY 12211  
(518) 462-1336

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald J. Frering*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 24, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *Donald J. Frering*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Keith, My deep sympathy to you and all the family on the death of your father. I just learned about it and I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers, Heff*

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**GARY HEFF** - March 27, 2021 at 02:18 PM

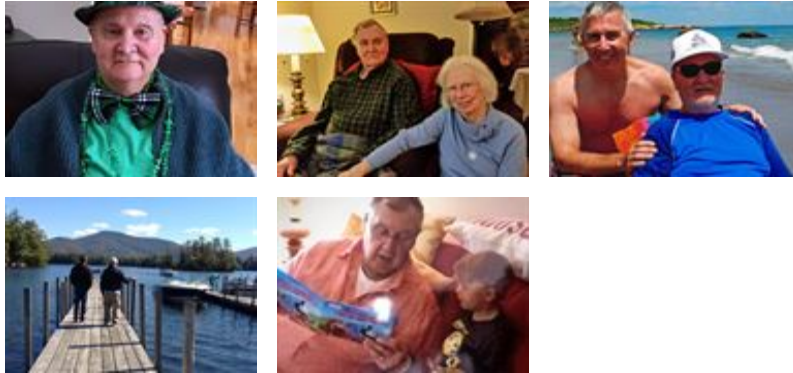


“ *Mark , Karen & Family ~  
Our heartfelt condolences and prayers  
for you and your family at this difficult  
time.  
Laurie & Jim Bigley*

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**MaryLauren Bigley** - March 25, 2021 at 03:11 PM



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“ *My Uncle Don always treated me like his 5th child. I will cherish all my memories, especially when I was fortunate enough to live with him and my caring Aunt Maryann when I was in college. He was always ready to give me advice, Most of which came with some tough love! He welcomed everyone into his home with a big hug and kiss. I will miss him greatly. If I was able to travel I would be on the first plane to celebrate him with my family. Love to you all!*  
*Tracey Frering Bentley*

Tracey Bentley - March 23, 2021 at 08:02 AM