



## Francis Joseph Danko

January 21, 1924 - January 4, 2012

Albany-Francis Joseph Danko, 87, died peacefully Wednesday, January 4, 2012 in the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital surrounded by family. He was born January 21, 1924 in Worcester, MA, the youngest of 11 children to parents Michael Jacob Danko and Mary Dziurzynska Danko. He was predeceased by his parents and ten siblings: Sophie Gibson, Karol, John (Jack), Statia Iwaniec, Bronislawa, Joseph, Michael, Bertha McGinn, Mary Yousoufian and Helen Petri. He was also predeceased by his first wife, Jane Niedzialkowski in 1980.

Frank is a WW II Veteran as a Gunners Mate in the US Naval Armed Guard. He served in the American and European Theaters, including the Murmansk Run. After the war he moved from Worcester to Albany and worked for Mobil Oil Company, then worked for Albany County in the Purchasing Department, and retired from there. Frank enjoyed hiking and camping with Boy Scout Troop 36 at the Church of St. Vincent DePaul, acting as Scoutmaster for many years. He was a member of the Watervliet Elks and a Funster with the Guilderland Fire Department.

Frank is survived by his wife, Mary Kearns Danko, who enriched his later years with additional family and friends, his children, Beverly (George) Locke, Stephen Danko Ph.D., Barbara (Jeffrey) Graig and grandson Lukas Graig. His is also survived by seven stepchildren, Janet (Irving) Colliton, Harold Kearns,

Dale (Michael) Tobler, Debra (Michael) Moro, Ronald (Audrey) Kearns, Kathy (Paul) Hognestad and Patricia (Walter) Roemer, numerous step-grandchildren, his sister-in-law Helen Skowronski Danko of Sutton, MA, his brothers-in-law Henry Niedzialkowski and Ray Niedzialkowski of Worcester, MA, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services Monday, January 9, 2012 at 10:00 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Sunday, January 8, 2012 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Frank in a special way may send a contribution to The Community Hospice, 295 Valley View Boulevard, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit [www.McVeighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McVeighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Francis Joseph Danko

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Mary, Barb & Family

*My Sincere Condolence on the Loss of Frank, he was a good man, husband, and father. I am sure, he is in a good place, at rest.*

*Marybeth##imported-begin##Mary Steinbach Flang##imported-end##*

January 08, 2012 at 08:16 PM



“ Please accept our condolences on your loss. Frank always had a smile and shared great warmth!##imported-begin##Eileen & John Smith##imported-end##

January 08, 2012 at 03:07 PM



“ My dearest cousins-Bev, Barb and Steve-Sorry I won't be with you to mourn and celebrate the passing of your Dad. I have fond memories of my visits to Albany especially when Ma and Pa took Susan and I. My prayer is that you find solace in each other during this difficult time. My love to all,  
Patti and Bruce##imported-begin##Pat Kaiser##imported-end##

January 08, 2012 at 08:37 AM



“ I never had the opportunity to meet Frank. He was my Great-Great Uncle. My Grandmother is Geraldine Gibson Engel, Sophie Danko-Gibson was her mother. My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Paul M. Engel Jr.##imported-end##

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January 07, 2012 at 10:42 PM



“ Grandpa,  
There will always be a void in our lives, Sunday night dinners, family gatherings, and card nights will never be the same. We have lost our best friend, buddy, and grandfather. We will forever love you and we will keep your place at the head of the table. We love you; Mike, Dale, Renee, Michael, and Jonathan Tobler##imported-begin##Tobler##imported-end##

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January 07, 2012 at 06:19 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to Aunt Mary & my cousins Steven, Beverly & Barbara. Uncle Frank will be missed. Although there were many miles between us, I'll always remember him with his great smile! From me being a small girl to an adult his smile was always present each & every time I saw him.  
The last time I saw Uncle Frank was at Kerri & Austin's wedding Oct. 2010. Although health issues were present he was determined to come & for that I will be forever grateful and remember that for the rest of my life. Uncle Frank....I will remember & miss you always! May you rest in the peace of our Lord's arms forever.##imported-begin##Karen Danko Miller##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 08:08 PM



“ *To all of the people whose lives were personally touched by my uncle Frank, please accept our deepest condolences. He was such a joy, a hard working man who loved life, a wonderful family man with a great and endearing smile, and a heart so great.*

*To my cousins, Bev, Barb, and Steve, we mourn your loss and hope you may find peace as your Dad has found.*

*-- Annie & Bob Rawding --###imported-begin##Bob & Annie Rawding###imported-end##*

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January 05, 2012 at 04:55 PM



“ *Bill and I sadly express our heartfelt condolences to Mary, my cousins..Steve, Beverly, and Barbara... and their families.*

*Uncle Frank will always be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. We were so happy to see him in October, 2010 at the wedding.###imported-begin##Elaine Swallow###imported-end##*

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January 05, 2012 at 02:17 PM



“ *What a truly unique individual! I am honored to have had the pleasure of meeting such a wonderful man. He brightened any room he entered. And what fun to talk to!*

*To his family, I am very sorry for your loss. You are extremely blessed to have had him your lives. He was one of a kind! Please accept my heartfelt condolences.*

*Sincerely,*

*Deborah Cowan##imported-begin##Deborah Cowan##imported-end##*

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January 05, 2012 at 01:16 PM