



## Frank Spath

August 22, 1936 - May 10, 2022

Niskayuna-With heavy hearts the family announces the passing of Frank Spath, 85 of Niskayuna, NY. He passed away peacefully on May 10, 2022, with his wife and children by his side.

Frank was born on August 22, 1936 to the late Frank and Dorothea Reize Spath in Bronx, NY.

In addition to his parents Frank is predeceased by his daughter Sharon West, his siblings Philip (Virginia) Spath, Jerry (Philomena) Spath, Josephine (Emilio) Spallone, and Anna (Gene) Koll.

He was survived by his soul mate, best friend, and unwavering caretaker Deborah (Hiltsley) Spath. They would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this fall. He is survived by his children Mark (Patricia) Spath, Wayne (Bonnie) Spath, Eric Spath, Gregory (Kimberly) Spath, Victoria (Gregory) Pautler, Ashley (Daniel) Closson, and Joseph Spath.

He is also survived by his sisters Jean (Jack) Hicks, Delores (Roy) Bolinger, and Carol (Earl) Stafford.

He was affectionately called "Poppy" to ten grandchildren and had many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his fur baby "Chief" affectionately named in his honor.

Frank started on the Albany Fire Department in 1958. He was appointed to Lieutenant in 1972, to Captain in 1974, to Battalion Chief in 1979, and lastly to the Deputy Fire Chief of Code Enforcement in 1994 until his retirement in 1998. He also served as a NYS Fire Instructor from 1966-1976. He loved his job and was passionate about teaching other Firefighters. He gave unselfishly of his time and talents to train paid and volunteer Firemen throughout the state of NY. As President of the Benevolent Association, he was the program chairman of the All Hands Program. He was a longtime member of the Albany Fire Department Retirees and lastly a member of the BPOE Watervliet/Colonie NY ELKS Lodge #1500 for 60 years.

He was a faithful member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church for 42 years. There he proudly held various roles most notably on the Vestry, Usher, and the Top of The Hill Group.

Frank spent the last 15 years battling Cancer and 7 of them also fighting Alzheimer's. He battled them both with the most amazing grace, bravery, and strength. He lived everyday with positivity and determination to not to let his illnesses keep him from doing the things that mattered most.

Frank loved nothing more than gathering around the dining room table or vacationing with the people he loved. He will be remembered for his unwavering love and support but what we will miss the most is his sarcastic humor and knee slapping laugh.

Special thanks to Community Hospice and NYOH.

Relatives, friends, and fellow firefighters are invited to visit with Frank's family Saturday, May 14, 2022 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the

rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 12:30 pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State Street, Albany, NY.

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

Donations can be made to the Mohawk humane society in honor of Franks deceased and beloved "best girl" dog, Mia or St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

MAY **15.** 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
107 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Spath*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 13, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ *Frank Spath*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Sue and I send our sincerest condolences to Deb and the rest of the family. Frank was a wonderful man. I enjoyed getting to know him at the parades, and VA events. He certainly will be missed. Sue and Larry Flesh*

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**Larry Flesh** - May 16, 2022 at 09:18 AM

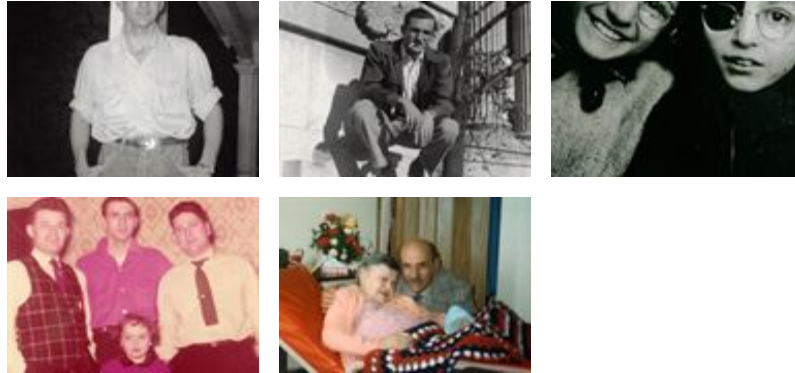


“ *Debbie i am so sincerely sorry for your great loss hugs peace love god bless*

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**shannon gorman** - May 16, 2022 at 05:44 AM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 13, 2022 at 02:10 PM

SB

“ Dear Deb,  
*Extending my sincere condolences to you and your family. I truly enjoyed Frank and appreciated so much his phenomenal humor. I'll be thinking of you and your family during this challenging time. Many prayers and special thoughts are with you today.*  
Sara Cronin Beckley

Sara Beckley - May 12, 2022 at 06:07 PM

LW

*Dear Deb,  
I keep thinking about the day I saw Frank walking to the VA's front door in his uniform...with two bags decorated with flowers and unicorns over his shoulder, and two young ladies in pink tutus, one on each side holding his hand. I think that said it all; he was going to you, taking care of his family, and always ready to protect his community. He was such a fine gentleman. John and I send our condolences to the entire family and will have you in our thoughts and prayers.*  
Linda Weiss

Linda Weiss - May 12, 2022 at 09:38 PM

KK

*Deb and family,  
I'm so sorry to read about the loss of your dear husband. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.*

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**Karen Kelefant** - May 15, 2022 at 05:17 PM