



## Frederick John DellaRocca

September 21, 1936 - June 17, 2014

Albany-We are sad to say that on June 17, 2014 we lost our amazing husband, father and grandfather after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Frederick was born on September 21, 1936, the son of the late Ferdinand and Mary Elizabeth DeNora DellaRocca. He grew up in West Albany where he attended West Albany School and Roesselville High School. Frederick was given the nickname Ted as a baby by his family and the nickname Herk by his friends as a teenager. Both nicknames stayed with him throughout his life. After school, he joined the Laborers Local Union 190 and was employed through them until his retirement. In 1954 Frederick joined the Air National Guard, being honorably discharged in 1960 and then called back into the Air Force Reserves for two years due to the Bay of Pigs crisis.

Frederick was a dedicated family man who always put his family first. He is survived by the 'love of his life' Anna Ginardi DellaRocca, his two daughters, Donna Marie Ensign (Robert) and Debra Ann McKenna (Kenneth), who were his pride and joy, and his cherished grandchildren Brittany Ensign, Eric Ensign, Sean McKenna, Colin McKenna and Ryan McKenna. He is also survived by his brother, Joseph DellaRocca, brothers-in-law, Bill Thomas and Joseph Ginardi (Brenda), along with many loving nieces and nephews who were so good to him during his illness. He was predeceased by his sister, Patricia Thomas.

Frederick was a lifetime member of the West Albany Italian Benevolent Society and the former St. Francis de Sales Church. He played for many years with the WAIBS bowling, bocce and dart leagues. He was also a member of the Colonie Elks. Frederick was an avid Yankee fan, enjoying spending summer nights watching the games. One of his greatest pleasures was dancing with his wife Anna. They were frequently stopped by strangers telling them how much they enjoyed watching them dance together. Frederick especially looked forward to yearly Florida getaways with Anna and his special buddy Richie and wife Carol.

We want to thank all of our family and friends who showed such kindness and concern during Fred's tough battle with debilitating neuropathy and lung cancer. We also want to send a special thanks to Hospice, especially Becky and Celestine who gave him such good care during his final days.

Funeral services Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 9:15 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Christ Our Light Catholic Church, Loudonville at 10:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Friday, June 20, 2014 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Frederick in a special way may send a contribution to The Community Hospice, 445 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Catholic Church  
1 Maria Drive  
Loudonville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Frederick John DellaRocca*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 19, 2014 at 01:25 PM



“ *Frederick John DellaRocca*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

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**Montana W.** - December 04, 2015 at 05:18 PM



“ *Even though we are not related by blood, you are still always thought of as "my Uncle Ted". You will be missed.*

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**Bonnie Thomas** - June 20, 2014 at 08:57 PM

DM

“ *Anna and Family:*  
*We were so sorry and sadden to hear of Herk's passing. As I was growing up in West Albany, Herk lived across the street from me and I remember him as a very nice and friendly man, he is going to be missed.*  
*May your loving memories of him help you get through the sadness with the days that will come and go. You need to know that he will never be gone as he will always be in your heart, and only be a beat away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dan & Joyce Micare*

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**Dan & Joyce Micare** - June 19, 2014 at 10:00 PM

DM

“ *Dan & Joyce Micare lit a candle in memory of Frederick John DellaRocca*



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**Dan & Joyce Micare** - June 19, 2014 at 09:37 PM

PM

“ *When I read the notice of his, passing I immedately thought the time we work together.*  
*from the Arsenal to Colonie Center.He was a good man .To his family and his wife my deepest sympathies for your loss.I will always remember his smile and his good nature.*  
*Peter Mirabile*

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**Peter Mirabile** - June 19, 2014 at 08:26 AM

JM

“ Ted was such a quiet, soft-spoken, kind man who always made you feel special. He will be missed. Our sincere sympathy to Anna and family.

*John and Norma Malagrida*

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**J & N Malagrida** - June 19, 2014 at 07:11 AM

PS

“ To The Family of One of Our Dearest Friends,

*We were so saddened to hear of Herk's passing! We know how much he was suffering, but inspite of it all and knowing the fighter that he was, we kept hoping that one day we would see the two of you in Florida again.*

*He was not only a good husband and loving father, but a good friend. Anyone who knew Herk loved and respected him.*

*We are sending our thoughts, prayers and love to all of you and hope that all the beautiful family memories will help to carry you through these difficult times.*

*Paul & Susanne Scaringe  
Leesburg, Fl.*

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**Paul & Susanne Scaringe** - June 18, 2014 at 07:56 PM

MA

“ Anna and Family - We were saddened to learn of Fred's passing - Keeping you in our prayers at this most difficult time. Wednesday afternoon bocce was where we met and Fred was always a pleasant, kind person whether he was your captain or competitor. May he rest in peace after his long battle with illness. In sympathy - Mary and Tony Amodeo

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**Mary and Tony Amodeo** - June 18, 2014 at 07:34 PM