



James J. LaFrank Sr

April 3, 1916 - June 4, 2011

James J. LaFrank, 95, died peacefully in his sleep on June 4, 2011. He was born in Cohoes, NY on April 3, 1916 to Helen C. English and Angelo (Joseph) LaFrank.

He was raised in Cohoes and Albany and graduated from Vincentian Institute and St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont. He served as a captain in the United States Army during World War II, landing at Normandy Beach in June of 1944, and was company commander of the 29th Anti Aircraft Artillery Unit.

He began his working life as a young boy, assisting his father at LaFrank's Confectionary Store in Albany. He worked as a claims adjustor with the Utica Mutual Insurance Company, retiring after thirty-five years as district claims manager. He was a longstanding member of the Roman Catholic parish of St. Vincent de Paul, where he participated actively in parish life, and a devoted, life-long fan of the New York Yankees and the New York Giants.

He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-one years, Frances T. Pisarri, and five children, Kathleen LaFrank, James J. LaFrank Jr. (Vicki), John F. LaFrank (Karen), Michael G. LaFrank, and Margaret M. LaFrank Cutrone (Martin). He is also survived by nine grandchildren, James J. LaFrank III, Jessica L. Zajesky (William), Jennifer A. Trumball (Christopher), Heather M. Stone (Logan), Alison M. LaFrank, Elizabeth K. Cutrone, Caroline F. Cutrone,

Madeleine R. Cutrone, and Harrison M.J. Cutrone, and four great-grandchildren, Kayla LaFrank, William Zajesky III, Aidan Zajesky, and Gia Stone. Survivors also include many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a sister and a brother, Theresa LaFrank Griner and Michael F. LaFrank.

Funeral services Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 9:30 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Vincent de Paul Church, Albany at 10:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Tuesday, 4:00 to 8:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery, Cohoes, NY.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Edmunita Southern Missions, which he supported for many years. The Edmunita Missions provide aid to impoverished communities and assist in disaster relief operations throughout the southern United States. Contributions can be sent c/o The Rev. Richard Myhalyk, Edmunita Missions, 1428 Broad Street, Selma, AL 36701.

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

Tribute Wall



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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - June 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *James J. LaFrank Sr*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Jack, Karen and the entire LaFrank Family:*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I hope your memories carry you through these dark days.

God bless.

The Groom Family

Ghent, NY

Or otherwise known as those beach bums from

Cape Cod.##imported-begin##Tara Groom##imported-end##

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“ *A long time, and much valued friend, of my father and mother. A friendship that spanned 75+ years. On their behalf, thanks for the memories##imported-begin##David McCann##imported-end##*

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“ *Jim and Family,
Very sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. My prayers and sympathies are with you and your Family.##imported-begin##Rick Berschwinger##imported-end##*

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