



Francis J. Ratkis

April 2, 1956 - September 8, 2022

Francis J. Ratkis passed away on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at Virtua Hospital in Marlton. Born in Philadelphia to the late John and Dorothy Ratkis, Frank was 66 years old. He was a resident of Marlton, NJ since 1994.

Survived by his wife, Lee, and his two children, Lauren Gutierrez (and her husband Juan), and Christopher Ratkis (and his wife Kathryn). They will remember him as the ultimate family man, devoting his life to his wife and children and making each day better than the one before. Frank loved to travel, but was also content spending his days listening to music and drinking wine in the backyard oasis he'd created for himself and his family.

Frank grew up in the greater Philadelphia area with his siblings Dorothy Hasselhan, Marie McCarthy, and the late John Ratkis, Jr. As a child, Frank began his lifelong love of sports. He played just about every sport imaginable, most enjoying the competition and camaraderie with friends and teammates. Frank also was an avid comic book reader in his childhood, which persisted throughout his life, evolving into his becoming an eminent collector of comic memorabilia.

Frank had a long (45+ years) and distinguished career as a Project Controls Engineer for various organizations, including the past eight years for KBR Inc. in Newark, DE.

Frank is also survived by extended family and innumerable friends. He will be remembered for his love of fishing, legendary dance moves, but mostly for his kind and generous nature. Frank had a way of making everyone feel like part of the family, including animals who always seemed drawn to his presence. Regardless of who you were, Frank likely greeted you with a smile, a fist bump, and an offer of a glass of wine.

A gathering of family and friends will be held this Wednesday, September 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Givnish of Marlton 398 East Main Street. Frank's Funeral Service will begin at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Frank's name to your local animal shelter.

To share your fondest memories of Frank, please visit www.givnish.com

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

SEP 14. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Marlton
398 E Main St
Marlton, NJ 08053
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis J. Ratkis*



Givnish Funeral Home - September 12, 2022 at 11:20 AM

MV

“ *Some of my fondest memories of Fran were his and Lee's summer parties with our sorority. Fran loved to share his backyard sanctuary and was so proud of his gazebo! The music and the merriment made for the perfect time together. Fran's pride and love for his family were never more evident than at Laurens wedding as he toasted the new bride and groom, and made certain that his guests felt at home and like they were part of the family. These and other happy memories will live on in our lives forever.*

Mary Vila - September 14, 2022 at 06:09 AM



“ *Uncle Fran was a thoughtful, kind, caring, and lovable person and godfather. His smile was contagious and he had a great sense of humor. He helped instill my love for comics at a young age. I will always think of him whenever I see a superhero on the big screen.*

Rest in peace to our own personal superhero.

Dom McGraw - September 13, 2022 at 09:30 PM

MP

“ The memories of Fran that will stay with me for my lifetime will be those shore weekends surf fishing and hanging out on the front porch playing the 60s and 70s oldies that we so loved. We would test each other as to lines, artists, and titles. We were both experts because we loved 60s gold. Those times were golden themselves as was Fran and his friendship. Never have I seen a smile so contagious, so warm, so friendly. His humor was like that of no other friend that I know. I will sorely miss his personality, character, and strength, for these are irreplaceable traits. But I have our memories that will be forever imprinted on my mind and heart.

Mike Paparo

Michael J Paparo - September 12, 2022 at 09:55 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Francis J. Ratkis.



September 12, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Francis J. Ratkis.



September 12, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Francis J. Ratkis.



September 12, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis J. Ratkis.* ”



September 11, 2022 at 08:05 PM