



Stephen M DeFrank

July 17, 2012

Stephen M. DeFrank Sr., age 91, son of Joseph and Maria DeFrank, passed away July 17, 2012 at the Merion Gardens Assisted Living Home surrounded by family and friends. Steve is the oldest of his eight siblings Dominic, Joe, Lucy Connor, Sam, Carmella Sickler, Julie Hogan, Gene, and Nancy Shaw. Big Steve was born on April 29, 1921 in Penns Grove, NJ and was a graduate of Penns Grove High. After graduation he attended Goldie Beacon College. The “Cat” as he was affectionately called served in the Navy Sea Bees before marrying his wife Beatrice Finazzo who passed in 2006. His noted accomplishments included Salem County Marble champ at the age of 10 which he repeated two years later and came in second place in South Jersey. “Mr. D” was the last surviving coach of the 1968 Babe Ruth team that went all the way to the Babe Ruth World Series that year. He will be remembered for his love of baseball, the Phillies, homemade wine and hot peppers.

Steve is survived by his four children Mary, Stephen Jr, Joe and Rosalie; his grandchildren Frank Costello, Cara Vernon, Angela Roberts, and Cristin DeFrank; and his great-grandchildren Rocco and Anabelle Costello, Mia and Addison Vernon, and Jaxon Roberts.

Services are to be held on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Adams Funeral Home, 18 E. Maple Ave., Penns Grove, NJ 08069. The viewing will be held from 9 AM till 11 AM with the service following at 11 AM. Interment will take place at the Salem County Veterans Cemetery. The family has suggested that donations can be made to the American Heart Association, 1 Union St., #301, Robbinsville, NJ 08691-4183, (www.americanheart.org). www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Cemetery Details

Salem County Veterans

125 Cemetery Rd.
Mannington, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home (Pennsgrove)
18 East Maple Ave
Penns Grove, NJ 08069
(856) 299-2121

Service

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ James And Janet Rowe lit a candle in memory of Stephen M DeFrank



James and Janet Rowe - August 04, 2012 at 01:14 AM

SJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Stephen DeFrank Jr - July 23, 2012 at 01:30 PM

SH

“ Sharlene Helfgott lit a candle in memory of Stephen M DeFrank



Sharlene Helfgott - July 20, 2012 at 10:46 AM

JR

“ Janice Roberts lit a candle in memory of Stephen M DeFrank



Janice Roberts - July 20, 2012 at 07:10 AM

RS

“ Regina And Jim Skitka lit a candle in memory of Stephen M DeFrank



Regina and Jim Skitka - July 19, 2012 at 07:07 PM

CS

“ Charles And Karen Simon lit a candle in memory of Stephen M DeFrank



Charles and Karen Simon - July 19, 2012 at 06:15 PM

TF

“ The Shanklin Family lit a candle in memory of Stephen M DeFrank



The Shanklin Family - July 19, 2012 at 03:49 PM

TS

To the Costello Family, we are sorry to hear of your loss - may God be with you during this trying time. The Shanklin Family

The Shanklins - July 19, 2012 at 03:51 PM

BL

“ We are so very sad to hear of Big Steve's passing. He was definitely larger than life. As his next door neighbor growing up I observed him helping his Dad with farming and making great wine. The Phillies were his great joy, most of the time. I could hear him howling when they did good, and not so good. Steve moved into the other side of the double house and first thing installed a "bacci ball" court. It was great hearing Steve, his brothers and friends enjoying Sunday afternoons. My wife has wonderful memories of working with Steve at DuPont Misc. Stores, Chambers Works. We will keep his family in our prayers at this difficult time.
With deepest sympathy, Bob and Eileen (McCarthy) Lawless

Bob Lawless - July 19, 2012 at 10:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen M DeFrank.



July 19, 2012 at 09:02 AM

AW

“ Hi Mary, I am sorry to hear about your father, I pray you did make in time to say goodbye. I remember your father giving me rides home after we finished basketball practice. I will be out of town on Saturday so I will not be able to there with you. I would of loved to have been there
for you. God Bless You and be encouraged.
Arnetta J. Washington

Arnetta J. Washington - July 19, 2012 at 08:50 AM

JD

“ Joanne And Phil Dagato lit a candle in memory of Stephen M DeFrank



Joanne and Phil Dagato - July 19, 2012 at 07:41 AM

ME

Love you Pop, Mickey and Rose

Michael Esposito - July 19, 2012 at 08:20 AM

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AR

“ 11 files added to the album My Memories of Grandpop



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Angela Roberts - July 18, 2012 at 08:19 PM