



Francesco "Franco" Buongiovanni

August 31, 1945 - April 24, 2026

Francesco "Franco" Buongiovanni, age 80, passed away on April 24, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on August 31, 1945, in Naples, Italy, Franco carried his Italian roots with pride throughout his life. He later immigrated to the United States in 1973, where he built a life centered on hard work, family, and friendship.

Franco proudly served in the Italian Navy before beginning a long career with Nitta (Devro) Casings, where he worked as a machine operator for 29 years until his retirement in 2010. He was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Manville, New Jersey.

He was the beloved husband of Anna Petrone Buongiovanni, with whom he shared a loving marriage since 1973. He was a proud father to David Buongiovanni and his wife Tatyana of Hillsborough, and Mark Buongiovanni. He was a cherished grandfather to Alexis Buongiovanni, daughter of Mark Buongiovanni.

Franco was predeceased by his parents, Maria Canfora and Vincenzo Buongiovanni, as well as all of his siblings: Maria Dragonetti, Luigi, Gianni, Vincenzo, Enrico, Antonio, Carmine, and Salvatore. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Franco found joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved traveling to Italy to visit family, collecting coins, stamps, knives, and swords, watching television, playing horseshoes with his many friends, and had a special love for animals. He will be remembered for his dedication to family, strong work ethic, and the friendships he cherished throughout his life.

Franco's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

The visitation will be on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ 08835. The Mass will follow at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (Christ the Redeemer Parish) in Manville, NJ. Entombment will follow at St. Bernard Cemetery Mausoleum in Bridgewater, NJ.

Cemetery Details

St. Bernard Cemetery

551 State Route 28
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 575-8512
info@ketusky.com
<https://www.ketusky.com>

Mass

APR **29**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
98 South Second Ave.
Manville, NJ 08835

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Our family is saddened by the news of your loss. You were such a kind neighbor, who always was smiling and had something nice to say. We will miss seeing you on our walks, where you always came out of the house with dog biscuits for our guys.
I enjoyed our chats about the neighborhood and life.
Thinking of your family and sending our thoughts and prayers. You will be missed by so many. May you rest in eternal peace.
the Lo Medico Family

Christy Lo - April 28 at 11:25 PM

CA

“ *Ciro Rosaria Daniela Alessandro purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Francesco "Franco" Buongiovanni.*



Ciro Rosaria Daniela Alessandro - April 27 at 03:38 PM

BC

“ *I'll always remember his "Hey Bobbie" every time I called from Florida. He was always smiling and happy and I never once heard him complain. We had such a good time the last time I visited and he always asked me when I'm coming north again when we spoke. He was a wonderful person and he will be deeply missed. My deepest sympathies go out to Anna, Mark, David and all the family. Keeping you all in my prayers. Much Love.*

Barbara (Bobbie) Cheh - April 26 at 09:24 PM

BH

“ *Franco you were the best neighbor anyone can ask for. Words do not describe the happiness you brought to us. Your kind smile and standing up and waving to me when I came home from work. I will always remember you my friend. God bless you and your family always.* ”

Brian Holovach - April 26 at 09:30 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Francesco "Franco" Buongiovanni.* ”



April 25 at 05:41 PM

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“ *You were always so kind and always made me laugh. You will truly be missed!! Deepest and sincere condolences to all the family.* ”

Phillie Petrone - April 25 at 05:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francesco "Franco" Buongiovanni.* ”



April 25 at 03:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Francesco "Franco" Buongiovanni.

April 25 at 03:47 PM



“ Sei volato via caro zio e hai lasciato nei nostri cuori un immenso vuoto. Il tuo sorriso e il ricordo dell'attenzione che ci hai dedicato possa consolarci. Sei stato per noi come un secondo padre da quando tuo fratello Vincenzo ci ha lasciato. Ad ogni festività ed ad ogni occasione hai avuto un pensiero per noi con Zia Annabella. Proteggici da lassù con i tuoi amati fratelli. Sei stato uno zio speciale. legatissimo alla zia, un padre con un amore immenso per David Marc per la tua nipotina Alexis e tua nuora Tatyana. Ti custodiamo nei nostri cuori con tutto l'amore che ci hai donato. Il nostro abbraccio è il nostro affetto possa alleviare il dolore di Zia Annabella, David Marc Alexis e Tatyana. Ti vorrò sempre un mondo tua nipote Vittoria 💕.

Maria Vittoria Buongiovanni - April 25 at 03:12 PM