



## Francesco "Frank" Loforte

November 27, 1938 - October 4, 2016

Francesco "Frank" Loforte of Centreville, MD, passed away on October 4, 2016. He was 77.

Born on November 27, 1938, in Italy, the son of the late Antonio Loforte and Antonina Sferrugia. Frank worked as a farmer, carpenter, and police officer in Italy before moving to the United States in 1989 to work in the family restaurant business. He married Josephine Bonadonna, and they raised three children while living in Italy and later in Maryland.

In 1997, Frank moved to Grasonville and was owner and operator of La Piazza. In 2004, he married Patricia Finnerty. Frank loved his Chihuahuas.

Frank is survived by his wife of 21 years, Patricia Loforte of Centreville, MD; son, Roberto Loforte (Sabrina) of Trappe, MD; son Alessandro Loforte (Sabrina) of Italy; daughter Patrizia Loforte (Fabrizio) of Belgium; stepdaughter Angela Risley (Jeff) of Grasonville, MD; stepson JR Leonard of Centreville, MD; and eight grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Josephine Bonadonna.

A memorial gathering will be held on Tuesday October 11, 2016, from 6-8pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **11**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
[info@fhnfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Francesco "Frank" Loforte*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Francesco "Frank" Loforte*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Francesco "Frank" Loforte*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Our best wishes are with Frank's family...he will be missed by all. Frank always greeted us with a smiling face and my daughter especially always enjoyed his greeting when she came into the store. She was only 5 when she started calling him "Ciao Man". He treated us like family and even had special treats for us to take home to our family dog. As others have said, Frank liked his four legged friends too !!*

*So "ciao" to you too Frank. Thank you so much for your kind ways over all the years we have known you.*

*The Hager Family  
Grasonville*

**The Hager Family** - October 15, 2016 at 12:25 PM

TF

“ *The Hager Family lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte*



The Hager Family - October 15, 2016 at 12:04 PM

RM

“ *Mr. Franco was always very kind to my wife and myself and our four children. It was always a blessing to stop at La Piazza to see him and have a wonderful pizza dinner. We will miss us... a lot..*

Richard Mullaney - October 11, 2016 at 02:48 PM

KR

“ *My prayers to your family. When I lived on the Eastern Shore I used to love going in to La Piazza just to see Mr. Frank's smiling face! When I moved over to the Western Shore, I would visit my daughter and I would make it a point to go and eat at La Piazza just to see Mr. Frank. He always brought a smile to my face! He was a ray of sunshine in my life.*



Kim Rocknak - October 11, 2016 at 08:57 AM

AJ

“ *Arnika Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte*



Arnika Johnson - October 10, 2016 at 11:29 PM



Jessica Gomez

“ Since I could remember I would go into La piazza with my dad and Mr Frank would always give me butterscotch dum dums. He will be missed.



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**Jessica Gomez** - October 10, 2016 at 11:00 PM



“ Mr. Frank always there as I take my walk with my dog always had a treat for my dog and always a Hi, you will be missed

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**Judy Canter** - October 10, 2016 at 10:31 PM

MS

“ Michelle Sydnor lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte



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**Michelle Sydnor** - October 10, 2016 at 09:21 PM

AS

“ Autum Scarborough lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte



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**autum scarborough** - October 10, 2016 at 05:45 PM

LD

“ *Lauren Dunn lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte*



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**Lauren Dunn** - October 09, 2016 at 04:46 PM

AM

“ *Mr. Frank always had a smile for us - looked forward to seeing him when at the shop. Thoughts and Prayers for the family. Such a gentleman!*



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**Ann & Richard Martin** - October 09, 2016 at 01:07 PM

LM

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Sincerely, Betty and Jim Shaw  
Liz Marks*

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**Liz Marks** - October 09, 2016 at 10:52 AM

LM

“ *Liz Marks lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte*



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**Liz Marks** - October 09, 2016 at 10:50 AM

JS

“ Jim & Betty Shaw lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte



Jim & Betty Shaw - October 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM

TF

“ The LoBue and LoForte family purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Francesco "Frank" Loforte.



The LoBue and LoForte family - October 08, 2016 at 04:50 PM

LG

“ Laura Gimbel lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte



Laura Gimbel - October 07, 2016 at 08:01 PM

KD

“ Kenny Duncan lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte



kenny duncan - October 07, 2016 at 07:50 PM



“ *Tim Irvin lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte*



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**Tim Irvin** - October 07, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ *Lisa Plummer lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte*



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**Lisa Plummer** - October 07, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ *Tiffany Brown lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte*



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**Tiffany Brown** - October 06, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Frank at Robertos birthday party. He was so funny and kind. God Bless his family. RIP sir.*



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**Shayni Marsh** - October 06, 2016 at 07:54 PM

BC

“ *Mr Frank was a gentlemen he had many who just adored his smile and charming personality you will surely be missed by so many of us God Bless You Sir*

Ben Clough - October 06, 2016 at 07:22 PM

CM

“ *You were a great man you will be missed*

CC Matson - October 06, 2016 at 06:37 PM

SL

“ *Sharon Lowman lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte*



sharon Lowman - October 06, 2016 at 05:26 PM

PL

“ *Ciao Papà rimarrai sempre nel mio cuore sei è sarai sempre un grande uomo da lassù veglierai su di noi ti amo*

Patrizia loforte - October 06, 2016 at 03:23 PM

TB

“ *Tynika Brown lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte*



tynika brown - October 06, 2016 at 02:50 PM

TB

“ *This truly saddens my heart! Mr. Loforte was/is such a great man with a very kind heart. I will miss seeing your smiling face when I saw you come to my job and you saying there's my girl. Or you telling me not to get lunch because you were going to bring me back one of your pizzas and that La Piazza had the best pizza (which it did). My thoughts and prayers go out to your family!*

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**tynika brown** - October 06, 2016 at 02:50 PM

MS

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Frank's family and friends. We got to know you the last few years from coming in to get our pizza and wings. You were always happy go lucky and kind and we will surely miss seeing you. Rest in peace friend.*

*Mike & Donna*



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**Mike & Donna Shay** - October 06, 2016 at 02:27 PM

PE

“ *My wonderful love. The first day that i walked into your restaurant we became friends (97) Over the years our friendship has grown so much. You took a liking to me so much I called you Papa and you called me baby. Even when I had TJ you were right there calling him little Frank. It was never a time that we came in you didnt take him behind the counter with you giving him quarters and anything else he wanted. I'm truly going to miss you. Rest In Peace*



*Love you always,*

*Peaches & TJ*

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**Peaches** - October 06, 2016 at 10:36 AM

TA

“ *Frank was such a nice caring man, going to the pizza shop will never be the same BC Frank won't be there anymore :(*

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**tammy** - October 06, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ *Even though my stepdad and I sometimes didn't see eye to eye, he was truly a great man and wish he was here with us still! Stubborn in his old Italian ways. He touched the hearts of a lot of people. He will be missed greatly.*

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**Angie Risley** - October 06, 2016 at 10:04 AM

CC

“ Cheryl Chester lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte



Cheryl Chester - October 06, 2016 at 09:02 AM

LI

“ Frank will be missed by many. My family will truly miss going in to see him and getting to hear about his babies. Sending lots of prayers and hugs to his family during this sad time.

Lisa - October 06, 2016 at 08:20 AM

KE

“ Kelly lit a candle in memory of Francesco "Frank" Loforte



Kelly - October 05, 2016 at 02:41 PM

KE

*I would go there to eat almost daily.*

Kelly - October 05, 2016 at 02:42 PM