



Fredrick Lewis Franko

March 5, 1958 - June 14, 2022

Fredrick Lewis Franko, 64, of Caroga Lake, NY, passed away on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Albany Medical Center. Born in Gloversville, NY, on March 5, 1958, he was the son of the late Fredrick and Sarah (Lewis) Franko. Fred was a 1976 graduate of Johnstown High School, and received a bachelor's degree in Architecture in 1983 from the University of Detroit. He also lived in Colorado, California, and Oregon before returning to Fulton County in 2000. In 2017, the family moved into their dream home in Caroga Lake that he was able to design and build. Mr. Franko was employed as Director of Design with Hyman Hayes Associates in Latham at the time of his death. He was a member of the Town of Caroga Planning Board. Fred was a voracious reader and enjoyed all the outdoor activities Caroga Lake had to offer. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He married his wife, Susan (Cox) Franko, on June 29, 1993, at his parents' home in Johnstown, NY.

Survivors include his wife; two children, Scott (Erin) Hock of Johnstown and Erika (Tia) Hock of Glenville; a brother, Michael (Rita) Franko of Johnstown; a stepsister, Barbara (John) Mullens of Speculator; five grandchildren, Soria and Asher Hock, and Cameron, Caden, and Callan Hock; one nephew, Jason (Wendy) VanAlstyne; three nieces, Emily (Eric) Cheney, and Mia & Gina Franko; as well as several cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his stepmother, R. Frances Franko.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady, NY.

Calling hours

will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022, from 4-6pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc.,

111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown, NY.

A memorial

service will follow at 6pm with Rev. Dr. Bonnie Orth, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brennan Memorial Humane Society or to the

Fulton County Regional SPCA, both in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *That picture of Fred with the knife! That is the same smile that greeted me the first day of freshman year at U of D. The same smile in a photo of Fred trying to ride a unicycle in the dorm hallway. What a crazy, intense, emotional, talented, hilarious, brilliant, man and friend. I had not seen Freddy since 1979. Thank you for sharing those wonderful photos. I have stories I can't share here, trust me.*

Frank Hartigan - June 18 at 04:37 AM

“ *Oh Susie! I just heard about Fred. We are so sorry! So many fun memories. Especially at camp. He was a wonderful man. Always ready for a laugh!*

Judy Furman - June 23, 2022 at 02:28 PM

“ *Sue and family: So very sorry to hear of Fred's passing, our population sadly affected by it's loss of a rare individual. Experiencing a loss is so very painful, unexpected loss much compounded. Prayers and hugs...Eileen DaBiere*

Eileen DaBiere - June 22, 2022 at 05:39 PM

LB

“ Fred was a great friend at U of D Architecture School. We have so many great memories of that time. This is a photo of Fred at my wedding along with some other friends.



Linda Barone - June 20, 2022 at 03:22 PM

MJ

“ Mike and family: we were saddened to read that your brother passed away. We are sure that all of you have many happy memories that will give you strength and comfort during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, Bill, Marj and Abby Jones



Marj Jones - June 20, 2022 at 02:28 PM

HA

“ His Friends, U of D Architecture purchased the Red & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.



His Friends, U of D Architecture - June 20, 2022 at 11:52 AM

CC

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Colleen Crawley - June 20, 2022 at 11:44 AM

CR

“ To Sue and family,
Deepest condolences on your tragic and
unexpected loss. May Fred's memory be an
eternal blessing to you.
Love, Carol Ryan



Carol Ryan - June 20, 2022 at 11:39 AM

BC

“ Brian D., Donald M. & MLB Construction
purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – White for
the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.



Brian D., Donald M. & MLB Construction - June 20, 2022 at
10:43 AM

MC

“ Our sincerest condolences go to the Franko family on the loss of a
very wonderful man. Frederick was such a kind, talented man with a
good heart. On behalf of Brian Douglass, Donny May and MLB
Construction, we will remember all the good memories and
successful projects we've done together over the years. Rest in
peace to a beautiful soul.

MLB Construction - June 20, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



June 20, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



June 20, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *We loved Fred during the Bugle days in high school, and we'll never forget Fred visiting us in NY in the 1980s and the joy he took just in walking along the streets in Manhattan, visiting the Empire State Building at midnight, and sitting up all night talking about about just about everything. We visited him in Denver, too, and shared his happiness, driving in the mountains and also watching a production of Coriolanus together.*

Fred had a gusto for life and we so admired his artistic ability and keen intelligence. He was also a caring and loving friend, unafraid to share his vulnerability. Even though there could be a gap of many years between visits, once together again, it was as if no more than a few moments had elapsed. We will greatly miss him!

Condolences to his family on this tragic loss of a great man.

Susan & Barbara Bevington

Susan Bevington - June 20, 2022 at 07:06 AM

NM

“ Sue, as you no doubt know only too well, Fred was one of a kind. He was one of those students I encountered during my first years of teaching at JHS that made me realize how much I loved teaching. He was intelligent and witty and creative and a whole lot of fun. He coined the sobriquet "Coach" for me -- which stuck for quite a few years. I still have many of the drawings he did for our literary magazine, "Fiasco." I hope you will find some consolation in remembering the life he so generously shared with you and your family.

Nolan Marciniac - June 19, 2022 at 09:02 PM

CC

“ Candy and Brady Hartzog, Ginny and Joe Caraco purchased the Lavender & White Tied No segay for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.



Candy and Brady Hartzog, Ginny and Joe Caraco - June 19, 2022 at 08:10 PM

MW

“ Much love, Ellen DeChiro & Brian Wachtel purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.



Much love, Ellen DeChiro & Brian Wachtel - June 19, 2022 at 07:41 PM

PD

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Franko family. I will always cherish the friendship I had with Fred.*



Peter Davis - June 19, 2022 at 05:43 PM

JN

“ *Sue,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and you family. I am so sorry for your loss.
John Novak*

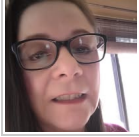
John Novak - June 19, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



June 19, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ Fred was amazing in so many ways. He kept the family together with his wonderful reunions. When Joe and I celebrated our 40th anniversary with a trip to Johnstown Fred organized a pizza party for us and invited all the cousins, what a great reunion. We just adored spending time at their house!
He and his brother Mike were the two youngest cousins born last to the children of Michael and Julia Franko! We lived a couple of blocks away as kids and spent many happy hours with Fred and his Mom and Dad, my Uncle Fred Franko and his wife Sally!
Fred and I were both interested in drawing and he would come up to our house on Glebe St. with his pencils and sketchbook and we would sit on the front porch and chat and draw!
Fred came south to visit with us while my Dad was still alive and the visit was absolutely delightful!
There will never be another like this lovely man! Via Con Dios Fred!

Virginia Caraco - June 19, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ Red & White Standing Cross With Red Rose Break was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.



June 19, 2022 at 11:31 AM

TH

“ I was shattered to hear the awful news of Fred's accident. Sue, I can't even imagine what you are going through. I remember Fred well, having been his Latin teacher at JHS. He was always smiling, jovial, caring, and well loved; our class was always lively. My heart breaks for you and your family.



Tina Hintz - June 19, 2022 at 12:31 AM

TM

“ Hey Sue, so very sorry to hear the sad news. Piggy and I are thinking and praying for you and family.

Tina Myloty - June 18, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.



June 18, 2022 at 06:24 PM

MK

“ I have never met any of you but I am a friend of Fred's from college and am deeply saddened to hear of Fred's death. Susan, I know you must be an amazing person if Fred chose to share his ridiculously funny, smart, creative self with you for life. There will be no one else like him and I'm so lucky to have been his friend. You all have my sincerest sympathy and I wish you strength and peace in the days ahead.

Monica Kennard - June 18, 2022 at 03:03 PM

TA

“ *What great man. So sorry for your loss.*

God Bless

Tag - June 17, 2022 at 10:22 PM

GS

“ *Gizmo, Lindz, Molly, Ange, Jess and Shy purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



Gizmo, Lindz, Molly, Ange, Jess and Shy - June 17, 2022 at 08:10 PM



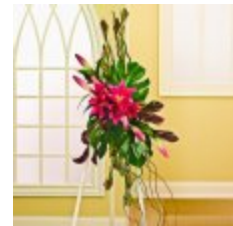
“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



June 17, 2022 at 07:53 PM

TB

“ *Teresa Brizendine purchased the Eternal Paradise for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



Teresa Brizendine - June 17, 2022 at 06:52 PM

SH

“ Hey Susie... This is Holden... I have no words to comfort you and your family I wish I did... But I would like to see this. Please know that all the miles that separate us do not diminish the pain I am feeling for you and your family as well as the pain that I feel in my heart. But the miles do not diminish the love that I feel for Fred and you guys either! Please know that my heart and soul are there...
Eben

Steve Holden - June 17, 2022 at 04:39 PM

SH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Steve Holden - June 17, 2022 at 04:34 PM

SK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sue Kagy - June 17, 2022 at 01:18 PM

ES

“ *Engineered Solutions purchased the In Comfort and Peace for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



Engineered Solutions - June 17, 2022 at 11:10 AM

DA

“ *Please accept my deepest condolences.*

Dawn Amankwaa - June 17, 2022 at 10:27 AM

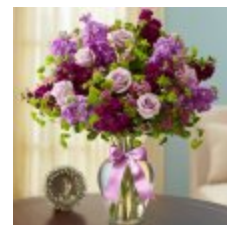
TS

“ *Mike, Rita and family..I am very sorry to hear of this sad news of a good person taken too soon. My thoughts and prayers are sent to all...God Bless ... 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️*

Terri Stoller - June 17, 2022 at 10:11 AM

LP

“ *Love, The Legal Project purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



Love, The Legal Project - June 17, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



June 17, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



June 17, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Angela (HHA) - June 17, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



June 17, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Fredrick Lewis Franko.*



June 17, 2022 at 08:35 AM

LH

“ So sorry for the loss of a great man who always had a smile on his face and could make anyone laugh I shared many memories with Fred throughout our high school years and so grateful to call him my friend He will surely be missed ❤️

Lynn Heagle - June 17, 2022 at 08:20 AM