



## FRANK S. CARELLI

December 15, 1953 - February 6, 2026

Frank Salvatore Carelli Jr, 72, of Syracuse, New York, passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026, surrounded by his loving wife and children at St. Joseph's Hospital. Frank faced his illness with remarkable courage, humor, and a smile that never faded.

Born in Solvay, New York, on December 15, 1953, Frank was the son of the late Frances (Pucello) Carelli and Frank Carelli, Sr. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Mary Ann Lasinski and his brothers, Ralph Carelli and Michael Carelli.

Frank began his distinguished career as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW), where he tirelessly advocated for workers' rights, human rights, protections, and freedoms. He retired in 2015 as the Director of Government Employees for the IAMAW, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and leadership.

A passionate Democrat, Frank enjoyed engaging in political debates and was always eager to discuss current events. He also loved cooking and was happiest preparing Sunday dinners for his family, bringing everyone together around the table.

Frank's love for animals was evident to all who knew him, especially in the bond he shared with his beloved dog, Vinny. He found great joy in traveling, exploring new places, and making memories with family and friends—especially during his winters in retirement spent in St. Martin.

Frank is survived by his devoted wife, Melissa "Missy" (Czarny); his daughters

Lisa Romeo, Laura (Christopher) Carelli-Lobo, and Maria Carelli; his son Frank (Carrie) Carelli III; his sister Francine (Robert) Carducci; his granddaughters Cecilia Lobo, Sophia Lobo, and Amelia Romeo; his grandson Christian Romeo; and many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins. He will be remembered for his unwavering determination, his sense of humor, and the love he shared with his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 PM Wednesday February 11, 2026 at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Ave, Solvay. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 9:30 AM Thursday February 12, 2026 at St. Marianne Cope Parish-St. Cecilia Church, 1001 Woods Rd, Solvay NY 13209. Frank will be laid to rest in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Warners. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frank's memory to Lymphoma Research Foundation of America at [www.lymphoma.org](http://www.lymphoma.org).

Please share online tributes and memories at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

2932 Warners Rd.  
Warners, NY 13164

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME  
2601 Milton Avenue  
Solvay, NY 13209  
info@bagozzitwinsfh.com  
<http://www.bagozzitwins.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 12. 9:30 AM (ET)

ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH; ST. CECILIA CHURCH  
1001 WOODS RD.  
SOLVAY, NY 13209

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of FRANK S. CARELLI*



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**BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** - February 10 at 04:03 PM



*What a beautiful tribute. I think of him daily.*

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**Sue Manipole** - February 19 at 01:14 PM

TA

“ *Missy and family,  
We were saddened to hear of Frank's passing. Much of our teenage years were spent together either at school, work or anywhere our whims took us. Even then it was clear Frank was a person of great character, values and strength of will and presence. I remember those years with great fondness. We pray for your strength and consolation at this difficult time and for Frank as he is reunited with family in heaven. God bless.*

*Tom and Sue Alexander*

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**Tom Alexander** - February 13 at 10:34 AM

KW

“ *Sending condolences from Billy and Kate. Frank was simply the best, kind and loving man. A life well lived, full of love.*

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**Kate Woods** - February 12 at 08:34 PM

PE

*Peter Egan.  
Such a privilege to have met such a special and amazing man, enjoyed our chats.  
Love and prayers to missy and all the family*

**peter egan** - February 13 at 05:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.*



February 10 at 11:11 PM

AM

“ *Anthony, Dixie and Michael planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of FRANK S. CARELLI.*

**Anthony, Dixie and Michael** - February 10 at 11:11 PM

MT

“ *Dear Missy and Family, my deepest and sincere condolences from the Tellechea family. We loved Frank so much.*



**Marilynn Tellechea** - February 10 at 05:41 PM

MB

*Thoughts and prayers to Missy and family. Frank was a good man, Love you all*

**Monique Biggs** - February 10 at 07:46 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** - February 10 at 03:44 PM

EG

“ Dear Missy and Family;

*Please accept my sincere condolences in the loss of Frank and may you find comfort in knowing that many other people are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. I had worked with Frank many years ago at Miller Brewing Company where we were both proud members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union, Local 2587. Early on Frank demonstrated his tenacious advocacy and strong leadership skills in representing the membership and working with management as well. Frank was recognized for these attributes and rose quickly within the IAMAW Union community and continued serving at the International level. It was a pleasure knowing and working with Frank many years ago and I truly enjoyed our collegial advocacy together during that period. May you and your family hold dear all the great memories and happy times throughout the years in helping sustain you and your entire family during this challenging time; our thoughts and prayers are with you all...*

*In Sympathy and Friendship,*

*Ed Garrow*

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**Ed Garrow** - February 10 at 02:24 PM

VH

*Well said Ed. Many fond memories and Frank's leadership left a footprint.*

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**Vicki Pratt Hayes** - February 21 at 03:15 PM

JM

“ To the Carelli family, please accept my deepest sympathies. Growing up in the village, the Carelli name was synonymous with community. I still smile thinking of my father stopping by First Street and sending Mike in with a can of spinach for Frank Sr. who was watching Popeye with the kids—a story that lived on in our house for years. I suspect Frank Jr. carried that same spirit of family and humor through his distinguished career and his fight with illness. He was a man who never forgot home. We are all better for having known him.

John Montreal - February 10 at 12:18 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.



February 10 at 12:18 PM

PJ

“ Palma, Rose and Joanne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of FRANK S. CARELLI.

Palma, Rose and Joanne - February 10 at 12:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.



February 10 at 11:14 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.*



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February 10 at 09:46 AM



“ *Love, Tony, David & Michael planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of FRANK S. CARELLI.*

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**Love, Tony, David & Michael** - February 10 at 09:46 AM



“ *To Frank's Family and Friends:*

*We join in extending our sincere heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during this most difficult time. May happier memories help to sustain you and bring you comfort through this period of sorrow, and may the joy and laughter of his life, far outweigh the pain of his passing.*



*With love and prayers,*

*Jim Ennis & Family*

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**James Ennis** - February 10 at 09:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.



February 10 at 08:53 AM



“ Laura C. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.



Laura C. - February 10 at 08:30 AM



“ Dear Missy and family, so sorry to see that Frank has passed, he was a good guy and gave a heck of a fight. Thinking of you and your family. Love to all 🙏🏻🙏🏻



Susan Ostuni - February 09 at 09:48 PM

EG

*Dear Missy and Family;*

*Please accept my sincere condolences in the loss of Frank and may you find comfort in knowing that many people are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. I had worked alongside Frank in the early 1970s at Miller Brewing Company and we both were proud members of and advocates for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union, Local 2587. Frank demonstrated early on his tenacious advocacy and leadership skills and advanced quickly in the IAMAW organization and served his Union Members throughout the United States and beyond. He was an individual that always had your back and would lend a hand regardless of what the circumstances were or where he had to travel. He was a good person, a great colleague and a friend to everyone. May he rest in peace and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family to help ease your broken hearts. In Sympathy and Friendship,*

*Ed Garrow*

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**Ed Garrow** - February 10 at 10:45 AM

PA

“ Sending “Heart Felt Condolences” to all of Frank’s family and friends, may he “Rest In Peace” 💔🙏



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**Patrick W Aregano** - February 09 at 09:11 PM

DH

“ Donnie&Tiffany Hobson lit a candle in memory of FRANK S. CARELLI



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**Donnie&Tiffany Hobson** - February 09 at 07:51 PM

DH

“ Donnie & Tiffany Hobson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.



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**Donnie & Tiffany Hobson** - February 09 at 07:47 PM

DH

“ Donnie & Tiffany Hobson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of FRANK S. CARELLI.

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**Donnie & Tiffany Hobson** - February 09 at 07:47 PM

CA

“ Missy and family, Paul and I are so very sorry for your loss.

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**carolyn** - February 09 at 07:11 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.



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February 09 at 05:32 PM

BF

“ Benjamin Pucello & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of FRANK S. CARELLI.

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**Benjamin Pucello & Family** - February 09 at 05:32 PM

MZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



marianne zussino - February 09 at 04:42 PM

SA

“ Praying for you all that the God of all comfort strengthen you and give you peace. Our thoughts are with you all. Suzy Auwarter (Carelli)

Sue Auwarter - February 09 at 03:40 PM

KA

“ Sweet family, we are with you all in spirit, thinking of you and praying. May you draw strength from Heaven and from each other. We love you. -Cousin Kathy Horn (Carelli) & Family. ❤️



Kathy - February 09 at 03:03 PM

JP

So sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I'm praying for you guys. My condolences to all the family

Joyce Phillips - February 09 at 03:44 PM

BJ

“ One in a Million!!! So very sorry!!

Barb Mersfelder Jacobs - February 09 at 02:17 PM

CA

“ Lisa, Laura, Marie and family, I am so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. I haven't seen any of you in years but I have thought of you often when the topic of softball comes up. Prayers to all of you.

Cathy - February 09 at 01:57 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.



February 09 at 01:35 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.



February 09 at 01:34 PM

VV

“ Vin Vin purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.



Vin Vin - February 09 at 12:59 PM



“ *Vin Vin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of FRANK S. CARELLI.*

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**Vin Vin** - February 09 at 12:59 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of FRANK S. CARELLI.*



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February 09 at 12:39 PM