



Frank Capogrosso

December 7, 1947 - November 18, 2020

Frank Capogrosso, a former Staten Islander whose life was centered around his family, died November 18 in Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel, N.J. He was 72.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Mr. Capogrosso was the son of Nicholas and Savina Capogrosso. A graduate of Brooklyn Tech High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served for four years in the Reserves. A proud veteran, he had an extreme love for his country.

He married the former Vivian Jo Giaquinto in 1970 and moved to Midland Beach with his bride where they raised three children. During his time in the borough he was a parishioner of St. Margaret Mary's R.C. Church where he coached his children's basketball teams and served as a member of the Men's Club. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the former St. John's Brooklyn College, where he was he was a member of Sigma Chi Upsilon, a fraternity which his eldest son Frank would pledge years later. He earned his master's degree in accounting from St. John's University and worked as an accountant with Stone and Webster in Manhattan, retiring in 2000. He was predeceased by his wife Vivian Jo in 1998. He moved to New Jersey in 2000.

An avid New York Yankees and Giants fan, Mr. Capogrosso was an active board member of the Village Grande at Holmdel Adult Community where he resided. He loved the ocean and took his children fishing and crabbing when they were young. Most recently, he enjoyed taking trips to visit his son Frank in South Carolina and he attended mass weekly with his son Nicholas at St. Benedict's R.C. Church in Holmdel. Mr. Capogrosso's true pride and joy was his family with whom he was in constant contact. The daily text exchanges with his daughter Jeanine Diesso were many and he called her every day without fail as she drove home from work

A grandfather to eight - Frankie, Ava, Stella, Vivian, Nicky, Luke, Grace and Sarah - Mr. Capogrosso was known to excessively spoil his grandchildren with gifts. Referring to their father as a "true Santa," his family said if the kids asked for something - chocolates, candy or toys - he sought it out, most likely at Pottery Barn or LL Bean, and dropped it on their doorstep the very next day.

In addition to his grandchildren, sons, Frank and Nicholas and his daughter, Jeanine, Mr. Capogrosso is survived by his longtime partner, Elizbeth Thomas, who has been by his

side for the past 20 years. He also leaves behind a brother, Carmine Capogrosso and his wife, Audrey; his daughters-in-law, Jackie and Carolyn Capogrosso; son-in-law, Derek Diesso; niece and nephew Kristen Montella and Matthew Capogrosso and his mini schnauzer, Mario

Due to current COVID restrictions, a celebration of Frank's life will be held at a future date. His family has requested that memorial donations be made in his memory to the Wounded Warriors Project at <http://www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org> <about:blank>.

To share a memory of Frank or send condolences to his family, please visit our Tribute Wall above.

Cemetery

Holy Rood Cemetery

111 Old Country Road

Westbury, NY, 11590

Comments



“ I know Frank since the late 90's . I worked for him at TCG and AT&T. He was such a good mentor. Over the years, he always checked on me here and there via text. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go to his family.

Fiona Wesolek - December 09, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ My Godfather Frank has gone home to the Lord. He was a genuine person and a man of great character who loved his family. The time I spent in my youth at family gatherings visiting Sanilac St. on Staten Island are golden memories I will always cherish and hold near to my heart. Frank's smile & laugh could light up a room. He had a great sense of humor. Vivian & Frank were my Godparents, and I was blessed to have them in my life. To my cousins Jeanine, Nicky & Franky and your spouses, my heart goes out to you. Frank's life and legacy lives on now through his children & grandchildren. My heart goes out to you Betty. I'm sorry for your loss. I was so happy you and Frank found each other. You are a sweet person. I always enjoyed catching up with you & Frank. My prayers go out to all Frank's family & friends. My deepest sympathies to you all.



James Gallenti - November 23, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ Thanks Jamie for the great memories. Appreciate it.

Frank Capogrosso Jr - November 25, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Thank you for the beautiful words Jamie.

JEANINE DIESSO - November 28, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Dear Betty, Frank's children and grandchildren, we were so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. Though we didn't know him well, he was always smiling and friendly and helpful; a good neighbor here at Village Grande. There are no words to express the sorrow and loss of such a good man. Our deepest condolences and prayers to you all.

Sincerely,

Rich and Patty Carta

Patricia Carta - November 23, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Thank you. We all appreciate it.

Frank Capogrosso Jr - November 25, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ It was with disbelief that we learned of Frank's passing from his son Nick. Frank and I had been texting just 2 days earlier and it seemed, while still ill he was on the road to recovery. I have know Frank for over 50 years, he was a relative through marriage to my cousin Viv, best man at my wedding, and steadfast and loyal friend. I was grateful when he asked me to be in his wedding party so many years ago. We both went to St. John's University for an MBA and were in the procession together at the graduation ceremony to receive our degrees. Over the years we had so many good times and building what are today such wonderful memories of the good old days at 263 Sanilac with Frank, Viv, and all the family. Frank had a few curve balls thrown his way in this life, beginning with Vivian's passing but he dealt with them head on showing strength, always a sense of humor, and the capacity to go forward and as a result was able to build a good life with Betty. We enjoyed their weekend stay with us years ago in Massachusetts and at family weddings through the years. In the later years circumstances regrettably made the in person get togethers far and few apart for us. However, Frank and I continued to have many frequent phone conversations along the way about family, sports, politics, finances, you name it we talked about it and we shared a ton of laughs too. Now it is time to say so long old friend. To Jeanine, Nick, Frank, your children, and Betty we would like to express our condolences and deepest sympathies. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you mourn the passing of this good and decent man. May Frank's sole rest in eternal peace.

Sincerely,
Vince and Liz Gallenti

Vince Gallenti - November 23, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ Thanks Vin. appreciate it

Frank Capogrosso Jr - November 25, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Thank you for these kind words Vin

JEANINE DIESSO - November 28, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ Betty, Frank, Nick and Jeanine, please accept our deepest condolences. We go way back with Frank some 55 years when we first met at SJU. We have so many memories wrapped around Sigma Chi and those college years that you would need an entire book to recount all the great stories and wonderful memories. However, the one thing that stands out is that "Capo" was definitely the nicest guy of our entire crew of brothers. We feel privileged to have been his friend all these years. He was one of a kind!

Be well,
Mike and Roseann Esposito
AKA \$PO & Roe

Mike and Roseann Esposito - November 22, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ Thank you so much. We all loved hearing dad's Sigma Chi Upsilon stories

Frankie Capogrosso Jr - November 25, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ There were many. Frank "Capo" was a class act i pledged in his senior year and he was so kind and a true brother RIP Frank you will always be remembered Joe Messina

joe Messina - November 25, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ Dear Betty, Frank's children, family and friends. Words cannot express the sadness we feel at hearing of Frank's passing. Since the day I met Frank as freshmen at SJU he was always a class act. He was always the words of wisdom amongst a few maniacs in Sigma Chi. He was always there if you needed help. I was honored to be in his wedding party. Thank you Betty for bringing us together this past summer. When I think of Frank, I will think of him being with his loved ones who have gone before and again listening to the endless schemes of George (Chopper) Bianchetti. We love you Frank and will miss you dearly. Love Bob, Amy, Lauren Talerico

Robert Talerico - November 21, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Thank you. We all appreciate . Dad loved his sigma chi upsilon days.

Frankie Capogrosso Jr - November 25, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ I am so sad, and send my prayers and deepest sympathy to Betty and to Frank, Nick, and Jeanine and their families. Frank was such a warm person and so proud of all the kids and grandkids that he and Betty loved. He was also my buddy in mystery, thriller, and suspense novels, and I will miss his recommendations. Susan Walton

SUSAN WALTON - November 21, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Thank you. we all appreciate it

Frankie Capogrosso Jr - November 25, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ Being the newest member of the Village Grande Board, I did not know Frank for a very long period of time but was beginning to think we could have been friends going forward. So sorry to hear about his passing. After reading his Obituary, I realized, if he attended Brooklyn College, we may have been classmates as I graduated in 1969 with a B.S - major in accounting. My sincerest sympathy to each of you. Thanks for sharing him with us all.

John Fiore

John Fiore - November 25, 2020 at 04:31 PM