



## Frank Joseph Libro

May 6, 1936 - June 10, 2020

Frank Joseph Libro, 84, of West Hartford, CT and Bass River, MA (Cape Cod), beloved husband of Jo-Ann M. DiBella Libro, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at his home with his family by his side. Frank was born May 6, 1936, and grew up in Hartford. He was the son of the late Paul Libro and Lucy Tarascio Libro. He was preceded in death by his brother Joseph (age 3), sister, Ann Libro Lammers, and brother-in-law, Daniel DiBella.

As a young boy, Frank attended Saint Patrick Grammar School. He graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1954, and then graduated from Western New England College, earning a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Frank was a Certified Public Accountant and a long-time member of AICPA, the American Institute of CPA's, and CSCPA, the Connecticut Society of CPA's. Frank owned his own CPA firm in West Hartford for 43 years; sharing it with his daughter, Maria, for the past 32 years.

Frank married the love of his life, Jo-Ann, October 12, 1963, and they had two children: Maria Libro Judge, CPA, of Newington, CT, and Frank J. Libro Jr., of Dallas, TX and Bass River, MA. Together, they traveled the world especially enjoying Sicily and Egypt. They also made many family memories at their home on Cape Cod with their children, and Frank's most precious gifts, his grandchildren: William Joseph Judge and Caraline Mia Judge.

Frank's extended family includes his nephews, Jonathon Lammers and his wife Melissa, along with their children, Hunter and Hazel of Portland; Timothy Lammers and his wife Keri, along with their children, Alex and Ryan of Agawam, MA, and nieces Dawn DiBella Bronowicki and her husband James, along with their children, Jessica and James of Newington; Debbie DiBella, along with her son, Stephen of Newington, and Denise DiBella Negron and her husband Jose, along with their daughter, Isabel of Newington; as well as his sister-in-law, Gloria DiBella of Newington.

Frank was predeceased by his childhood friends: Marty Setter, Joey Coombs, Val D'Alessio, and Joe Lantieri – incredibly wonderful friends for more than 60 years!

He proudly served in the U.S. Army, Connecticut National Guard, as a Sergeant in the 1st Battalion (M) 169th Infantry Regiment for six years.

He was President of Vendors Mutual Benefit Association for 20 years. He also served as

President of Rose Hill Funeral Home, located in Rocky Hill, CT, where he led efforts to restore the entire facility to the grandeur and beauty that it deserved. He was not only adamant about the restoration of the interior, but the exterior as well, planting hundreds of rose bushes to embrace the founders' longstanding vision.

He was a die-hard Red Sox fan all his life, and also loved the New York Giants. He always enjoyed rooting for the UCONN Women's and Men's Basketball teams, and Baylor's basketball and football teams.

Frank enjoyed building balsa wood airplanes, listening to Italian music, collecting special baseball caps, and frying his famous extra hot peppers. He was fond of celebrating a special occasion with a Southern Comfort Manhattan, or the occasional shot of Limoncello, and always enjoyed cruising the Bass River on Cape Cod in his Boston Whaler. Some of his best memories were attending the first game of the 2004 Boston Red Sox World Series with his grandson at Fenway Park, and playing in the water for hours at Parker River Beach with his granddaughter.

His Cape Cod neighbors lovingly called him "the Colonel". He enjoyed spending summers getting into all sorts of mischief. He would set off fireworks, and spend evenings around the bonfire joking, and making wonderful memories. He created nicknames for the people he loved, with the favorite nickname for himself being "Grandpa".

He was a loyal, kind, and extraordinarily generous man, with a contagious laugh. He was a man of integrity and honor, and was centered in his faith as a Roman Catholic. There is a bench placed in his honor at Parker River Beach on Cape Cod, which aptly reads, "Thanks for all the FUNN!". He would always say that one "N" was not enough to describe the kind of fun you had with him. There will never be enough words or letters to describe the love he had for his family and friends, nor how much his family and friends will miss him.

The Libro family invites all to calling hours on Friday June 12, 2020, 5-7pm at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday June 13, at 12PM in Saint Patrick/Saint Anthony Church, 285 Church Street Hartford, Due to Covid-19 restrictions, attendance will be limited to 50 close family and friends. Burial at Mount Saint Benedict One Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield; where all guests will be welcome with discretion to social distancing protocol. Masks must be worn for visitation, mass and graveside ceremonies.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation in Frank's memory to either, Saint Patrick/Saint Anthony Church, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 or Rose Hill Memorial Park, Inc. a 501c 3 (statute restoration fund), 580 Elm Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

# Events

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**JUN** **Calling Hours** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

**12**

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Rose Hill Funeral Homes  
580 Elm St, Rocky Hill, CT, US, 06067

**JUN** **Mass of Christian Burial** 12:00PM

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St Patrick - St Anthony  
Church St, Hartford, CT, US

**JUN** **Burial** 01:30PM

**13**

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Mt St Benedict  
Bloomfield, CT, US

# Comments

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“ well Joann hello  
its been about 2 years I'm so sorry I know you miss Frank terribly ,  
he was great joking and visiting with my father on his death bed at the hospitall will I  
never forget his joyful humor, when we were teens first meeting Frank how he teased  
me and Diane , such a special soul ,I know you wrote to Susan recently

we all think of you with love snd wonderful family memories at Grandmas!  
sending love to you snd family  
cousin Pam

**Pamela DeLong** - May 30 at 11:36 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Frank was a cousin on his mother's side. Our deepest  
sympathies to the family. Lucy (Tarascio) Rossi and family

**Ellen Rossi** - July 01, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ Dear Maria&Family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Frank was a warm and wonderful person. He will be  
missed. Our thought and prayers are with you.

Dick and Ann Marie Lund

**Ann Marie Lund** - June 16, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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“ This man: Our wonderful friend, our vacation grandpa, our mentor always there with sound advice, our 'one of the kids', our laughter and joy and the highlight of of summers together, along with Grandma Jo-Ann.

You know there are great men out there, you are honored when you know and love one of them. We will love and miss you always, Big Frank.

Dearest Jo-Ann, We love you and wish you peace.



Doreen Chelstowski - June 12, 2020 at 04:37 PM

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“ Jo-Ann, Mia, Frank, Will and Caraline,

My deepest sympathy to all of you. Frank was a very special person in my life for over 50 years. I was only 23 when I lost my father and was tasked with running the family business. Frank, with a calm steady hand guided and encouraged me even when there were difficult times. I am ever grateful for his good business common sense. Frank was our CPA, but we always included his family whenever we had a celebration because they were truly part of our family. I will miss our pasta fagioli and eggplant grinder lunches at the Manor Inn. My faith assures me that Frank is "smiling down on us" now.

The picture below was taken at Jay Sons summer picnic held at the "old" Lake Compounce in 1979.



David Tellerico - June 12, 2020 at 04:04 PM

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“ Maria and Family

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Unfortunately we never had the pleasure of meeting your Dad, by reading about your Dad he sure was an amazing man.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time

With Sympathy  
The Celio Family



Celio Family - June 12, 2020 at 02:40 PM

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“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



June 12, 2020 at 01:33 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



June 12, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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“ The Agganis Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



The Agganis Family - June 12, 2020 at 01:10 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



June 12, 2020 at 12:13 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



June 12, 2020 at 09:42 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



June 11, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ Doreen, Steve, Andy and Emma purchased the Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



Doreen, Steve, Andy and Emma - June 11, 2020 at 06:56 PM

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“ Kevin Mansfield lit a candle in memory of Frank Joseph Libro



Kevin Mansfield - June 11, 2020 at 03:38 PM

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“ Dear Frank,  
My heartfelt condolences to you and Maria and your mother on the loss of your father. How proud he must have been of both of you and how grateful for the joy his children and grandchildren brought to his life. Your parents gave me a wonderful friend in you, Frankie, and a great paisano to share a work life with. I hope you will find comfort in your family and your many friends.  
With sincere sympathy,  
Joanne Nesti

Joanne Nesti - June 11, 2020 at 03:23 PM

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“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



June 11, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



June 11, 2020 at 01:27 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Sarah Gaspar** - June 11, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ This photo was taken on 8/19/12 at the Pinchot Sycamore Bridge  
We will always remember the good times. Such kind and loving friends, you will never be forgotten. Our heart goes out to the Libro family.  
Orathai and Sarah Gaspar

**Sarah Gaspar** - June 11, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ Brian and Marvourine Lammers purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



**Brian and Marvourine Lammers** - June 11, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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“ Mary Flo & William Cleaver purchased the Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



**Mary Flo & William Cleaver** - June 11, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go to the entire Libro Family.

Kathy and Stan Sobieski and daughter Sara Nigrelli

**Kathleen Sobieski** - June 11, 2020 at 08:49 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



June 11, 2020 at 08:37 AM

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“ Kyle Charette And John Hurst lit a candle in memory of Frank Joseph Libro



**Kyle Charette and John Hurst** - June 11, 2020 at 08:24 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Libro.



June 10, 2020 at 09:09 PM

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“ Monica Curcio lit a candle in memory of Frank Joseph Libro



**Monica Curcio** - June 10, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Frank was very important to my husband William & myself. He became our forever accountant back in the 1970's. He was not only excellent at his craft but also fun & loving with a sense of humor & a positive attitude. When he incorporated his awesome daughter, Maria, into his business, we had even more fun with business breakfasts together.

Frank - you will be sorely missed by us. We hold you dear in our hearts - God bless you & all the people who love you.

Mary Flo & William Cleaver

**Mary Flo Cleaver** - June 11, 2020 at 10:57 AM