

Franco Rodio Villella

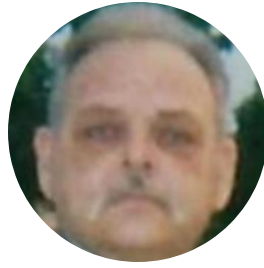
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Franc R. Vilella, 71, passed away June 20, 2021. Franco's family and friends will gather at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 25, 2021 at St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn, MI. His Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, June 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn, Michigan.

He was born on March 12, 1950, in Motta S. Lucia Italy to Guerino and Maria (Pace) Vilella. Franco married the love of his life, Barbara Terry, on March 27, 1971, in Detroit, Michigan. He will be remembered as a man with a "heart of gold" who took care of his family and his neighbors. Franco was a self-taught man who worked his way up to plant management while employed at both Kenwal Steel and Bing Steel. One of his proudest accomplishments was his time serving his country as a combat veteran in the 1st Calvary Division in the United States Army during the Viet Nam War. Franco enjoyed golfing, fishing, and boating and in his later years, camping. His most cherished moments were the times he spent on his back porch with his wife Barbara and his dearly loved cat, "Spike", who was always by his side.

Franco will be missed by his wife, Barbara; his children, Joe (Sarah) Vilella; siblings, Santino Vilella, Lina (Vincent) Canarsa, Maria (Tony) Lalli, and Anthony Vilella; numerous grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Gregory and Robert Vilella; and a brother, Robert Vilella.

Memorial contributions are suggested to University of Michigan Heart Center or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please leave a message of comfort for Franco's family or sign his guestbook at www.EinederFuneralHomes.com.




Events


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Family and Friends Gathering

 **Friday**, June 25, 2021


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Joseph Shrine Catholic Church**
8743 US 12, Brooklyn MI 49230

Memorial Mass

 **Friday**, June 25, 2021

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Santino Vilella posted:

I am Santino Sam Vilella Francos older brother/ I miss and love you with all my heart. Rest in peace and we will be together again.

September 17 at 6:15 PM



Joseph Vilella posted:

Dad you were my best friend, my mentor, and my idol at the same time. It doesn't seem real that you are no longer with us yet I am comforted by the thought that you are with our family watching down from up above. We had many talks throughout the years where you lifted my spirit when I was down and helped me get through the good and bad times of life. I will never forget our time together on earth and I look forward to the day when I am once again in your presence. I love you and miss you more than words can ever express. Until we meet again one sweet day!

September 11 at 3:08 PM



Renee Sanchez lit a candle in honor of Franco.

Uncle Frank was the most kind and loving man. I am so honored to have been his niece and will be forever grateful for his love, words of wisdom, and advice. Although, as I got older and moved to the east coast, and distance was a challenge, I know his love and support was always there. He was an incredible brother to my mother, husband to Aunt Barb whom he adored and father to his children. He was a veteran and truly loved his country. I know he is at peace and not in pain anymore. God please bless him as he enters into your kingdom and please watch over his family in this time of grief. We love you uncle Frank! Rest In Peace xoxox- Renee and Peter Sanchez



June 21 at 5:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Memorial Honor Blanket to the Vilella family.



June 21 at 4:59 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Franco by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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