



Francis A.. Granata

June 29, 1942 - December 4, 2009

Francis Regis Granata, 67, passed away December 4, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer surrounded by his loving family at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo. Born June 29, 1942 in Toledo, Ohio, he was the sixth of seven children of Joseph and Eleanor (Hertzfeld) Granata. Francis attended St Ann's Grade school and was especially proud to be a member of the first graduating class from Christ the King School. He was a 1960 graduate of Whitmer High School and a graduate of the University of Toledo with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. His career began at Allied Chemical and Textile Leather. Francis was employed at Owens Illinois for over 15 years, beginning in 1970. At Owens Illinois he worked in the Plastics Products and Closure Divisions as a Project Engineer in Research and Development. Francis retired in 2007 from LexaMed (B.E.C. labs) as a chemist. He belonged to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Society of Plastic Engineers, and National Metal Decorators Association. Francis was a longtime member of St. Pius X Parish where he enjoyed coaching his children in baseball, basketball and soccer. He truly loved participating in and following sports. He was a loyal fan of Ohio State baseball, St. Francis de Sales, Central Catholic and University of Notre Dame football. Francis also loved music, especially barbershop and opera. A devoted husband and father, Francis leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of forty years, Linda (Stoll) Granata, sons, Robert (Lori) and Christopher (Rebecca) and daughter, Kathline (Greg) Dempsey. "Papa" deeply loved his nine grandchildren:

Nicholas, Nathan, Patrick, Anna, Dominic, and Maria Granata, and Lauren, Ryan, and Andrew Dempsey. Also surviving are brothers: Charles(Arline), Joseph(Millie), Richard(Susan), Thomas(Gloria), David(Karen); sister, Eleanor Turner, Tucson, AZ; sister-in-law, Carol Stoll, and brother-in-law, Ronald (Elizabeth) Stoll, Phoenix AZ. Numerous cherished nieces and nephews also survive. Visitation for Francis will be from 2-9 P.M., Thursday, December 10, 2009, at the Ansberg West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, where a Scripture Service will be at 7:00 P.M. Prayers will begin at 10 A.M. Friday, December 11, 2009, from the funeral home followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:30 A.M., in St. Pius X Church. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery. The family wishes to extend sincere gratitude to each doctor, nurse, and member of the medical team and staff at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo who proved to be "true angels" to Francis on his final journey. Additionally, the family is grateful to Dr. Mowat and the staff at The Toledo Clinic Oncology Department and also, Dr. Foetisch and Dr. Naddaf who provided excellent care to Francis throughout his illness. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Kevin Granata Memorial Fund at St. Francis DeSales High School, Notre Dame Academy, Central Catholic High School, St. Pius X Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I've just received a copy of Francis's obituary and did not know of his passing. We worked together at Christ the King and played on the softball team for many years. Although I had not seen him for a long time I'll always remember him with warmth and fondness. I remember him saying that he wished he could sing like Mario Lanza. I am sorry for your loss. John Baker Newark Ohio

John Baker - johjobak@windstream.net johjobak@windstream.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Deepest sympathy to the family. I worked with Francis at B.E.C. Labs and considered him a friend. He was hard working, honest and loyal and was very proud of his family.

John Kevern - jkevern@bex.net jkevern@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, Linda. May God bless you and keep you safe. God has another angel to watch over us. Anne Pierce (peds)

anne pierce - keikeipeanut@yahoo.com keikeipeanut@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ To the Granata Family, We were deeply saddened to hear of the falling asleep in the Lord of your father/husband, as we remember him as a true gentleman, a great family man, and a kind-hearted person. I am so sorry that I could not make the funeral as my son just had surgery and requires our full attention for the postoperative period. Please know this though, our thoughts and prayers are with you, that you may be comforted in this time of sorrow, and that the Lord has taken him into His eternal loving care, where there is neither sickness nor sorrow, but life everlasting. With deepest sympathy, Tony Khoury and Family

Tony Khoury & Family - tony.khoury@stryker.com tony.khoury@stryker.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Chris (Reggie) and Family You and your family are in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Ryan Smith

Ryan Smith - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Katie-So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I'm hoping that your fond memories of him, and knowing that other people care about you will help you through this difficult time. Deepest Sympathy- Cheryl LoFiego

Cheryl LoFiego - clofiego@buckeye-express.com clofiego@buckeye-express.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ All our sympathy upon your loss. We often don't realize how short life can be, enjoy every day.

Norm & Pat Hinshaw - normhin@accesstoledo.com normhin@accesstoledo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you! May your faith in the Lord be your strength at this time. Peace, Sr Sally*

Sr Sally Marie Bohnett, SND - sally.bohnett@mercycollege.edu
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MS

“ *Linda, Robert, Chris & Katie - our heartfelt sympathies go out to all of you. Don't know if you remember us, but our son Chad, played ball with Chris during their St. Pius years and we have so many fond memories of meeting at the ball games. We were really blessed meeting and getting to know all of you. May all your happy memories of Francis help you heal and rest assure he is no longer suffering and with the Lord! Fondly, Mike & Sue Crooks*

Mike & Sue Crooks - smcrooks52@comcast.net smcrooks52@comcast.net -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We extend our deepest sympathy to the entire Granata family during this difficult time. We feel blessed to have gotten to know Mr. Granata and know what a wonderful man he was. May he rest in peace! All our love, Doug, Julie, Alli, Mason & Max*

The Celek Family - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Katie, Mrs, Granata, Bob, Chris and family.. I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless your family in this time of sorrow. Jenny Cashin*

Jennifer - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Linda and children Can't be with you during this time but May the angels and saints greet Francis at the gate to Heaven and led him into Paradise. Thinking and praying for all. of you He was a great guy!!! love from Shirley and Bill

Shirley ^ Billik - L3Shir@aol.com L3Shir@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Linda, Bob, Chris, and Katie, I am so sorry to learn about Francis. How I will miss him when the Notre Dame football season begins again. Just maybe he will be looking down on touchdown Jesus and help the team in the redzone. Just a little push Francis is all we need. I will miss him as will so many of his friends. He was a good man to know. Pat

pat czerniakowski - paddycz@aol.com paddycz@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Tom and Gloria, So sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Mary Ann Faber Shipley - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To Chris and the Granata family, I am very sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful example in all he did to help us in sports. As I now coach my kids in various sports, I often think back to my St. Pius days where many great people, like your dad, gave their time and energy to help the kids enjoy the sports programs. Sports shaped my life in many positive ways, and I was truly blessed to have Mr Granata around to help. My condolences-Bob Buganski.

Bob Buganski - bobbybugs@sbcglobal.net bobbybugs@sbcglobal.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Katie and Linda, Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. We love you guys very very much. Brian, Julia, Nathan and Michael*

Julia Dempsey - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM