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Born June 17, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois, Frank William Savastano, Sr. was gifted to parents Alex and Concetta (DeMichael) Savastano. He was also welcomed by a big sister, Lucille.

The Chicago area would be home to Frank for many years. There, he attended Catholic school, was chased with a broom, around the kitchen table, by his mother, had a paper route, was an altar server, attended community college and it was where he joined the Army National Guard. Frank would even be called to serve Active Duty for a time.

In 1971, still in his hometown, Frank decided that in addition to his full-time IT job, he would help his cousins while they opened their new pizza place. It was during that time that Frank discovered two great loves – his wife to be, Jane, and the restaurant business. He and Jane would marry on June 21, 1975 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in South Holland, Illinois where Jane's cousin Father Jack married them. As far as the restaurant business, it would await a different season of Frank's life - his retirement.

Eventually, Frank's tech job, with Amoco Oil, would move the family to Bixby, Oklahoma. With six kids in the family, there was always a special event to celebrate and no gathering was ever complete without one of Frank's pizza pies. It didn't take long for those delightful pies to gain local notoriety. There is no doubt that upon his retirement, Frank was urged by family and friends, alike, to go for his dream of opening a pizzeria.

Before this could happen, Frank took a trip back to Chicago. While there, he asked for his father's permission to use his name for the business. He also began perfecting the family recipes with the help of his mother, aunt, cousins, and sister. Obviously, his dad agreed, and after much planning, Savastano's Pizzeria was launched in 2003. Quick success would find the family looking for a larger space. In 2009, they traded their 18-table restaurant in for a three-story restaurant that



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strives to deliver the wonderful and authentic tastes of Chicago Style Pizza in a warm, comfortable setting. The Savastano's philosophy has been and continues to be: "When you're here, you're family!" After all, doesn't everyone know Frank and Jane?

Once the initial restaurant opened, Frank pretty well lived there. However, it wasn't long into the process before Frank was lovingly moved away from the prep line. It seemed his pace would be better used as he began focusing on customer relations. In fact if you knew Frank you knew that he never met a stranger. In addition, he knew no boundaries, nor did he respect one's personal space.

Words that have been used to describe Frank include: wonderful, loving, kind, big hearted, hard of hearing, generous, a hugger, and a true food-loving Italian! This man knew how to create time for his family and friends when there was no time. He truly treated those he knew as family. This included his employees who he lovingly reprimanded just as though they were his children. Hobbies that Frank enjoyed over the years, besides pizza, included going on cruises (after he got over his fear of water), taking pictures and video of family events, and cheering on the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs. In fact, one of the highlights of his life was watching the Cubs win the 2016 World Series with more than 500 customers who made Savastano's their destination that night.

A member of the Elk's Lodge, St. Joseph's Club, Knight's of Columbus, and even founder of the Coffee Clutch, no matter how you knew Frank Savastano – he was a man who made a huge impact on his family, friends, and community. He will be deeply missed.

Frank went to the big pie in the sky on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. He was surrounded by his loving family. Frank was 75 years old.

Those he leaves to carry on his legacy include: his loving wife of more than 45 years, Jane; his children: daughter, Jennifer Savastano-Campbell (#2) and husband, Rob; daughter, Becky Savastano; daughter, Katie Cook and husband Dave; daughter, Annie Schouten and husband, Brian; son, Frank Jr. Savastano and son, Joey Savastano and wife, Whitney; 12 grandchildren: Kailyn, Jay, Emma, Robert, Owen, Hayden, Abby, Jack, Brinley, Tommy, Kinsley, and Riley. He is also survived by his sister, Lucille Blasko and husband, Ron and Jane's siblings along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.



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He was preceded in death by his parents: father, Alex Savastano and mother, Concetta Savastano.

For those who wish to honor Frank with a memorial donation, those contributions may be directed to the Hearts of Steel Foundation. www.heartsosteelfoundation.org

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LR

Loretta Ruggeri posted:

Jane and family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time .May you find comfort in the many special,memories of the one you love so much.You and Frank lived the ideal family life. Faith in God, love for family, good friends and good food. He will always be present in your heart.We will always remember the delicious food , catered and served by your staff on Dad's funeral day in Dec. 2015. It was the comfort food, family and friends that gave us strength and peace at this time. God Bless,Joe, Laura, Mary and their familiesand our mother ,Loretta Ruggeri a, Jane,you and Frank lived the ideal family life.Faith in god, love of family, goof friends and good food. We will always remember the delicious Italian food catered and served on our Dad's (Gene) Funeral Day Dec,2015. It was comfort food that gave us comfort, strength and peace during this difficult time. Our sincere condolences and prayers to Jane and the sa

August 21 at 2:21 PM

CB

Cousin Bill posted:

I'm still in disbelief of my cousin Frank's passing. Frank and I shared many experiences together being that we were 5 months apart in age. A group of us hung out at vets park in the " Slag valley" neighborhood in our teen years, and our families were close also...especially one event that involved a Lamb Roast in my driveway in Lansing which involved our families and friends...and a bottle of Brandy that Frank thoroughly enjoyed along with the rest of us. We went through .the Military together for 5 years (National Guard.) Needless to say I am very saddened.Cousin Bill

August 21 at 12:08 PM

JP

Jim Hallaren Evergreen Park, II. posted:

Remembering so many good times at Duke's 101 Club. Thank you Frank!

August 21 at 10:48 AM

DR

David Roberts posted:

I first met Frank when he hired my barbershop quartet to sing in his small restaurant in 2003. We spent the evening singing and eating pizza. We had several more engagements over the next couple of years and loved it each time we were there.

August 21 at 3:18 AM



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BS

Bill Saccomando posted:

We want to offer our sincere condolences to Jane and the entire Savastano family. We knew Frank for more than 65 years. My parents (the Saccomando's) and Frank's parents would socialize many times. We were also neighbors of Alex, Concetta, Lucille and Frank living just a 1/2 block away on Escanaba Av. Although we didn't see Frank for many years, we stopped in to see him at his pizza place on our way back to Chicago from Arizona. He made us feel like no time had passed since we last saw each other. We shared many stories and had a lot of laughs. Again, our sincere sympathy! Bill & Millie Saccomando

August 20 at 1:44 PM

AM

Afton Morris posted:

Frank Savastano let Jane hire me to paint a family tree on his living room wall for his family to be honored on. Once finished he and Jane made my husband and I the best deep dish pizza. Frank was warm with a kind voice and he took such care with his family. He leaves so many with good memories.

August 20 at 6:38 AM

PS

Paul E. Schouten posted:

My deepest sympathies and condolences to all of the Savastano family at the loss of your much loved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather. I'm keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time, and especially pray that God blesses each one of you with much comfort, strength and peace as you are grieving. May Frank rest in peace, and peace be with you all. Love, Paul Schouten

August 20 at 5:54 AM

TT

Tina And Garland Thompson posted:

My heart goes out to all of you for the loss of your beloved husband and father. Heidi always had a wonderful time visiting and eating Frank's cooking. We pray for you during this sad time. Tina and Garland Thompson

August 20 at 5:11 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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