

Frank Palermo

November 8, 1925 - August 10, 2023

Frank Palermo died August 10, 2023, at his home in Red Bank, NJ. He was 97.

Frank was born November 8, 1925, he graduated from Far Rockaway High School, New York in 1944. After graduation, Frank then served in the Air Force from 1944 to 1946. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Squadron M308th Army Air Force Base Unit where he served as Radio Operator and Mechanic. After serving, Frank then attended State University of New York, in Morrisville NY. He graduated in May 1949 in Auto Technology. While attending SUNY, Frank met and fell in love with a local gal, Nancy Claire Blowers. On November 22, 1949, they were wed in Far Rockaway Beach, NY. Shortly after marrying Nancy, they relocated to Eatontown New Jersey and with the help of his dad, Dominick Palermo; they opened a small auto repair shop. Soon business was booming, and Frank decided to expand the location to include Auto Sales. With his brother, Henry, they opened F&H Motors Auto Dealership which sold and serviced Chrysler/Dodge. This family owned and operated business was sold in 1985.

Frank had a love of adventure and continued to challenge himself. Frank received his small aircraft license and owned a small Cessna. On weekends, Frank and Nancy would take day trips to explore various local sites and every summer Frank would fly Nancy back to Morrisville New York to visit family. In the summer, Frank enjoyed spending time on the beach with the family and eating at Nancy's famous meatball subs. In 1964, Frank built a 22-foot

wooden sailboat from scratch – he named her EROS. As a self-taught sailor, Frank would enjoy spending Sunday's sailing in the Highlands and out to the ocean. He never felt more at peace than when he was on his boat.

Nancy, his beloved wife passed in 2013, although heart-broken, he carried on. Frank is survived by his daughters, Diane Hallagan, Donna Alves, Janet Palermo and Lori Rowinski, and son Randy Palermo. He has nine grandchildren, Alex Hallagan, Jack Hallagan, Matt Hallagan, Tara Alves, Zach Alves, Connor Rowinski, Kyle Rowinski, Melissa Palermo, and Nicole Palermo.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to NJ Blind Citizens Association, 18 Burlington Ave, Leonardo, NJ 07737.

Private services for Frank's family will be held in Morrisville, New York on September 21, 2023

Cemetery Details

Burial will be Private

Tribute Wall

JG

“ In 2020, James Grady met Frank at Riverview Medical Center in Redbank, NJ! Frank and I were both in Riverview’s rehabilitation ward recovering from our ailments! Frank and I became instant friends and we met very often with his second love, Priscilla Bahr. Over his final years, Frank, Priscilla and I would meet occasionally for lunch where Frank entertained me with stories of his quite adventurous life. Most times, we would meet near the time of our birthdays that occurred just a week apart in November. Frank and Priscilla became closer friends during these meetings. When we weren’t having lunch together we stayed in touch by telephone. I will dearly miss his friendship and his harmonica playing!

While in rehab I had the good fortune of meeting Frank’s daughter, Janet, and her husband, Todd! Last year, i also met his daughters, Diane and Donna! I can only close by saying that Frank was a great man and I want to offer my condolences to his family and Priscilla Bahr who loved him dearly!

Jim Grady - August 24, 2023 at 06:01 PM

CC

“ Was thinking about Frank recently, wondering about how he was doing. He had a great run! His devotion to swimming always motivates me to correlate exercise with longevity.

Chris Chase - August 24, 2023 at 05:44 PM

DH

Thank you 🙏

Diane Hallagan - August 24, 2023 at 07:52 PM

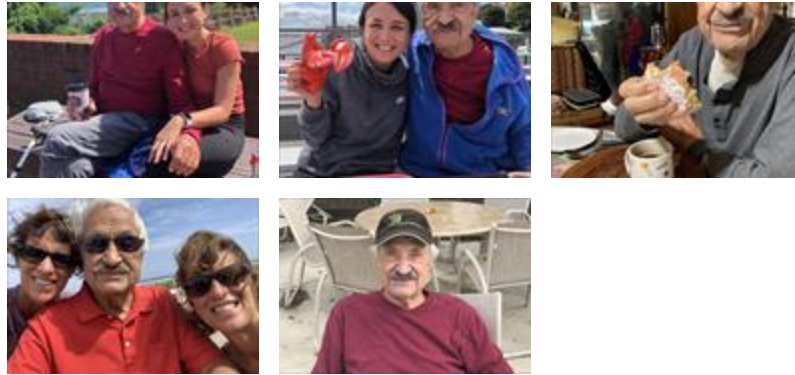
PB

“ It was in the last 10 years that he chose to live with Priscilla Bahr “Perk” who loved and took care of him and enjoyed life in Middletown NJ. He will forever be in my heart

Priscilla Bahr - August 24, 2023 at 03:12 PM

DH

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Diane Hallagan - August 24, 2023 at 12:52 PM

HM

“ Fond memories of my uncle. He is remembered with much care. We are so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace Helen & Joe Mayo

Helen Mayo - August 24, 2023 at 12:11 PM

DA

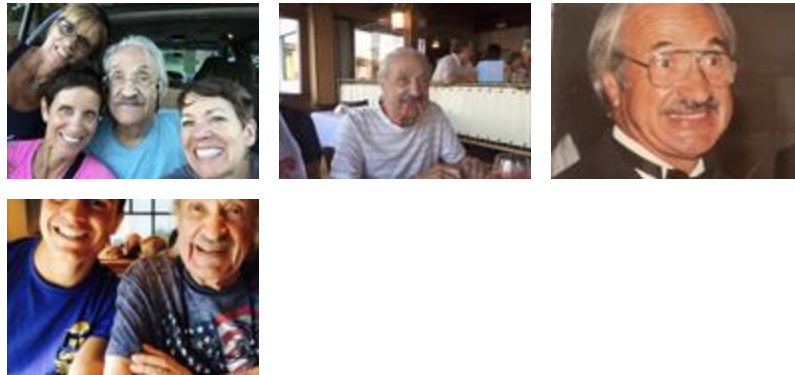
“ Donna Alves lit a candle in memory of Frank Palermo



donna alves - August 24, 2023 at 10:58 AM

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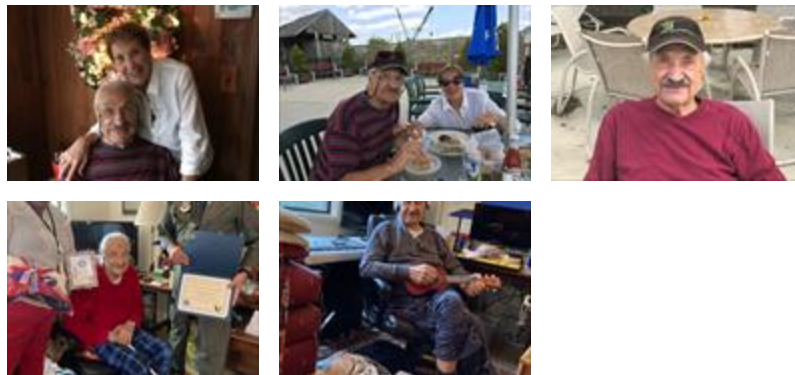
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donna.alves1@aol.com - August 24, 2023 at 10:21 AM

JP

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Janet Palermo - August 21, 2023 at 07:24 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Frank Palermo



Bongarzone Funeral Home - August 12, 2023 at 08:18 PM