



Frank N. Cangelosi

September 24, 1946 - October 24, 2009

Frank N Cangelosi

Former Principal, Edison High School

Frank N. Cangelosi, 63, of Ocean, New Jersey, passed away Saturday, October 24th, at Jersey Shore University Hospital.

Frank was born in New York and grew up in Jersey City. He attended St. Peter's College and received his master's degree from Seton Hall University. At the young age of 30, he became vice principal of Freehold Township High School. In 1980, he opened the brand new Lacey Township High School and served as principal there for ten years. He finished out his career as principal of Edison High School in Edison, NJ. While serving as principal of Edison, he had many notable achievements and accomplishments, among them the Governors Award for Outstanding Principal. He retired in 2004 and went on to travel extensively with his wife Jann, ride his Harley Davidson, and dote over his grandson J.P.

Frank was a strong, loving, wonderful man, who lived for his family. His main concern was for their happiness and love for one another. His strength and courage has been a shining example for all of his friends and family. We will all miss him terribly, but will remember him forever in our hearts and spirits.

Frank is survived by his loving and devoted family: wife, Jann Benzilio (Rudnick), daughter Cara Cangelosi and partner John Saddy, son Justin Cangelosi, stepdaughter Arica Rudnick, grandson J.P. Cangelosi Saddy, brothers John and Robert Cangelosi and their families. He was predeceased by his first wife Maryanne Simms in 1991. Frank is also survived by his mother and father-in-law; Stella and Al Benzilio, Sisters-in-law and husbands; Barbara and Joey Malorano, Roberta Benzilio and Bob Seracena, a Brother-in-law and wife; Lenny and Lori Benzilio, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Visitation

OCT **29**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Cangelosi was a good man. He knew what he wanted out of his students and pushed us all to be successful. He prepared us for the world and the challenges that we faced and because of his resounding successes as a principal, I've faced the challenges of the world head on. He will always be remembered as a man of honor and devotion. His memory and his teachings will live on in our hearts forever. God may have called his angel home, but his spirit in all whom he has touched will live on forever. Rest in peace, mr. C. As our journeys continue, we know you'll be along for the ride. We love you.*##imported-begin##Aida Burgos##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 10:07 PM



“ *I will forever be indebted to Frank for all the true love and happiness he brought to my sister Jann. You will be sorely missed and lovingly remembered always.* R##imported-begin##Roberta Benzilio##imported-end##

November 13, 2009 at 04:07 PM



“ *We are so saddened by Frank's untimely death. What little we spent with him on our trip to Italy we liked him very much.*

He is now in the hands of the Lord and may he rest in peace and everlasting love from those who knew him.

Al & Pauline Belisle

Cumberland Rhode Island##imported-begin##Al & Pauline Belisle##imported-end##

November 05, 2009 at 12:04 PM



“ *I will remember always St.Pauls and 5th grade with Sister Maryellen,Lacey H,S. and fun dinners and games >Rest in Peace my friend,you will be missed by many.*##imported-begin##Janet Kitson Ferrara##imported-end##

November 02, 2009 at 01:19 PM



“ As Justin's First Grade Teacher I had a unique opportunity to appreciate Frank as a fellow educator and parent. We shared the joys and concerns of his son's classmates. Frank looked forward to meeting these students again when they would be in the high school. One day Justin told his father I couldn't be too smart since I was still going to school. I completed my MA in May that year. I am grateful to have had my life touched by this family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Monika Desvousges Sisbarro##imported-end##

October 31, 2009 at 09:51 AM



“ Through my friendship with Cara, I had the privilege of seeing glimpses of a side to Mr. Cangelosi not seen by many. While he ruled Lacey Township High School with an iron fist, everything he did was with the best interests of his students in mind. He held firm in his convictions that there were rules to be followed and consequences when they were not. Not really all that novel of a concept. While he held his students to the highest of standards, he held himself to those same standards. In addition to ensuring that we were all instilled with a sense of personal responsibility, Mr. Cangelosi made sure that we were all prepared to go out into the world equipped with the tools necessary to find our own success and to be productive members of society. He was everything that a principal should be and so much more. Unfortunately, for many it took the passage of time and additional life experiences to fully appreciate everything that he did for LTHS and its students. While the stories of Mr. Cangelosi and the manner in which he ruled LTHS will always be legendary, Cara, Justin, J.P. and the thousands of students who walked through the doors of LTHS and the lives he shaped will be his enduring legacy.##imported-begin##Colleen Desmond Brandt##imported-end##

October 30, 2009 at 07:28 PM



“ I was so sorry to learn of Mr. Cangelosi's passing. I will never forget the sense of humor he had as principal of Lacey Township High School. Whenever I think back to those days, I remember the time when Mark Paynes dressed as him for Halloween and they both posed for a year book photo. It was a classic and I hope that you have a copy.

Teri McMahon Collins##imported-begin##Teri McMahon Collins##imported-end##

October 30, 2009 at 11:09 AM



“ Cara and Justin,

I fondly remember the years your father and I were the administrative team at Freehold Township High School. I was shocked and saddened to learn of his passing. He was a gifted principal whose dedication touched the lives of countless young people. He will be sorely missed.

Dr. Matthew C. Herman

October 30, 2009 at 09:59 AM



“ You will be missed

October 30, 2009 at 07:47 AM



“ Mr Cangelosi was my principal at EHS he was a nice and will be missed. I would like to extend my condolences to the entire Cangelosi family.

October 29, 2009 at 11:15 PM



“ to frank, our loving brother-in-law. we love you and we will miss you. rest in peace.

October 29, 2009 at 09:58 PM



“ WE ARE SORRY TO HEAR BOUT YOUR DAD

October 29, 2009 at 08:58 PM



“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR DAD.
IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU ,PLEASE LET US KNOW .
YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

October 29, 2009 at 08:55 PM



“ Jann I am so sorry for your loss. Those of us that had the privilege to work with Frank are not only better professionals but better people as well because of him. The "scout team" has lost its captain...I will always be grateful for all the support he gave to the coaching staff and the members of the girls basketball team at Edison High School. Year after year at graduation Frank would always remind us that "nothing gold can stay"...sadly, I finally can understand what he meant. To all who loved Frank, may the love and support of your family and friends help you through this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Patti Jaworski##imported-end##

October 29, 2009 at 04:30 PM



“ Justin, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. You are the light and strength which comes from your father. Mr. Cangelosi was a great man, and leader as well as yourself. Stay strong during this time. I know you will and we are always here for you. You and your sister are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Deirdre Callaghan##imported-end##

October 29, 2009 at 02:04 PM



“ Dear Cara, John & JP, we are so sorry for your loss. We extend our heartfelt condolences. If there is anything we can do please don't hesitate to ask if only to listen. We both lost our fathers within 6 months of each other & though it's not the same we truly understand. The memories is what will always sustain us. Always,
Annie & Bobby##imported-begin##Annie & Bob Baran##imported-end##

October 29, 2009 at 11:46 AM



“ I wanted to share with Frank's family how much he helped and mentored me when I was a first year teacher (at 39 years old). I believe it was only his first year as VP at Freehold Twp also. He understood how hard it was to learn to teach, he was so patient and kind to me. I'm not sure I would have returned after the first year if not for Frank and one fellow teacher in the Business Dept. who also helped me immensely. I will always be grateful for this help. Without it, I might not have persevered in my career that I had worked so hard for. I am deeply saddened at his untimely passing and hope you can take comfort in knowing what a kind man he was.##imported-begin##anne batton##imported-end##

October 29, 2009 at 09:46 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Cara, Justin and family...your Dad was a great man and will be remembered fondly. i am so very sorry for your loss...##imported-begin##Casey Musselman##imported-end##

October 29, 2009 at 09:00 AM



“ The Toporek family(Staci and Devin) wish to send their condolences to Jann .##imported-begin##Robin and Nor Toporek##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 11:34 PM



“ Jann, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Frank was a wonderful, caring, and compassionate man who gave his all to anyone who needed his help. He always strived for perfection in himself and others, and along the way influenced many lives. No one can come close the great principal that he was! The years that we all spent together at Edison High will always have a special place in my heart. His accomplishments at EHS are far to many to mention. But no one can ever forget his “goldenrod memos”, his wonderful Halloween costumes each year as he stood in the lobby, nor the prize “Eagle” watches he would give out. But, most of all I will never forget a good friend who helped when I needed it most, and enriched my life in many ways. I am thankful that you and Frank got to spend time together enjoying your home and each other. May God help you and your family get through this difficult time##imported-begin##Linda Coyne##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 09:20 PM



“ There is so little one can say at this difficult time, but my thoughts and prayers are with you. As many have said and will continue to remind you, Mr. Cangelosi was a great example to follow. We were all lucky to have known him.##imported-begin##Christine Casiero D'Angelo##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 09:06 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Cangelosi family. As a graduate of Lacey Twp. HS, and a classmate of Cara's, I have nothing but the fondest memories of him as a principal. Being the "founding father" of our school, he surely made it into a place we could all be proud of. He held each and every one of us to the highest standards and made sure we all went into the world knowing exactly what it meant to be "responsible". He was everything a Principal should be, and will be remembered as such. May God bless your family.##imported-begin##Janine Affuso-Duffy##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 04:18 PM



“ My sympathies to Mr. C's family. My son was a student at Edison High under him. What a great role model teaching tolerance and acceptance. Any man who is so passionate about his students that he would wear Big Bird and Austin Powers costumes for Halloween is a rare gem. Thank you for sharing him with many grateful parents.##imported-begin##Maryellen Robeson##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 03:38 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to the family. Mr. Cangelosi was my high school principal. I graduated in 1993 from EHS and he was a great man.##imported-begin##aimee chapel conway##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 03:23 PM



“ Ms. Rudnick-Cagelosi.
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of get loss. I am a former student of yours from John Marshall (1970's).##imported-begin##Dina Gelsomine##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 02:49 PM



“ We hold your family and friends in our prayers Mrs. Rudnick. Mr. Cangelosi was a great principal. I am so sorry for you loss. Class of 99'##imported-begin##Denise Underwood-Basile##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 02:40 PM



“ My HEART goes out to Jann and the entire Cangelosi family. Frank was a wonderful man and I am honored to have worked for him at Edison High School. I will always remember his Goldenrod paper with the eye of the eagle letter head which he would sign FNC :) He expected excellence from everyone, especially himself. He was a positive force for many, and he will always be missed. How blessed he was to have married Jann, have a wonderful family and a beautiful Harley :) God Bless You MR. Cangelosi !!!##imported-begin##Lisa Jakub##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 02:17 PM



“ Frank, we will all miss you, your strength, and your compassion. You were a special man and a wonderful example to many.

We'll think of you forever.##imported-begin##S. Karl Mohel##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 12:36 PM



“ I was part of the EHS class of 2002. Most people don't really remember their principals, honestly, besides Mr. C, I have no recollection of those people from elementary up through middle school. I can never forget how incredible Mr. C. was. Above all, he was a man who instilled tolerance and diversity within the school, whilst driving for excellence. In particular, the shining memory of him is right after 9/11, when he was witnessing some challenges that were facing students of Arab American descent, or who were Muslim. He called an assembly to discuss tolerance and understanding, and level set with the students. He didn't just talk about ethnicity, but he also brought up something also facing the school at the time - diversity for LGBT students. I think I speak for most of the students who walked away from that assembly feeling better about respecting others and I personally felt more comfortable coming to school as a gay student, and didn't consider it an issue lingering as I focused on my studies. It is sad to hear he is not with us, and it looks like despite the illness he faced, he had the opportunity to enjoy his final years with his wife by traveling. I am sure that God has a very special place for him up there.##imported-begin##John Colucci##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 12:31 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the Cangelosi family. I have very fond memories of "Mr. Cangelosi" as the "Founding Father" of LTHS. He was an excellent leader, a man of great intelligence and vision. He was always incredibly kind and supportive when I was a student, and maintained a sincere interest in my life and progress thereafter. I'll always think of him standing in the halls of LTHS, excellent posture, impeccable suit and wry smile.##imported-begin##Lori Gowen Morton##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 11:36 AM



“ To the Cangelosi Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Mr Cangelosi meant so much to my mother, Mary Lou Reid. He will be sadly missed.

God Bless, with sympathy,

Judi Reid Kettyle##imported-begin##Judi Reid Kettyle##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 09:40 AM



“ I am so glad that I worked with Frank at Freehold Township High School in the early 70s when he was a fellow English teacher and, later, as Vice Principal of our school. He was supportive of his teachers, firm but fair with students, and a class educator. I last saw Frank a couple of years ago at a reunion of sorts of his English Department friends who knew him in his early career successes. It is painful to think of this world without Frank in it. Condolences to his family, his children. He left a huge impression on those of us who knew him as a friend and as a professional.##imported-begin##Lynnda Williams##imported-end##

October 27, 2009 at 11:59 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Mr. C was a great man and i will never forget him.

Shaun Merritt

class of 99##imported-begin##Shaun R. Merritt##imported-end##

October 27, 2009 at 11:14 PM



“ ms. rudnick-cangelosi,

i'm so sorry for your loss. i was EHS class of 99 and one of your art students and i remember mr. cangelosi fondly. he was a great man and will be missed.##imported-begin##sandra crespo skolar##imported-end##

October 27, 2009 at 10:35 PM



“ Cara, John and Jann, JP was the light in Frank's eyes. He will live on in JP, the light will stay there.

You will all miss him everyday. Don't let JP forget him. Grandfathers in heaven give us comfort and strength. Three is not too young to know that PaPa is in heaven watching over me.

I feel your pain and I love you. Rosanne##imported-begin##Rosanne Citta##imported-end##

October 27, 2009 at 08:50 PM