



Frank Stanzione

March 6, 1950 - December 6, 2025

Heaven just got a lot smarter. Frank Stanzione, age 75, of Crown Point, Indiana died peacefully in his home on December 6, 2025, in the arms of his loving daughter Sharon with his wife Lorraine of 54 years by his side. Frank was born on March 6, 1950, in Gary, Indiana to Rocco and Gertrude (Mattern) Stanzione. He attended Andrean and Lew Wallace High Schools and later earned his Bachelor's degree and MBA from Purdue University. Frank started out at the mills and then became a builder like his father, having built nearly every house his family ever lived in from the ground up. He was a computer genius and worked many jobs all over the world teaching the software that he created. He also enjoyed teaching college classes at Purdue. Later in life, he became a litigation paralegal working side by side with his daughter Sharon, proudly defending health care providers being sued by aggressive plaintiff attorneys. Frank was dubbed the "Silver Fox" where he worked for several years at Spangler, Jennings & Dougherty and then at Johnson & Bell for over a decade. He was the brains behind their success, never having lost a jury trial. Frank was the Wind beneath his daughter's wings. He was a proud Papa to his grandson Johnny, the light of his life. He also had a special relationship with his son-in-law Jesse with whom he loved to play cribbage. He was a card shark and played cribbage up until his last days. Frank's favorite song was "As Good As I Once Was" by Toby Keith. When he became diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Frank would walk for miles every day all over Crown Point. He was a bit of a local celebrity and brought joy to the community. As the disease

progressed, his loving wife Lorraine cared for him at home just as he had always cared for her and their family. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Rocco and Gertrude Stanzione; his brother, Dean Stanzione; and his twin brother, Rocco Stanzione, Jr. Frank is survived by his wife, Lorraine (Pahkanen) Stanzione; daughter, Sharon (Jesse Murphy) Stanzione; grandson, Johnny Murphy; sister, Mary Rose (Bill) Williams, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and colleagues.

A celebration of Frank's life is being planned and will take place at a later date.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Frank's name to the Alzheimer's Association. Burns Funeral Home and Crematory entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com.

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“ *Lorraine and Sharon, and family,*

Our deepest condolences on the passing of your husband and father, Frank.

He was a great neighbor of ours in Merrillvile. May God grant him eternal life, and memory eternal.

Melissa and Alex Sarafin

Alex Sarafin - December 13, 2025 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Even though I attended the University of Notre Dame, where most of my professors were Rhoades Scholars, Frank was the smartest person I ever encountered. For many years, I worked with Frank at Spangler, Jennings and Dougherty and Johnson and Bell. On several occasions, Frank and I went to trial in order to defend doctors accused of medical malpractice. As a result of Frank's genius intellect, we prevailed each time. Frank's ability to assimilate massive amounts of complex information and then make understandable to jurors was mystifying. He excelled in this regard to the extent that he could have garnered national acclaim. Nevertheless, Frank's humility and kindness were not compatible with this pursuit, so Frank would attribute all credit to others.*

Christopher Grabarek - December 10, 2025 at 11:41 AM