



Mr. Frank M. Gondar Jr.

July 27, 1929 - September 18, 2016

Mr. Frank Michael Gondar Jr., 87, of New Lebanon, passed away peacefully at home on September 18, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Staten Island, NY, July 27, 1929, the son of Frank M. Gondar Sr. & Antoinette Percoco Gondar, he attended Port Richmond High School. He did not graduate High School, but obtained his GED.

He and his wife, the former Bridget H. Yashinsky, were married in 1952 in Staten Island, NY. She passed away in October 2003.

Frank was a proud Korean War Veteran in the U.S. Army, serving from 1951 until being honorably discharged in 1957 as an Acting First Sergeant. He then went on to serve as a Sergeant in the New York Police Department and retired after 21 years. He also served as a Special Investigator for the Miami Police Department.

Frank decided to continue his education and received his Associates in Applied Arts, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science Education degrees, all from Wagner College. In Staten Island, he was a high school history teacher and principal.

In 1980, he moved from Staten Island to New Lebanon, NY, where he was the

Presiding Judge for the Town of New Lebanon for 24 years. He was also a popular substitute teacher in the local school systems.

A communicant of Immaculate Conception Church, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying boating, jet skiing, snow skiing and camping. He was a ski instructor, boating instructor and scuba instructor (with over 4,000 dives). He also loved to travel the world visiting various places including all parts of Europe and the Middle East. He was also a huge Frank Sinatra fan.

He is survived by lifelong companion and domestic partner, Noreen E. Ford; his daughter, Cheryl Lynn Gondar-Lobaito; his sister, Sharon Mortenson; his daughter-in-law, Alice Gondar; and his two beloved granddaughters, Julie Mae Gondar and Victoria Ann Gondar. He was predeceased by a son, Frank John Gondar and a sister, Lana Cocuzza.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral will be held on Thursday September 22nd with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM at the Immaculate Conception Church in New Lebanon. Burial will be at a later date. Calling hours will be Wednesday September 21st from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ He, and his son, we'rey best friends. Taught him how to fly RC airplanes. Loved him...Rick Hurd

rick hurd - October 13, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank M. Gondar Jr..



September 21, 2016 at 09:50 AM

LH

“ I remember Frank as an outstanding teacher at NL high school. He knew everything about every historical event in New Lebanon. He taught us about our roots and more importantly, he taught us about life. He will be missed.

lori hunt - September 21, 2016 at 08:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank M. Gondar Jr..



September 20, 2016 at 11:28 PM

MM

“ Judge Gondar was my professor for criminal law at Berkshire Community College many years ago. I enjoyed this class a great deal and also enjoyed running into the Judge from time to time in New Lebanon on his motorcycle, fueling his boat in Pittsfield or exercising at Nautilus in Pittsfield. I always enjoyed chatting with this vibrant and thoroughly decent human being. When I saw him at Nautilus, he asked me if I still had the text book from the class I took from him. I told him that I did. He asked if I would like him to sign it for me so I started carrying the book with me until I ran into him again. He wrote a very very nice message in there for me and signed it. I am very glad I took him up on his offer. Again. this was a vibrant wonderful man who will be missed by all who knew him. Condolences to the Gondar family.

Michael McMahon - September 20, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank M. Gondar Jr..



September 20, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank M. Gondar Jr..



September 20, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ Sharon - Deepest sympathies on the loss of your brother. Karen & Fred Marcucci

fred marcucci - September 20, 2016 at 07:46 AM