



Frank Savino Jr.

February 4, 1936 - November 6, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of our father, Frank Savino, Jr. on November 6, 2025, at the age of 89.

Frank was born on February 4, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Frank Sr. and Mary (Malone) Savino. He worked hard his entire life to provide for his family, beginning as a cement laborer while a young man, before moving on to local truck driving for over 30 years. At the age of 54, Frank returned to his original passion, starting up his own successful family cement business, before finally retiring in 2001.

Known lovingly as Papa, in his early years as a parent, he was famous for his never tiring providing of "horseback" rides. He spent countless hours playing ball in the backyard with his children, (who made up an entire team), and cheering on his favorite Detroit sports teams. Above all, he adored his family and the time they spent together.

Later in life, Papa loved to dance, famous for dancing on his front porch to the tunes of Louis Prima to the delight of the neighborhood. His love of music encompassed all genres, but he especially loved Elvis Presley. He had the inane ability to drop the most random facts out of the blue, and we never were ceased to be amazed that they always proved to be true.

A wonderful father and a great man; his warmth and love of life will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Joan Marie (Schumaker) Savino, our fabulous Oma.

Devoted father of Lori (Earl) Degg, Lisa Savino, Frank Savino III, Lynn (Floyd) East, Michael (Lynne) Savino, Luan (Steve) Moraniec, Lana (Mitchell Sr.) Joa, Danny (Margaret) Savino, Christopher (Ioana) Savino, and Adam Savino.

Proud grandfather of twenty-four grandchildren and cherished great-grandfather of twenty great grandchildren (with three more on the way).

A private memorial will take place at a later date. Please share a memory of Frank at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

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“ Hi, I’m Nikole.. Frank was my neighbor in Royal Oak for 3 years.. and he became one of my best buddies. We’d sit on our side by side front porches talking for hours, sharing stories and listening to great music. Frank was always waving to all the people who walked by, they felt like they knew him too because he was such a familiar face, dancing on his front porch, making people smile. It was an unlikely friendship, a guy in his late 70s and a gal in her mid 30s but somehow we connected on a million things and looked out for each other and built a really special friendship. Along the way I got to meet so many of his kids and grandkids, it was so comforting having Frank’s big family coming and going, hanging out in the backyard.. even though I lived alone I never felt lonely. Frank made such a big impression on my friends and family who would visit, my mom especially who he always made a point of complimenting when she came over. Frank knew how to flash that big ole’ smile. I’m so grateful God crossed our paths and I know he’s in heaven now dancing with the angels.



nikole meier - January 20 at 10:32 PM

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“ I’m heartbroken to hear this! I’ve shared a many of late night conversations with frank on the porch! He always had stories of his wild days and a witty comment for me and my friend Nikole who were half his age! He was a gem of a human. Sorry for your family’s loss.

Mindy Gambrell - December 19, 2025 at 02:11 PM

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“ I’m sending all the Savino siblings my heartfelt condolences. I think of both Frank and Joan with absolute affection and admiration. Joe and I always loved the Christmas Eve family get-togethers at Pat’s. The love you all have for each other was always so visible. Frank had many talents, but I think his greatest accomplishment was raising a big, cohesive family.... Whose love for each other was magnificently apparent to us all. Xo Denise Savino

Denise Savino - November 22, 2025 at 01:13 PM

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“ so hard to pick one memory his kindness to me from the very first time i met him to our family parties at sammy’s and pat’s christmas eves ... summers at sams pool , and how very happy he was when he became a father ... from his first to his last the biggest smile when showing them off and alway fun when someone would say you have how many children 😂 and with a smile he’d say yes i have 10 💕🙏

Chuck & Dorothy Savino - November 20, 2025 at 05:24 PM