



Frank J. Taravella

July 20, 1931 - May 21, 2025

Frank J. Taravella, 93, of Belle Vernon, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 in Dunlevy Manor. A son of the late Salvatore and Frances (DiPiazza) Taravella, he was born in Monessen on July 20, 1931.

Formerly of Monessen, Frank has resided in Belle Vernon for the past 60 years. He was a 1949 graduate of Monessen High School. Frank attended the Journey By Grace Church in Rostraver Twp. and was a former member of the People's Bible Church and then the Calvary Bible Church. He had been employed as a pipefitter at the Allenport Plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, retiring after 30 years of service. Frank loved attending and showing cars at antique car shows and enjoyed working on his cars. He was a United States veteran, first enlisting in the U. S. Navy and then transferred to the U. S. Air Force.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Norma Shrader Taravella, a daughter and son in-law, Terri and Daniel Zuraw of Fellsburg, two grandchildren, Steffani (Joe) Zuraw of McMurray and Kathilynn (John) Feher of Rostraver, a sister, Joanne Cathers of Georgia, a brother, Joseph Taravella of Arizona, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Blatnik and Josephine Zdilla and a brother, Anthony Taravella.

Friends will be received on Friday from 5 to 8 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc 700 Broad Avenue Belle Vernon, 724-929-5300 www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Saturday at 11 A.M. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
700 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
(724) 929-5300

Funeral Service

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ Dear Aunt Norma & family:
We are saddened to hear of the passing of Uncle Frank. It seems like it was just yesterday when we used to gather at Nana’s & grandpa’s for spaghetti dinner on Sundays, the summer cookouts and holiday visits bring back many happy memories too!



During this time of sorrow, please accept our heartfelt prayers and condolences. As we grieve, let us find comfort in the words of scripture: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”(Matthew 5:4 NIV). May you find both joy and peace in the cherished memories you shared and strength in the love that surrounds you.

With deepest sympathy and love,
Tom Blatnik & family

Tom Blatnik - May 22, 2025 at 05:21 PM

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“ Tom & Jon Blatnik, Maria & Mark Lazur planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank J. Taravella.

Tom & Jon Blatnik, Maria & Mark Lazur - May 22, 2025 at 04:00 PM

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“ Tom & Jon Blatnik, Maria & Mark Lazur purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frank J. Taravella.



Tom & Jon Blatnik, Maria & Mark Lazur - May 22, 2025 at 04:00 PM

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“ Aunt Norma, Terri, and family. We are so sorry for your loss and we will miss Uncle Frank too. We always enjoyed our visits with you as we spent hours telling stories and sharing memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Brian and Tammy Cathers



Brian & Tammy Cathers - May 22, 2025 at 03:14 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Fond Memories



Brian & Tammy Cathers - May 22, 2025 at 03:10 PM

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“ Brian and Tammy Cathers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank J. Taravella.

Brian and Tammy Cathers - May 22, 2025 at 02:59 PM

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“ *Brian and Tammy Cathers purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Frank J. Taravella.*



Brian and Tammy Cathers - May 22, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JC

“ *He was everything a big brother should be. I will remember him for his caring ways and always reaching out to see if he could help. He loved his family, friends and his cars. RIP*

Joanne Cathers - May 22, 2025 at 01:58 PM