



Ferdinand Sassatelli

June 8, 1927 - April 6, 2015

I lived a great life! I was born on June 8, 1927, to Frank and Catherine Sassatelli. I graduated from East High School in 1944, served in the US Navy, until my honorable discharge.

I returned to Des Moines and spent my career working as a pressman/supervisor at Meredith Corporation for the next 45 years. I married Joanne Forret, a beautiful and spirited red head from Adel. We raised 9 children in a small home on Lower Beaver Road. It was a life full of love, hard work, and family. I arrived in heaven on Monday, April 6, 2015, I was greeted by my parents and am now dancing with Joanne.

I know I will be missed by my sisters, Genevieve Stefani and Clara (Nick) Romano; sister-in-laws, Sister Pat Forret, Ann Forret, & Lorraine Forret; my nine children, Frank, Jana Baltimore (Jeff), Jean (Zoe), Richard (Theresa), Lisa Clark (Hal), Katie McCoy (Kevin), Jim, Julie Hall (Andrew), and Larry; 15 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, numerous nieces & nephews, my dear friends and fishing buddies. I love you dearly. Now, celebrate our love! I suggest a little Dean Martin singing in the background... now that's amore.

Mass, Celebration of Life Services will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3300 Easton Blvd., Des Moines, 10AM Saturday, April 18, 2015.

Visitation, Friday, April 17, 2015 from 4:30pm, until a 7 PM Vigil Service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: Central Iowa Shelter, 1420 Mulberry Street – Des Moines, Iowa 50309 or Mercy Cancer Center, 411 Laurel Street – Des Moines, Iowa 50314.

Cemetery Details

Glendale Cemetery

4909 University
Des Moines, IA 50310

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
3300 Easton Blvd.,
Des Moines, IA

Vigil Service

APR 17. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
3300 Easton Blvd.,
Des Moines, IA

Celebration of Life Mass

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
3300 Easton Blvd.,
Des Moines, IA

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *KATIE SASSATELLI-MCCOY lit a candle in memory of Ferdinand Sassatelli*



KATIE SASSATELLI-MCCOY - June 22, 2015 at 10:00 PM

AH

“ *Andy Hall lit a candle in memory of Ferdinand Sassatelli*



Andy Hall - May 01, 2015 at 10:26 PM

GH

“ *Fred, as he asked me to call him purchased his home in Altoona from me in 2005. More importantly he helped me through the grieving process due to the sudden passing of my wife. He invited me to his home on Lower Beaver where we shared wine and cheese and talked of our families and of our future plans. It was indeed a pleasure to know him.
Please accept my condolences.*

*Gene Hilger
Indianola, IA*

Gene Hilger - April 17, 2015 at 04:50 PM

JH

Gene, what a lovely thing to say and so glad you shared this memory with us. Certainly brings a smile to my face. Thank you so very much!
Julie Hall (youngest daughter)

Julie Hall - April 18, 2015 at 07:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Sassatelli.*



April 17, 2015 at 11:28 AM

BT

“ *Frank, Jana, Jean, Richard, Lisa, Katie, Jimmy and Larry,*

It's been a long time since I have seen all of you and what wonderful memories I have. I never got to met Richard as he was always in school in CA, but talked with him on the phone many times. I will never forget that first Christmas I spent with all of you, the whole family made me feel so comfortable and right at home. Your dad was such a great guy, I always respected him very much. And truth be told was a little afraid of him also. I was never to sure what all Frank and told him about me. I know you will all miss him as you did your mother when you lost her. As Fred said, he is now dancing with Joanne and listening to Dean Martin, and that's amore.

*Beth (Kendall) Tindle
Grinnell Iowa*

Beth Kendall Tindle - April 16, 2015 at 01:00 PM

LC

Thanks Beth. I still remember the Christmas you spent with us, and the picture will keep that memory alive. Lisa (teacher from South Dakota at that time).

Lisa Sassatelli Clark - April 21, 2015 at 07:19 PM

TC

*“ The -- SASS FAMILY -- was a big part of the Campbell family --
UNCLE CHARLIE --
as known by the whole family . I had many great times fishing with
Sass !! I did survive being in the same boat with Sass -- especially if
he had a fish on the line .*

Peace to all -- Tom Campbell

Tom Campbell - April 15, 2015 at 12:52 PM

LC

*Thank you Tom. Uncle Charlie. Mary and you added so much flavor to
dad's life and ours. Lisa Sassatelli Clark Sass#5.*

Lisa Sassatelli Clark - April 21, 2015 at 07:22 PM

MN

*“ Beautiful tribute to your father Sassatelli family. I am friends with
Katie and understand through our conversations how much her
father is respected and loved by all who knew him. Know you will
comfort and support one another throughout this difficult time.
Michelle Nolen*

Michelle Nolen - April 15, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ I met Fred about 15 years ago. He heard I was a "union guy" I am and we found out what a small world we occupied as we had a lot of acquaintances from Meredith printing Peace be with you Fred, going to miss you. Prayers for your family who I consider as part of mine.

Mark & Patti Cooper

Mark Cooper - April 14, 2015 at 05:28 PM

JS

“ Mr. Sassatelli (Fred) was the patriarch of a very large Italian family which he made me feel part of from the first time I met him, right up to the last time I shook and held his hand. He always had a joke in hand, along with words of wisdom every time we were together.

His smile was contagious. I am so happy to have had the opportunity to know him, he will be missed by us, but welcomed by those that have passed before us.

Thoughts & prayers to all family members. Jeff Collar Sr.

Jeff Collar Sr. - April 14, 2015 at 08:42 AM

MS

“ Nick and Clara....Thoughts and prayers to you from your old travel agent. I remember working with all of you--good times!
Merlea Schultz

Merlea Schultz - April 14, 2015 at 07:49 AM

AG

“ I remember when I was in grade school and I had to do a report on a country. I choose to do my on Italy for obvious reasons. Grandpa drove down from Des Moines to Davenport and was my special guest! He made our entire class a favorite Italian dish.

Anne Guy - April 13, 2015 at 07:18 PM

MH

“ *Marian Hall lit a candle in memory of Ferdinand Sassatelli*



Marian Hall - April 13, 2015 at 03:10 PM