



Frank J. Gatz

April 1, 1947 - October 29, 2015

Frank J. Gatz. Retired C.P.D. 10th District. Beloved Husband of Margaret, nee Vlach. Loving Father of Mark (Monica) and Matthew Gatz. Proud Grandfather of Elizabeth, Joseph, Daniel, Mary and Hannah. Beloved Son of Joseph Sr. and the late Genevieve Gatz. Dear Brother of Barbara (Lee) Bass, Joseph Gatz Jr., Christine LaFrancis and Stephen (Cheryl) Gatz. Brother-in-Law of Robert (Janet) Vlach. Fond Uncle of many Nieces and Nephews and Cousin to many and loving "dad" to his seven 4 legged babies. Celebration of Life Service, Tuesday 10:30 AM at FORAN FUNERAL HOME 7300 W. Archer Ave.(55th st. just west of Harlem) . Cremation private. Visitation Sunday 4PM to 9 PM and Monday 3 PM to 9 PM. In lieu of flowers donations to ASPCA would be appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank J. Gatz*



Foran Funeral Home - October 31, 2015 at 03:38 PM

KH

David & I were so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. We were neighbors in Holcombe, and David knew him much longer than I. Always a smile and kind words came from a sweet sweet man! Please know we are thinking of all of you at this difficult time, he sure raised a beautiful family, and he's now smiling down and watching over you..

Kathy & David Hensley - November 08, 2015 at 12:52 PM

DD

“ *I just learned of Frank's passing. We worked together in 021. Frank was a good cop but more importantly a good man! Rest in peace Frank.*

Dan Davis

Dan Davis - January 05, 2016 at 11:03 PM

DM

“ It is with deep sorrow that I have learned of Frank’s passing. I have the honor of knowing Frank as a friend having met him in the Air Force Reserves. Always a smile, a laugh, or word of encouragement. Frank was the person that others wanted to gather around.

As I think of my time in the Reserves, it is always with a memory and smile of Frank. Whether it was playing kickball in the unit’s Supply Room, working together to meet a deadline, on deployments, or just gathering to have a beer, it was Frank who was the magnet and our compass. I regret that I have allowed time and distance to pass us by. I know that Frank is making the other angels smile and laugh.

Dennis Morgan

Dennis Morgan - December 29, 2015 at 10:55 AM

SL

“ I worked for him at the Air Force facility at O'hare. I lived east on 55th so we drove there together all the time. He was such a great man and we had some fun deployments together. I had dinner at his house and got to know his family including his Mom,Dad and Sister. I regret I lost touch as I moved to Wisconsin and now in Colorado. My condolences.

Steve Luneburg - November 28, 2015 at 08:53 PM

JL

“ If you were in the Gatz house anywhere near dinner time, you were going to eat dinner there. There was no way around it if Mark's dad was home. Frank was such a welcoming and utterly hospitable man, that there were a few times I ate 2 dinners, but many more where it was my only one. Frank never let me feel like I was imposing, and I can still hear him say "Knock your socks off!" while serving a second helping. I loved hearing his cop stories, and I have shared them with others. There were some homes that you didn't want to hang out at when the father was home, but the Gatz certainly house wasn't one of them. The Gatz family lost a great father, and Chicago has lost one it's finest sons. Frank Gatz is one of the reasons why Garfield Ridge was such a great neighborhood to grow up in.

Jong Lee - November 07, 2015 at 02:58 PM



Wow! Jong, thank you. You knocked my socks off with your beautiful words. Literally!

Mark Gatz - November 07, 2015 at 04:38 PM

BF

“ I have so many happy memories of Frank at Lake Holcombe! He was such a friendly and happy man. I love how he had fish names for all of us! One of my favorite memories has to be when he would try waterskiing. It makes me smile when I remember how hard it was for him to control those long limbs. Please accept my deepest sympathies and my prayers for Marge Minnow, Mark Muskie and the rest of the family.
With love and prayers,
Brenda "Bluegill" Fyles

Brenda Fyles - November 06, 2015 at 02:27 PM



Thanks Brenda for sharing those memories. Those are so precious to me and my family.

Mark Gatz - November 07, 2015 at 01:28 PM

GL

*“ I was so very sorry to hear about Frank's passing. He was one of the good guys & will be missed. It was an honor to have known him.
Georgette Lane*

Georgette Lane - November 03, 2015 at 04:47 PM

JK

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Franks passing. I met him at my moms wake a little over two weeks ago- he and my mom were cancer buddies. Despite all he was going through , he seemed to a good attitude about things. It is SO true when they say only the good die young. Again my prayers to Frank & his family.



jennifer koziel - November 02, 2015 at 10:06 PM

TT

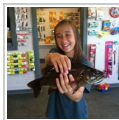
“ I was truly sorry to hear of Frank's passing. He was a friend to all, a good police officer and a really nice guy. I will remember Frank and his family in my prayers at this difficult time.

Tom Toolis - November 02, 2015 at 06:48 PM

CK

“ i have good memories of Mr. Gatz growing up with his Son Mark as 1 of my good friends in high school. i thought that it was so cool that my friend`s dad was a Chicago Police Officer! Mr. Gatz took Mark and I on some camping trips to Wisconsin, we had a great time. Condolences to his family and friends and may GOD rest his soul forever.

Charles Koblick - November 02, 2015 at 06:10 PM



Thank you very much Chuck. My dad thought highly of you, Brian and the rest. I am so thankful to call you a friend.

Mark Gatz - November 02, 2015 at 10:18 PM

BB

“ My condolences to the Gatz family. Frank and I were in the Air Force Reserve together. Frank was always there for anyone who needed help. He diid his job quietly. I'll miss his wry sense of humor. He is a good man !

Boris Baburich - November 02, 2015 at 03:29 PM

CM

“ Dear Marge,
I am so sorry for your loss. I have shared some of your life with you and found you to be a wonderful, loving person. I miss you and hope the love of all your family and friends help you now and in the future.
With love,
Corinne Mientus

Corinne Mientus - November 02, 2015 at 08:59 AM

AM

“ Sure will miss you "grandpa" Uncle frank.
Always the light of all parties and will miss your
genuine love for others and conversations.
Love ya. ~kid~



Amanda Marie - November 02, 2015 at 08:44 AM

MG

“ To the katz family I worked with Frank when he
worked at Continental Bank. I also took the
Police exam at Wells High with Frank. I did not
pass the physical because of height. We had to
feed Frank with milk shakes to reach the right
weight. He was a great friend. I will miss him.



Mike Gonzalez - November 01, 2015 at 07:50 PM



Mike, Thanks for feeding him the shakes so he could work with the
CPD.

Mark Gatz - November 02, 2015 at 08:11 AM

PO

“ To the Gatz Family,
I had the privilege to work on the 10th District Tactical Team and
Frank was the guy who took care of us and made sure that we were
where we needed to be, when we needed to be there. He always
made sure we had the right equipment for the job that we needed to
do, although we were never sure how or where he got all of the
stuff.
Frank, my the Lord now take care of you in the same ways that you
always took care of others.

Patrick O'Donovan - November 01, 2015 at 02:46 PM

JL

“ Frank was a great neighbor. He was always so friendly to me and my son when we walked our little white doggie around the block. My Mom says he was always smiling whenever she talked with him. You will be missed! Love, Mary, Janet, Anthony, and Hunter.

Janet Luszczi - November 01, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ Coming from a Chicago Police Department family -- a retired detective uncle, another uncle CPD officer killed off-duty while responding to the screams of a woman tavern cashier being robbed at closing time, and a younger brother (deceased) who was a CPD officer until his health declined (likely from the effects of Agent Orange as a Marine combat photographer while serving in Viet-Nam) -- I have a strong sense of what it meant to Air Force Sergeant Frank J. Gatz to "Serve and Protect" the City of Chicago. As the longtime commander of the O'Hare Air Reserve Security Forces, I had the privilege to know Sergeant Gatz not only a great individual and personal friend, I counted on his maturity and wisdom on many operational decisions throughout our service together. Frank had this natural gift as a father-figure to all our unit members but particularly so with the younger and less experienced troops. As our larger Air Force role as Security Police changed to Security Forces, our operational culture transitioned in theme from "A Great Way of Life" to "Be All You Can Be." And that meant a major conversion from Base Law Enforcement in blue uniform and flight-line Security duty in plain green fatigues to a variety of camouflage uniforms and learning and mastering the "snake-eater" business outside the fence line. The counsel of Sergeant Gatz in guiding the mindset and execution for our Security Forces was invaluable in this massive change effort.

In all the finest attributes conceivable, Sergeant Gatz was the consummate professional. Unto Almighty God we commend the soul of our beloved brother, Frank Gatz.

Oliver Carter - November 01, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ *In your life you will only have a few people that you can call a best friend. I had the honor of calling Frank Gatz one of mine.*



He was a very generous and caring person to everyone he knew.

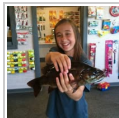
In my house he was known as Frank, Franky Baby, FrankO, What up doe, Grandpa and my brother- from-another-mother and I was known as Dave my neighbor from across the alley.

He never missed a party or a chance to come over and have a coffee and beer at the same time.

I will miss watching and helping him put up 9000000 lights on his house every year for Christmas and every other holiday.

*Rest in peace my Friend
Don't forget FrankO Holler loud and proud.*

David Maynard - November 01, 2015 at 09:09 AM



Dave, I love that photo of you on the pontoon.

Mark Gatz - November 02, 2015 at 08:09 AM

HC

“ *I worked with frank, and he always had a smile and loked with everyone at work.He was a great guy, may he rest in peace and may G O D bless his family Harry Callahan*

Harry Callahan - November 01, 2015 at 01:08 AM



“ Pa and Joey purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Frank J. Gatz.



Pa and Joey - November 01, 2015 at 12:22 AM



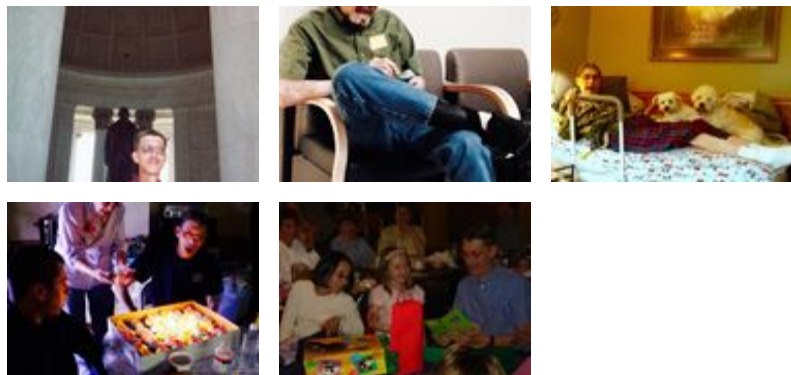
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank J. Gatz.



October 31, 2015 at 08:50 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



Foran Funeral Home - October 31, 2015 at 03:30 PM

FN

“ Frank was one of the good guys...popular, positive, trusted, competent with a good sense of humor to boot. I imagine you're relieved his illness has ended, but you must miss him terribly: grief mixed in with relief. All I can offer you are my prayers for your endurance and healing, along with my belief and hope that say our Frank is in God's presence now and you'll hold him again, some day, forever. I'm blessed to have ridden with him.
Fr. Thomas Nangle, CPD chaplain retired

fr Thomas Nangle - October 31, 2015 at 01:01 PM

FB

“ Heartfelt and prayerful condolences from the Chicago Police Chaplains. Frank will be remembered at the Police Mass on Sunday, 08 NOV, 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home - 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. In the meantime, may family and friends know the healing touch of our all-loving, all-merciful God! [www.ChicagoPCM.org or 312/738-7588]

Fr. Dan Brandt - October 31, 2015 at 08:59 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Frank J. Gatz.



October 31, 2015 at 01:35 AM

CJ

“ U.S Air Force motto:
"Integrity First
Service Before Self
Excellence in All We Do"

Chicago Police Department motto:
"We serve and protect."

Frank exemplified all these attributes...a true example of the very best man has to offer his fellow man. And when this was coupled with a generous, loving heart, the most wonderful laugh and sense of humor, God created a very special individual who will be remembered long after my humble words are forgotten. To the Gatz family, I offer my deepest condolences. Rest in peace, Frank. You have fulfilled your mission with honor and courage.

Cheryl Janusz

Cheryl Janusz - October 30, 2015 at 08:11 PM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Gatz family. Frank was truly a bright light in this world and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. We will always remember his terrific smile and sense of humor, especially his infectious laughter. He is now in the soft embrace of Jesus and we will one day be reunited with him in Paradise.

*Much love,
John and Janet Malkiewicz*

John and Janet Malkiewicz - October 30, 2015 at 05:41 PM

TF

“ My memory of Frank is his love of beauty. His beautiful flowers he planted every summer. Feeding the birds bringing more beauty to our homes. Cardinals and other birds coming to feed. The lovely decorations he would have for the holidays. His love of animals. I happened to be lucky to have one of his puppies who is a joy to our family. He was just a great person who will be missed.



The Palumbo Family - October 30, 2015 at 04:07 PM

AN

“ Both Frank and myself wore the blue uniforms as Chicago's finest police officers and the blue uniform of United States Air Force. I loved Frank's sense of humor. He always loved to joke around. Frank will be missed by many. He is now in the Hands of God.
Tony Niemotka

Anthony Niemotka - October 29, 2015 at 07:01 PM