



## Frank Lipari, Jr.

October 10, 1937 - February 9, 2020

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, February 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lafayette for Frank Lipari, Jr., 82, who passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette.

Interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Washington, La.

Reverend Mario Romero, Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church, will conduct the funeral services. The graveside service will be officiated by Reverend Matthew Higginbotham.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 57 years, Kathleen Lipari; his four children, Melissa Davidson (Jay), Mike Lipari (Kelly), Mark Lipari (Cynthia), and Chris Lipari (Janet); his grandchildren, Drew Dumesnil, Natalie Perroncel, Jason Shaffer, Elise Lipari, Eli Lipari, Evan Lipari, Nick Lipari, Sophia Lipari; and his brothers, Charles Lipari (Alice), and Lucien Lipari (Carolyn).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lena Cutrera Lipari.

### Life Well Lived

A life well lived is a precious gift,  
of hope and strength and grace,  
from someone who has made our world  
a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad  
with smiles and sometimes tears,  
with friendships formed and good times shared,  
and laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy,

of joy and pride and pleasure,  
a living, lasting memory  
our grateful heart's will treasure.

-Author Unknown

Today we celebrate the life well lived of Frank Lipari, Jr. Frank was a proud native of Opelousas who graduated from the Academy of the Immaculate Conception in 1955 and went on to study petroleum engineering at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge from 1955 to 1958. Ultimately, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1961. Upon graduation, Frank served in the Louisiana National Guard and in 1962, he began working for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, a career that would span 32 years. Upon selection by the Lower Mississippi Division of the Corps to participate in an advanced study program, Frank also attended the University of California, Berkeley, in 1975, and received his Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering (Construction Management). During Frank's tenure at the Corps of Engineers, he was a project engineer, a supervisory engineer, and a resident contracting officer for the Teche-Vermilion Freshwater Distribution Project and the Pointe-Coupee Pumping Station Project. Additionally, Frank participated in many floodfight operations and disaster situations including disaster surveys and recovery operations after hurricanes Betsy and Camille. He also served as sector commander for the high water floodfight operations on the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers in 1973, 1974 and 1979, responsible for the integrity of approximately 100 miles of levees and floodwall. Upon retirement from the Corps of Engineers in 1994, Frank furthered his career in the private sector as Manager of Government Contracts for C & C Technologies from 1994 to 2013.

While his dedication and professional accomplishments were notable, it's this next part that really defined Frank...

He married his beloved wife, Kathleen in 1962 and together they had four amazing children and eight grandchildren. Anyone who knew Frank knew that his most cherished and precious times were always spent with his family - whether it was a special celebration, sitting on the side of a soccer field or just getting together over a pot of his amazing gumbo. Many know and remember Frank as a former usher and faithful parishioner of Holy Cross Catholic Church and still others may remember him from the many years he spent as a coach and former Vice-President of the Lafayette Little League. Or perhaps some will remember him for any one of the following: his immense pride in his family and Italian heritage; his insatiable appetite for FOX News; his Thursday family lunches at Chris' Po-Boys (thank you, Donna!); his love of the Yankees (which presented

a problem when they played the Astros!); and his love of the LSU Tigers (thank you, Coach O and Joe Burrow!). Oh, and his inability (or willful defiance) to park within the lines of a designated parking space.

Frank was so well liked by all who knew him and he will forever, and most importantly, be remembered for his intense love of family. You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race and you have remained faithful (from 2 Timothy 4:7). We are so very grateful for your legacy of love and a life well lived.

Pallbearers will be Mike Lipari, Mark Lipari, Chris Lipari, Drew Dumesnil, Eli Lipari, and Jay Davidson.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Jason Shaffer, Guy Byington, Buddy Byington, Stephen Lipari, Ronald Lipari, Perry Sims, Joey Lipari, Leo Quirk and Tim Quirk.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Martin & Castille's SOUTHSIDE location on Thursday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and will continue on Friday from 9:00 AM until time of service.

A Rosary will be prayed Thursday at 7:00 PM in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made in Mr. Lipari's name to MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486 Houston, Texas 77210-4486.

A heartfelt appreciation is extended by the Lipari family to the doctors and staff of DCI (Dialysis Clinic) of Lafayette and Broussard. As well as the firemen at the Broadmoor Fire Station.

View the obituary and guestbook online at [www.mourning.com](http://www.mourning.com)

Martin & Castille-SOUTHSIDE-600 E. Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508, 337-984-2811

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Cedar Hill**

Washington, LA,

**FEB Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM**

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Southside Location  
600 East Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

**FEB Rosary 07:00PM - 07:30PM**

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Southside Location  
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**FEB Visitation 09:00AM - 10:30AM**

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Southside Location  
600 East Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

**FEB Funeral Mass 11:00AM - 12:00PM**

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Holy Cross Catholic Church  
415 Robley Dr., Lafayette, LA, US, 70503

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Martin & Castille Funeral Home** - February 12, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ All of these touching and heartfelt tributes to Frank bring tears and smiles to our hearts. Please know how special we regard them. It's so good to know that others valued his life, too. Thank you.

**Kathleen** - February 16, 2020 at 05:38 AM

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“ It is with extreme heartfelt sorrow that we learned of Frank’s passing. Lisa and I extend our deepest condolences to Kathleen and the entire Lipari family. Frank was an outstanding person, and a rock of stability and calm.

During his years at C&C Technologies, he was one of the company’s top employees. Frank was like Superman; most of the time he was a “mild mannered engineer from a major metropolitan survey company“. And when necessary, he was able to do super Human things with proposals, spreadsheets, and clients that greatly help the company and its employees. He had the magical ability of transforming an office environment into a family environment, and had the uncanny ability to bring calm, a smile, and most often a chuckle to any conversation.

Frank was also a great husband, father, and Christian all evidence by the quality and integrity of his family. It was an honor to have known Frank. For a quiet person, he left a big mark in the world. He will be missed by all.

With love and respect,

Thomas and Lisa Chance

**Thomas Chance** - February 13, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ We cannot thank you enough for the kind and thoughtful words and please know that he spoke so fondly of the years spent with his C & C family.

**Kelly Curtis Lipari** - February 14, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I remember times in the neighborhood and your dad always having a smile for everyone. A small but wonderful way of brightening the day! May your memories help you at this difficult time.

**Shadon Biggs Hannie** - February 15, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ My condolences to the Lipari family on their loss. Mr. Frank was a first class gentleman that was a pleasure to work with. Must be a big levee job going on in heaven that requires Mr. Frank's expertise.

**Bo Hannegan** - February 13, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Kathleen: I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family. God bless all of you.

**PHYLLIS Ledet** - February 14, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Lipari, Jr..



February 13, 2020 at 10:10 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Lipari, Jr..



February 13, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Lipari, Jr..



February 12, 2020 at 07:56 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frank Lipari, Jr..



February 12, 2020 at 03:19 PM

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“ Frank was a great mentor during the 1974 Flood Fight and Devil's Swamp Dike project.  
Tim Tate

Tim Tate - February 12, 2020 at 02:30 PM

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“ 130 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - February 12, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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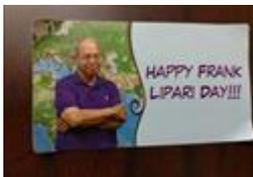
“ It always warmed my heart to see the two of you together. You each would give the other that special look and smile and I knew that you truly loved each other. Love you Kathleen..

Mary Anne Traweek - February 12, 2020 at 09:23 AM

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“ Frank was so special that we had a "HAPPY FRANK LIPARI DAY!" at C&C Technologies. :-)



Doug Pierrottie - February 12, 2020 at 09:17 AM

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“ Sorrowful news, but very thankful that I was lucky to know Mr. Frank. Soft spoken, calm demeanor, great sense of humor ‘Never have to get mad, with an Italian trunk’.

My sincere condolence to the Lipari family & friends.

**Pearl** - February 12, 2020 at 06:53 AM

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“ Mr. Frank was such a soft-spoken, kind person. It was a pleasure working with him for many years. "Frankie the Blade" will be truly missed. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family.

Denise and Bill Douglas

**Denise** - February 11, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ Frankie The Blade or The Godfather of The Corps/University of Berkeley Ca.  
He shall be missed.

If He y walking down the hall looking in depth a piece of paper, do not dissterb for He is looking at a special project(I use that often as a Dispatcher).

There is also an Islad off The coast of Sicily. Called Lipari Island). Coincidence, I think NOT!!!

Peach

**michael peach williams** - February 11, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ I taught Frank in Civil Engineering at UL in 1961. He was an excellent student and a wonderful young man. His smile would always light up the room.

Condolences to his family members.

James W. Reeves, Retired Dean of Engineering, UL

**James W. Reeves** - February 12, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Lipari, Jr..



February 11, 2020 at 02:59 PM

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“ My Condolences to all his Family! May he Rest In Peace!

**iris Diesi** - February 11, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Lipari, Jr..



February 11, 2020 at 08:13 AM

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“ I was truly saddened by the news of Frank's passing. I worked with him for over twenty years at C & C Technologies where I got to know him well. Everyone who knew him was touched by his friendly, smiling personality. He had a calm confidence in his work and loved what he did. He was also a wonderful Christian and family man who will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to come in contact with him. May God rest his soul.  
Doug and Debbie Pierrottie

**Doug Pierrottie** - February 11, 2020 at 07:33 AM

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“ So sad to hear of Mr. Franks passing. Such a good man and dearly loved by everyone who knew him. A gentle soul. He and I would always cut up about Seinfeld's "Hellooo Newman" but we would use each other's names. I will never watch that show again without thinking of him. Our hearts are with your family at this great loss. Mona and Terry Woodson

**Mona Woodson** - February 10, 2020 at 08:36 PM

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“ I’ve known Mr Frank since his employment with the USACOE and was excited to have him come aboard at C & C Technologies where he taught many of us how to become true business leaders, Project Managers, Managers and best of all, Leaders within each of our specific talents! Although Mr Frank was a man of few words, his smile showed each of us how “appreciative” he was and when he didn’t smile, one knew to go back to correct any and all errors or mistakes until his smile returned and a “ Good Job” was spoken so sincerely along with a handshake of affirmation.

To the Lipari family: our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers are with you all during these trying times.

And, may we always continue to share Mr Frank’s contagious SMILE!

Mike and Betty Dupuis

**Mike & Betty Dupuis** - February 10, 2020 at 08:14 PM

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“ My heart is burdened by this news. I worked with Frank for nearly 20 years at C&C Technologies and, with that, learned how extraordinary he was. Please accept our condolences.

**Jason & Ashley Duplechin** - February 10, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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“ DEAR LIPARI FAMILY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR VERY SAD LOSS....FRANK WAS A SPECIAL MAN AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

**ROBERTA DUMESNIL** - February 10, 2020 at 03:30 PM