



Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend

October 12, 1947 - October 23, 2025

TOWNSEND: Francis A. "Frank" Franco, 78, a longtime resident of West Townsend and Dighton, MA, more recently of Brookline, NH. Peacefully passed away on October 23, 2025, at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center in Nashua, NH, following a long two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer and other health complications.

Frank was born in Cambridge, MA, on October 12, 1947, a son of Francis and Catherine A. (MacNeill) Franco, and grew up in Cambridge and Arlington, MA.

Prior to his 2009 retirement, Frank worked as a mechanic for several area firms, including Allied Systems, NuCar Carriers, and Pepsi, all in Ayer, MA.

He loved spending time on the water, working with his hands, and building nearly anything he set his mind to. Weekends were never without a project, and he especially cherished time with his children and grandchildren. There was little he could not do, and he found joy in simple pleasures — like hopping in the car and going for a drive.

He leaves his wife of 41 years, Cecile D. (Wilson) Franco; his son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Jennifer Franco of Chelmsford, MA; and five daughters, Angela Butler–Franco and her husband, Daniel, of Stoneham, MA, Michelle Meltzer and her husband, Eric of Fryeburg, ME, Melissa Drolet and

her husband, Christopher of Dade City, FL, Marci Obringer and her husband, Paul, of Woodward, OK, Mandi Sue Bleau and her husband, Normand, of Brookline, NH; eight grandchildren, Erin Meltzer, Rachel Meltzer, Emily Wilson, Kaylie Rucker, Zachary Boudreau, Samantha Bleau, Alexander Butler-Franco and Evelina Butler-Franco. He also leaves behind his loyal dog, Lucky, the last of many dogs who brought him joy throughout his life.

Frank was the brother of the late John Franco, Daniel Franco, Margaret J. Franco, Pauline J. Franco, and Catherine A. Dane.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to St. Jude Medical Center.

Frank's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours, 4-7 PM, Monday, November 3, 2025, at Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119), Townsend Center.

His funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in the funeral home.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.* ”



November 03, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Jon, Emmy, Henry, amd Alden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.* ”

Jon, Emmy, Henry, amd Alden - November 03, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.* ”



November 02, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.* ”



November 01, 2025 at 06:43 PM

NS

“ *Nessiem & Carol Samuel purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.*



Nessiem & Carol Samuel - October 31, 2025 at 09:08 AM

FF

“ *From the GxP Impact Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.*



From the GxP Impact Family - October 31, 2025 at 08:53 AM

TS

“ *Tricia, Jack, Sheila, Stephen purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.*



Tricia, Jack, Sheila, Stephen - October 30, 2025 at 02:55 PM

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“ *Tricia, Jack, Sheila, Stephen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.*

Tricia, Jack, Sheila, Stephen - October 30, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.



October 29, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.



October 28, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ 10 files added to the album *Frank Franco*



Mandi Sue - October 28, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *In The Sky - 8.25 Glass Star Tea Light Holder was purchased for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.*



October 27, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ *Kim & Jim Draper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.*

Kim & Jim Draper - October 27, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.*



October 27, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Frank's passing. His goodness will be remembered and cherished by so many.*

Skip and Evelyn Tumber - October 27, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.*



October 27, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *Karen & Jeff Weller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis A. Franco, formerly of Townsend.*

Karen & Jeff Weller - October 27, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *Frank was a wonderful man and a great friend. We'll always remember our visits to Dighton and our first lobster-fest! Sending our love and condolences to the entire Franco family. Blessings, Charlie and Alice Butler*

Charlie and Alice Butler - October 26, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Frank's passing! Frank was our neighbor, across the street on Allen Rd in Billerica, MA, back in the '70's. He was always very friendly and willing to lend a hand. Glad to hear he had such a full and rich life, and blessed with such a large family! RIP Frank!*

Linn Robinson - October 26, 2025 at 11:51 AM