



Frank A. Esielionis

June 24, 1939 - August 7, 2021

Frank A. Esielionis, 82, of Shirley, passed away on Saturday morning, August 7, 2021, in his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Frank was born in Fitchburg on June 24, 1939, a son of the late John J. and Josephine J. (Jarski) Esielionis and graduated Fitchburg High School in 1958.

Shortly after graduation Frank joined the U.S. Navy and served his Country for the next four years. Following his honorable discharge, he returned home and graduated from Lowell Technical Institute.

Frank was the Quality Control Manager at Power Cube Inc., Billerica, and owned and operated the Shirley General Store prior to his retirement in 2001.

He was a member of the Shirley Rod and Gun Club since 1962 where he was recognized as a lifetime member and served on various committees. At the time of his passing he was Chairman of the Board of Directors. Frank was also a member of the Shirley American Legion Post 183.

Hunting, fishing, spending winters in Florida, and periodic trips to local casinos were all of Frank's favorite activities; however his greatest passion was spending time with his family and friends.

Frank also served on various local Town Committees including, Conservation Commission, Energy Committee, Shirley By Law Review Committee, Senior Center BOD, MassWildlife Paraplegic Hunting Guide, volunteer on SPACO and former partner of the Devens Golf Course.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Jacqueline (Merrill) Esielionis of Shirley; his children, John Esielionis of Shirley, Mark Esielionis and his wife Sherry of Shirley, Sandy Fitzgerald and her husband Scott of Shirley; James Esielionis of Shirley; Liz Esielionis and her husband Ben Kichen of Groton and Donna Tappenden of Fayetteville, NC; his siblings, Barbara A. Kelley of Madison CT, David Esielionis of Shirley, Stephen Esielionis of Shirley and Michael Esielionis of Leominster; his grandchildren, Erika Esielionis, Katherine Esielionis-Simmons, Sydney Esielionis, Allyson Esielionis, Erin Fitzgerald-Aponte, Peter Fitzgerald, Amy Esielionis, Andrew Esielionis and Christopher & Gregory Tappenden and several nephews and nieces.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 12, at 10AM in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St., Shirley. Burial with military honors will be in the Village Cemetery in Shirley. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, August 11, from 4-7PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer. For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to George J. Morin American Legion Post 183, 8 Church St., Shirley, MA 01464 or to the Shirley Senior Center, 9 Parker Rd., Shirley, MA 01464.

Cemetery Details

Village Cemetery

Harvard Road
Shirley, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home
25 Fitchburg Road
Ayer, MA 01432
info@andersonfuneral.com

Funeral Mass

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA 01464

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Was very saddened to hear of Frank's passing. To Jackie and the entire Esielionis family, you have my deepest sympathies. The Shirley community has lost a treasure.

Dave Minott - August 15, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to Jackie and the entire Esielionis family. Frank will be missed by many, especially his kindness and genuine smile.



Sue Graves - August 14, 2021 at 11:44 AM

JB

“ Jack And Annabelle Byrne lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Esielionis



Jack and Annabelle Byrne - August 14, 2021 at 10:25 AM

JA

“ We are all so grateful for your thoughts, prayers and good wishes for our family as we grieve our loss of this wonderful man. Your support means more than you know.

Jackie - August 14, 2021 at 07:50 AM

JL

“ Frank was one of a kind and his legacy lives on through the amazing family he leaves behind. As someone who was not a “top performer” at the annual Fishing Derby and survived Frank’s hilarious commentary as a result, I know he’d want me to ask about this picture: What’s that thing in your hand, Frank?

Tight lines Frank. The world lost a great one.
John Lalone

john lalone - August 12, 2021 at 02:18 PM

BW

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Esielionis family. Beverly Welton*

Beverly Welton - August 12, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Frank A. Esielionis.*



August 11, 2021 at 10:46 AM

PL

“ *My Deepest Sympathy goes out to the Esielionis family...to Jackie, their children and grandchildren..may your memories help you through this sad time..to Barbara, David, Steve and Mike..your brother was a man who was loved by many...I'm so sorry for your loss....Peggy LeClair*

Peggy LeClair - August 11, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *My sympathy goes out to Jackie, all their children and grandchildren, and all those who will miss Frank's presence.*
Meredith

Meredith Marcinkewicz - August 11, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Frank A. Esielionis.*



August 10, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Frank A. Esielionis.*



August 10, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Jackie and Family,*
I am so sorry to hear about Frank's passing. He was one of the best guy's from Shirley, and always smiling. He will be greatly missed by all. May he Rest in Peace and God Bless him and his family.
Janet Mita (Artist)

JANET MITA (ARTIST) - August 10, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Frank A. Esielionis.*



August 10, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *Jackie and family; so very sad to hear about Frank's passing , he truly will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Bobby and Joanna Gardner*

Bobby Gardner - August 10, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Nancy Tarbell lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Esielionis*



Nancy Tarbell - August 10, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Frank A. Esielionis.*



August 09, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Frank A. Esielionis.



August 09, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Frank A. Esielionis.



August 09, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ Sorry to be hearing this Jackie. Please accept my condolences. Hope you're doing o.k.

Tim Elmer - August 09, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ Sandy/Scott, so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts & prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. Love, The Doyle's.

sean doyle - August 09, 2021 at 11:37 AM



Thank you so much ❤️

Sandy Fitzgerald - August 10, 2021 at 04:58 AM



Thank you so much. Missing you guys and hope everyone is well ❤️

Sandy Fitzgerald - August 10, 2021 at 04:59 AM

JH

“ *To the Esielionis family: My thoughts, prayers, and condolences go out to you. May God guide you, and May wonderful memories comfort you. Joseph Haverty*

Joseph Haverty - August 09, 2021 at 10:25 AM



Sandy Fitzgerald

Thank you Mr Haverty!

Sandy Fitzgerald - August 10, 2021 at 05:00 AM

DL

“ *So sorry to hear of Franks passing. To the entire Esielionis family, our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. He will be sorely missed, and Shirley lost a great contributing resident.*

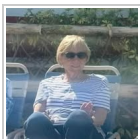
David & Bonnie Lambert - August 09, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Frank A. Esielionis.*



August 09, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *We're truly saddened over Frank's passing, he was a wonderful friend and neighbor. He had a big heart and great sense of adventure and humor. Our hearts go out to his family and know that you have lots of great memories to help you get through the sadness.*

Deborah DeLaite - August 09, 2021 at 09:05 AM

BO

“ *Sad to hear this. Thoughts are with the Esielionis family today.*
Bill Oelfke

Bill Oelfke - August 09, 2021 at 08:55 AM

KC

“ *Heaven has added another beautiful Angel; Frank was such a wonderful person. God bless the entire Esielionis family and watch over everyone during this most difficult time. Thoughts and prayers to you all.*

Kerry Cooper - August 09, 2021 at 08:06 AM