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Mr. Fragala passed away on Friday, July 25th at Hospice House in Altamonte Springs, after a four-year fight with Non-Hodgkins' Lymphoma.

Born in Brooklyn, NY to Catherine A. (nee Campisi) and Augustine M. Fragala, Sr.

He studied Urban Planning at Northern Virginia Community College, completing his coursework at Northern Colorado University.

He began working for the City of Fairfax, Va. as a summer intern before holding a full-time position there. He met and married his wife, Louise, and after five years, the couple moved to Cary, NC, where he became the first full-time Director of Community Development.

He was later hired by PBSJ and relocated to Miami. Both of his children were born there before he settled his family in Miramar. Mr. Fragala directed and led such notable projects as the DRI analysis and approvals for the Miami Dolphins' Joe Robbie Stadium, and four Miami Metrorail stations.

As a HUD fellow, at the onset of the profession of Urban Planning, he was a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He was a tireless champion for extending the reach of the profession, and increasing public awareness of planning. He was instrumental in founding three APA Florida sections.

While living in Miramar, he became active in politics, serving as campaign manager at the local, regional, and state levels. He was a governor-appointee to several commissions, particularly judicial nominating committees.

He was awarded the Key to the City of Miramar before moving to Lakeland to open his own firm with his wife, Powell, Fragala, and Associates, Inc.

Their projects included the 3200-acre West Lakeland Development, High Speed Rail Planning & Public Outreach through 27 counties. PFA was the Public Information Officer for I-4 expansion through Polk County.

There, he enrolled his children at Santa Fe Catholic High School. He became deeply involved in Catholic education and local parish work, serving on parish councils and finance committees. He also provided visioning and land planning services for five parishes in the Diocese of Orlando, which included the development of church campus master plans.

In Lakeland, he continued his civic work while serving on the Planning Commission, and as Chair for three terms.

He had a deep love for the community of Lakeland and its people. He was actively involved in many civic and philanthropic endeavors, most serving the needs of children. He dedicated his efforts and time to Guardian ad Litem, Indian Guides/Princesses of the YMCA, public school advisory committees and Catholic school boards, and most recently he has been active in Married

for Life and the Emmaus men's organization at Resurrection Catholic Church, sharing his deep faith and trust in God.

He is predeceased by his parents and younger brother, Dominick W. Fragala.

He is survived by his wife of forty-three years, Louise, and their two children, Nikki and Trey, son-in-law Michael Barnes, and daughter-in-law Marisa Salazar Fragala. He had five grandsons: Caleb Isaiah, Laurence Michael, James Augustine, Dominic Peter, and Nicholas Fragala.

He is also survived by siblings Kathy Muzyka and Mike Fragala and nephew Chris Muzyka.

A funeral mass will be held in Lakeland at Resurrection Catholic Church on August 4th at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held the night before, following the regular 5 p.m. mass, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a brief service and rosary at 7:30p.m.

He will be laid to rest in Pinewood Cemetery in Winter Park, Fla., following a small memorial on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to an account via Community Southern Bank in Lakeland (made payable to The AMF Fund) that will support The Augustinian Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3, to continue Mr. Fragala's dedicated work to supporting Catholic education.

Flowers:

(863) 603-0596 or www.petalsoflakeland.com

Donations can be made to The AMF Memorial Fund via check or directly

toCommunity Southern Bank in Lakeland.

More details to be posted soon with DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory:
degusipefuneralhome.com

These days have been filled with honor and grace, love and comfort because of you. Thank you forever for seeing us through.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 6:30 PM (ET)

Church of the Resurrection
3720 Old Highway 37
Lakeland, FL 33813

Rosary

AUG 3. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Resurrection
3720 Old Highway 37
Lakeland, FL 33813

Reception

AUG 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Resurrection
3720 Old Highway 37
Lakeland, FL 33813

Memorial Mass

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Resurrection
3720 Old Highway 37
Lakeland, FL 33813

Graveside

AUG 5. 4:30 PM (ET)

Pineywood Cemetary
1900 S. Lakemont Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall



“ Louise -- Augie was an awesome friend, father and grandfather and will be missed every day -- Go with God my friend -- Love Judy-Judy

Judy Beck - August 04, 2014 at 06:32 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Augustine "Augie" Michael Fragala Jr..




August 02, 2014 at 08:04 AM



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Bob Sandweg - August 01, 2014 at 04:33 PM

 Bob
Sandweg

“ *Augie and Louise: We have been dear friends since we were teenagers in Annandale, VA. I recall when Augie met you, Louise, and on your first date you came over to my house for a party. We shared many memories together and were separated by time and space many times. Whenever we did manage to see each other, it seemed as if time has stood still and we had just seen each other a few days ago. We were fortunate to see you last winter in FL. We treasure all our times together. Our friendship continues forever.*

Augie and I shared many things over the years but the most important thing we shared in later years was the Person of Jesus, the Christ. Throughout Augie's illness, he was always upbeat and quick to praise the Lord for His Blessings and His provision for your family. How many people were witnesses to Augie's faithfulness? How many people may have come to Faith in Jesus as a result. How many will come to faith as a result of Augie's faithfulness? The work that Augie did over the years to enhance the Kingdom will be his legacy which will live forever.

When Augie passed from this life to his eternal inheritance I am certain he heard the words we all long to hear: "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matt 25 Verse 21)

God Bless you and the family.

*Bob and Linda Sandweg
Newland, NC*

Bob Sandweg - August 01, 2014 at 04:31 PM

JA

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Jack - August 01, 2014 at 09:06 AM

JS

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Jack & Linda Schoenecker - August 01, 2014 at 09:04 AM

JL

“ *Augie: We shared alot memories I'll never forget from Grammar School to High School, my Best Man, my 1st son, John IV, GodFather and an endering friend . I Thank God we were able to see each other in Febuary 2014 and I will cherise that last time with you.*

Jack & Linda Schoenecker III

Jack & Linda Schoenecker III - August 01, 2014 at 08:08 AM

AN

“ *Augie, you will be sorely missed. You left us way too soon. We are saddened to the depth of our souls.*

Our sincere condolences to the entire Fragala Family.

*Infinite Blessings,
Angel and Gerald*

Angel - July 31, 2014 at 12:34 PM

RP

“ *My condolences to Augie's family and friends. I had the opportunity to work with him. He was a good person who was full of personality. He will be missed by many of his colleagues in the Planning profession as well. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and the loved ones he left behind.*

Richard Perez - July 30, 2014 at 09:05 PM

DM

“ *Augie was a truly inspirational professional. I learned a lot working with and for him. I will never forget the lessons he taught me in the Planning profession. You will surely be missed Augie!*

- Dan Matthys

Dan Matthy - July 30, 2014 at 12:25 PM

CS

“ I didn't know Augie well, but what I did know is that I never saw him without a smile. I enjoyed listening to his tales when I had the opportunity to sit next to him at Kiwanis. I have missed his smiling face and booming deep voice this last year. I know he was well loved by everyone because he was a loving person. My sympathy to all of the family and close friends.
Carol Ann Sarageant

Carol Ann Sargeant - July 30, 2014 at 10:17 AM

JB

“ Augie - please remember us in heaven just as we will remember you here on earth: with great warmth in our hearts and fond memories of a life well lived. You were a joy to work with and a pleasure to be around. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Louise and your family. Peace be with you!

John Burton - July 30, 2014 at 08:38 AM

LB

“ I never got the chance to meet Augie, but I think he raised a pretty terrific daughter in Nikki. If her kind, generous nature and ebullient spirit are any measure of the man who brought her into this world, then his life and those who were touched by it were rich indeed.

Lisa Blue - July 30, 2014 at 08:30 AM

JC

“ Augie will always be one of my very favorite people. You never had to guess what he thought about things and he was the very first one in line to help you if you needed it. I shared his love of city planning and he always had great stories about his latest professional adventures which always (100% of the time) made me smile. He accomplished so much in his career. All of us planners were envious of all his accomplishments, but his biggest achievement was the creation with Louise of his wonderful family. He was so very proud of his kids and grandkids and he lit up every time he talked about them. Hanging out at the lake house with he and Louise was the best respite ever from the crazy, crazy world. I'll truly miss him, but I'll always have great memories. To the entire Fragala family, you have my deepest sympathy....with love, Jamie Cochran

Jamie Cochran - July 30, 2014 at 07:07 AM

KB

“ To Louise and your lovely Family,
As a family of strong faith you know with God all has a plan and you are never alone. Let the love of all who hold you Dear give you strength.
If Heaven has a smoking section Augie has found it.
Kelly Bennett




kelly bennett - July 30, 2014 at 05:52 AM

DA

“ Augie, you are both a friend and an inspiration to me and will be greatly missed. You were a champion of men here and now are championing for us in our Fathers house. I will miss you and our talks. God bless my friend, my brother.

Deacon Don Andrew

Don Andrew - July 29, 2014 at 10:19 PM



Debbie
Muzyka

“ You were a wonderful man and an even better friend. We wish we had been able to spend more time with you and Louise but the Lord decided he needed you more. Rest In Peace, Augie.

Joe & Debbie

Debbie Muzyka - July 29, 2014 at 08:52 PM



JM

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Joe & Debbie Muzyka - July 29, 2014 at 08:34 PM



“ Enjoyed having you with us this last month. Sorry you are gone so soon, and wish we could have taken that fishing trip. We will all miss you in our daily lives.

Michael Barnes - July 29, 2014 at 04:47 PM