



Frederick Mario Stella

August 17, 1945 - February 9, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Frederick Mario Stella, Freddy passed away peacefully on February 9, surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife Rosanne, his 2 sisters Marie Stella and Jo Anne Baldwin and his 7 children and grandchildren, Jennifer and Joseph Resciniti and their children Angelo and Nicholas and Joseph and Lisa Stella and their daughter Lydia.

We are comforted to know that he has been reunited with so many loved ones who passed before him, including his parents Joseph and Maria Stella, numerous aunts and uncles, his sisters Etta and Rocky Stella, his brother-in-law Dan Baldwin and his best friends Tony and Michelle Parides and Kenny and Lucille Handlowitch.

Freddy was born on August 17, 1945, as the third of what would be 5 children. He grew up in Gravesend, Brooklyn, in a house filled with love, laughter, music and good food. As a child Freddy enjoyed playing sports and was a dedicated Boy Scout, who would later be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. He was a gifted athlete, who would go on to play semi-pro football, and a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers, a loyalty he later transferred to the Mets.

Freddy lived an extraordinary life of service and generosity. He was drafted into the Army and served his country proudly in the Vietnam War. Upon

returning from Vietnam. he joined the phone company and later became President of CWA Local 1109. He fought tirelessly for his members and was fearless in the face of adversity. Under his leadership the union's membership grew and members enjoyed expanded health and retirement benefits. When his tenure as president ended, he returned to the phone company and later started a company, STAR Consulting.

His retirement years have been spent in Heathrow, Florida with the love of his life, Rosanne. He has enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, of whom he was immensely proud.

Freddy was young at heart and was quick to crack a joke, which he enhanced with his incredibly expressive face. He was the great protector of his family and anyone whom he loved. He was warm and friendly, and his door was always open for a chat or a drink. He loved life, his family, Frank Sinatra, the NY Rangers and Army football.

They say that "all gave some, some gave all". Freddy was 100% disabled due to his time in Vietnam. He believed in expanding rights and benefits for veterans so that our soldiers and their families can begin to be repaid for their sacrifice.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project in Fred's name.

Service times listed below.

Rest in Peace Frederick Stella, we will miss you more than words can say.

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1 North
Mims, FL 32754
(321) 383-2638
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/capecanaveral.asp>

Previous Events

Private Family Visitation

FEB 17. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Sanford Chapel
905 Laurel Ave
Sanford, FL 32771
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Public Visitation

FEB 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

Nativity Catholic Church
3255 N. Ronald Reagan Blvd.
Longwood, FL 32750
<http://www.nativity.org/>

Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ PS 117 Clusters purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Frederick Mario Stella.



PS 117 Clusters - February 18, 2025 at 05:27 PM

GK

“ Gary & Brian Kreuzburg purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Frederick Mario Stella.



Gary & Brian Kreuzburg - February 16, 2025 at 07:53 PM

BO

“ The veterans from the 1/92 FA salute Fred for his distinguished service in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Rest in peace brother. **BRAVE CANNONS!**

Bo - February 15, 2025 at 02:45 AM

MO

“ Freddy and I met in 1968 while working for the New York Telephone Company in Brooklyn. We were partners for about 8 years and then he became involved in the Union local. We were close as brothers and socialized with our families often. Freddy is our son, Andrew’s godfather. I am his son, Joseph’s godfather. Over the years we never lost contact with each other. I will miss Freddy dearly.

Mike O’Connor

Michael O’Connor - February 14, 2025 at 05:45 PM

T1

“ The ENL Department of P.S. 117 purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Frederick Mario Stella.



The ENL Department of P.S. 117 - February 14, 2025 at 03:49 PM

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“ The ENL Department of P.S. 117 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick Mario Stella.

The ENL Department of P.S. 117 - February 14, 2025 at 03:49 PM

ER

“ Dear Jen and family,

On behalf of the Briarwood School community, I'd like to extend our deepest condolences to you during this time. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Your father's legacy lives on through the values and strength he instilled in you. We hope you find comfort in the memories you shared with him. If there is anything we can do to support you during this time, please do not hesitate to ask.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Erik Van Gunten*

Erik - February 13, 2025 at 07:54 PM

KI

“ *KimMelissaMichelleReginaldHayeNadiaTara purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Frederick Mario Stella.*



KimMelissaMichelleReginaldHayeNadiaTara - February 13, 2025 at 02:08 PM

SN

“ *Dear Mrs. Resciniti and Family,
My deepest and most heartfelt condolences. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Sandy Naughton
PS117Q*

Sandra Naughton - February 13, 2025 at 09:45 AM

PS

“ PS 117 Kindergarten staff purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Frederick Mario Stella.



PS 117 Kindergarten staff - February 13, 2025 at 07:33 AM

TA

“ Greetings Mrs. Resciniti & Family,
My sincerest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. May God strengthen and comfort you.
Regards,
Ms. Campbell
PS 117Q



Tanisha - February 12, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I'm sure you have so many great memories with him. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Karina Lawrence - February 12, 2025 at 07:20 PM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending love, payers, and comfort to you and your family.

xoxo,
J.Potter

Jessica Potter - February 12, 2025 at 01:09 PM

TF

“ *The Baldwin Family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick Mario Stella.*

The Baldwin Family - February 12, 2025 at 11:33 AM

DM

“ *So sorry for your loss. I'm sure you brought him much joy. May he rest in peace. Praying for your family at this difficult time.*

Deena Max - February 12, 2025 at 10:59 AM