



Frederick "Freddy" Volkert

September 25, 1940 - September 29, 2024

Frederick "Freddy" Volkert, age 84 passed away peacefully on September 29, 2024, in Tampa FL with his loving family by his side.

Frederick, a cherished father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother was born on September 25, 1940, in the bustling borough of Brooklyn, NY. Freddy's journey through life was marked by resilience and an unwavering commitment to his family. His early years shaped his values and charismatic personality.

Freddy's early years in Brooklyn laid the foundation of a life characterized by hardwork and dedication. He took pride in his long-standing career as a dedicated milkman at Elmhurst Dairy in Jamaica, NY where he was best known as "Red" and his friendly demeanor became a staple to the community he served for many years. Even after hanging up his milkman hat, Freddy treasured his role as a father imparting cherished memories, strength and perseverance to his daughters, who will carry his legacy forward.

Fred's work ethic and sense of responsibility were deeply ingrained values that he passed on to his surviving daughters, Wendy Volkert, Michele Volkert, and Margaret Ortega, who he cherished more than anything in this world. His daughters saw him not just as a father but as the glue that held them all together.

Freddy's legacy continues to live on through his loving sister, Kathy Albrecht, son in law Kevin Ortega, his 13 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren who he found immense joy in, as well as a circle of nephews, nieces and friends including childhood friend, Patricia Caulifield.

His life was a fabric woven with the threads of family bonds. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Mary (Como) Volkert, his parents Dorothy and Edward, siblings Diane Polizzi and Thomas "Tommy" Volkert who no doubt have welcomed him with open arms for the greatest family reunion that Freddy has now joined.

Freddy's interests were a reflection of his character – simple yet profound. He found joy in the strum of a country song, the quiet concentration of a solitaire game, and the laughter-filled evenings playing Yahtzee, Uno, and Shut the Box with his family. In recent years, he became the family's historian, delighting in recounting tales of the past, ensuring that the rich fabric of their shared history would continue to inspire future generations.

Funny, loving, and selfless – these words are the pillars of Freddy's memory. His laughter was a melody that resonated in the hearts of those who knew him, and his generosity knew no bounds.

Freddy's story is not one of sorrow, but a celebration of a life well-lived. He taught us that every day is a gift. Let us honor the memory of Frederick "Freddy" Volkert, a man who exemplified the strength and perseverance of a bygone era and the tenderness and humor necessary to create a life filled with joy and love. Freddy's legacy will continue to live on through the stories he told, the games he played, and the profound impact he had on the lives of his family and friends. Freddy, thank you for all the memories.

In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully accepts donations in Frederick's name

to his favorite charity: Metropolitan Ministries of Tampa. FL. There will be a Celebration of Life in Tampa. FL on November 2, 2024, and burial at St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale, NY on November 16, 2024.

Tribute Wall

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“ You are and will be missed Freddy (Adopted father). You shared some of our early morning, afternoon and late night running around with no complaints. When I came to your house you knew which room I was going to first with no doubt. Then we'd have a little conversation and be out the door again. You had the ultimate smile. The last time we say each other was at your daughter Rita's (my bestie/sis) wedding you were in wonderful spirits. It was great!! I'm sorry you are gone but you will never be forgotten!
Margarita, Michelle and Wendy grieve as you are expected, but remember he is at peace and not in pain anymore...that is the most important part! He will be watching you from the heavens above.



Heather Watkins - October 22, 2024 at 10:18 AM

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“ I am will never forget the time I was able to bond with Fred over home remodels & repairs in his house in Long Island. All the store runs, conversations and that you made me feel at home. Those are some of the fondest memories I have of us "shooting the breeze" as you would say.
But the day I asked for your daughter's hand in marriage and you joked that I needed to take all of her not just her hand will always make me laugh because that was your humor so many times I was with you.



Kevin Ortega - October 19, 2024 at 11:39 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences to my wife's entire family for the loss of my father in law. Michele and Wendy I hope you find peace knowing he is a better place.*



Kevin Ortega - October 19, 2024 at 11:31 AM