



## Francis "Frank" Cioci

July 31, 1942 - August 21, 2021

Francis (Frank) Anthony Cioci, age 79, died on August 21, 2021, at Bayhealth Kent General Hospital from respiratory and heart failure after a long-fought struggle following several surgeries to address conditions arising from a stroke suffered 10 years prior. A loving husband and father, Frank was a generous man not only of his time but in his love and care for everyone he knew. Born in Wilmington to Valentina Costantini (Cioci) and Ercole Cioci, Frank graduated from Wilmington HS and entered into the Marine Corps serving 4 years as a communication specialist at Camp Lejeune, San Diego and Okinawa, Japan, until he was honorably discharged. Frank worked for the Postal Service as a clerk and time keeper for over 40 years both at the downtown Wilmington facility and the facility at Hares Corner. After retiring from the Post Office Frank worked part time at Royal Farms where he became a beloved employee of both the staff and the customers until his stroke in 2011.

Ever the handy man, Frank and his wife, Bernice Mae Owens (Cioci), lived 25 years in their family home in Ivy Ridge, New Castle, DE, until they had their home in Smyrna, DE built in 1995. Over the 26 years they lived in their home in Smyrna, Frank and Bernice changed their 11 acre parcel into a garden spot of peace which they, their family and friends could enjoy. An avid reader, lover of westerns and kung fu movies, Frank's favorite pastimes were spending time with his family, riding on his riding lawnmowers, watching NCIS on TV, eating

out at buffets and traveling on vacation.

Frank is survived by his Wife of 55 years, Bernice Mae Owens (Cioci); his three children: Bridgett Lorraine Ford (Cioci), Larry Randolph Cioci and Frank E. Cioci; Bridgett's Husband Hosie Ford and their children Amber Lenninger (Ford), her husband John Lenninger and their daughter Zoe Lenninger; and Mathew Ford and Rayna Ford (Ruiz) and their daughter Charlene Ford; Frank's wife Jennifer Fulk (Cioci), their daughters Meghan Cioci, Jessica DiRienzo (Cioci) and her husband Anthony DiRienzo, and Gabriella Cioci. Frank is also survived by his sister Frances Sheehan (Cioci), 12 direct nieces and nephews and their children and 10 nieces and nephews through marriage on his wife's side and their children. Frank was predeceased by his parents Valentina and Ercole, his sisters Maria NeCastro (Cioci), Philomena Ruiz (Cioci), and Almerinda Dyer (Cioci).

A viewing will be held on September 2, 2021, from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road in Newark, DE where a celebration of Frank's life will be follow at 11 AM. Interment start at 1:00 P.M. at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Rd, Bear, DE commencing with a military service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project online at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate> or by mail to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516, using the form provided on the Photos page.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Francis (Frank) Anthony Cioci, please visit our Sympathy Store.

# Cemetery Details

## Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2465 Chesapeake City Road  
Bear, DE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd  
Newark, DE 19702  
(302) 731-5459  
info@stranofeeley.com

## Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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635 Churchmans Rd  
Newark, DE 19702  
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## Burial

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SEP 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
2465 Chesapeake City Road  
Bear, DE

# Tribute Wall

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“ *March 2019*



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**Ashley Willis** - August 31, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" Cioci.*



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August 31, 2021 at 08:20 AM

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“ *YOUR POSTAL SERVICE - BMEU FAMILY purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Francis "Frank" Cioci.*



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**YOUR POSTAL SERVICE - BMEU FAMILY** - August 30, 2021 at 12:34 PM

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“ Jennifer Graham lit a candle in memory of Francis "Frank" Cioci



Jennifer Graham - August 27, 2021 at 07:01 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Frankie was a very special man and I will never forget all the good times I had with him and Aunt Berneice and you guys when we were all younger. It has been a long time since I have seen all of you, since I moved to Alabama I have not been able to travel long distances. I am sending all of you my condolences and love. Payers and thoughts are with all of you. Love, LouAnn& John Ciesinski, also from all of my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lou Ann Ciesinski (Dyer) - August 25, 2021 at 04:54 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Cioci - August 24, 2021 at 04:20 PM