



## Franky Santori

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Francisco Antonio Santori, also known as Franky, transitioned peacefully in his own home in the care of his loving wife, Judith Karen Howington Santori (Judy) Tuesday August 20, 2024 at approximately 4:30 PM EST at the age of 79 years old. He succumbed to his 35 year battle with heart disease and its associated complications. He is survived by his wife, Judy, and three children Francis Joseph Santori (55), Melody Angelique Brown (54), and Fredrick Anthony Santori (52), six grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, one great grandchild, his brother Emilio José Santori, and sister Libia Santori.

Franky was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico on July 22, 1945 to his parents Francisco (Paco) and Maria. In 1965 he left Puerto Rico to enlist in the U.S. Air Force after attending the University of Puerto Rico. He was stationed in Warner Robins, Ga after several stations across the U.S. and it there that he met his wife-to-be, Judith Santori in 1967. Less than a year later they were married and they gave birth to their first son, Francis Joseph Santori in 1969. During the few years living between GA and Puerto Rico, he and Judy had two more children and in 1971 the family moved to their first home in Milledgeville, GA.

Franky had accepted a position at Georgia Power Plant Harlee Branch as a chemist and foreman in the water treatment laboratory, after working on land survey crews in the area. By the early mid 70's he began supplementing his income as very gifted taxidermists in the area and as his talent in the art gained local recognition, he and Judy began building their business, Baldwin Trophies & Taxidermy in 1974. Today that business is still operating and is Sinclair Custom Awards & Designs. Soon after the business began gaining traction, Franky dropped taxidermy as a service to pursue graphic design for screen printing and vinyl graphics, thus expanding the range and prosperity of the business he and had Judy built together. In the early 90's he was forced into retirement from Plant Harlee Branch after more than 20 years of service. He continued building the screenprinting and vinyl graphics side of the business but slowly began winding down his role there in the mid 2000's. After retiring from the business, he spent much of his time improving and maintaining the home he had raised his family in until physical limitations from his heart condition eventually prevented it. It is here where he peacefully passed on Tuesday August 20, 2024.

Of course, there is much more to his story than these dates and events. He very much loved his family. He will be remembered for his pride of his heritage, his love, tireless work and dedication for his family and friends, his sense of humor and his desire to connect with those who came to know him. He will be sorely missed. Services are scheduled for September 12, 2024. More details will become available as the event draws near.

A Service will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 2 PM in the Williams Funeral Home Chapel in Milledgeville. The family will receive friends at Williams from 1 PM until the service time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



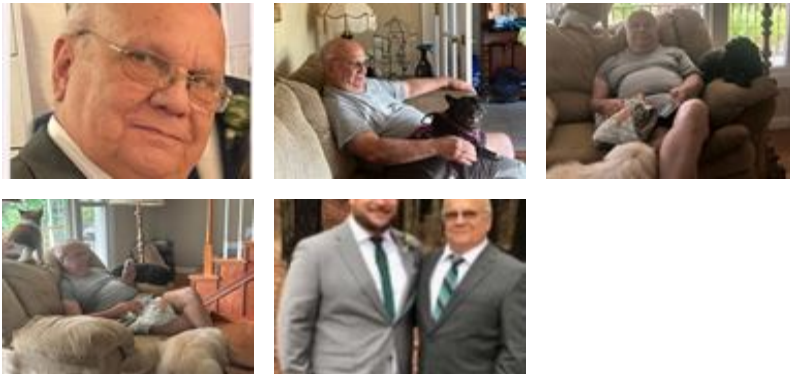
“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Franky Santori



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 12, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 12, 2024 at 10:01 AM

LB

“ Sending my prayers to the family Mr. Santori will be missed greatly



Latasha Blount - September 10, 2024 at 06:54 AM

KR

“ We really enjoyed the visits with you both and we will always cherish the memories! We love you Mrs. Judy and you along with all of your family are in our thoughts and prayers! Chuck and Kristal Kilgore.

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**Kristal** - September 08, 2024 at 04:57 PM

JM

“ Judy and Freddie We are so very sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed. We are so thankful that we got to meet him. You both and the rest of your family are in our thought and prayers. Judy and Leonard McMahon.



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**Judy McMahon** - September 01, 2024 at 06:47 PM

SL

“ I worked with Frank at Plant Branch. It was always great to see his smiling face. He will be missed. Sandy and Jan Lloyd

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**Sandy and Jan Lloyd** - August 27, 2024 at 10:11 PM

JG

“ Freddie and family,  
Saddened to hear of your Dad passing.  
Joe B Gilbert

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**joe gilbert** - August 27, 2024 at 11:32 AM

VM

“ Vanessa and Rocky McDade lit a candle in memory of Franky Santori



Vanessa and Rocky McDade - August 26, 2024 at 11:21 AM

JH

“ He was a great man and always made us laugh. Prayers for Joey, Angie, Freddie and Mrs. Santorini.



John Herring - August 25, 2024 at 11:51 PM

KH

“ Very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Kenny Horton - August 25, 2024 at 07:35 PM

DM

“ Franky, a great life and a great story. Never did I know he worked so hard and accomplished so much. I do know every time I saw Franky through the years it was like starting right where we left off with our friendship. He was always chipper, funny, full of laughter, and we always talked about you, Judy! LOL. We were not real close friends but you, Judy brought us together and for this I am grateful. I proud of y'all's long marriage. May you and your children and grandchildren be a peace knowing Franky is working hard for the Lord in His house! Love to you all.

Doriann McEver - August 25, 2024 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ Judy, we are so sorry to hear about Frank. Such a super good guy and friend. We are thinking about you and the kids and wish you strength through this difficult time.

Joe Bellflower - August 24, 2024 at 12:22 PM

LF

“ Lamar & Floyetta Franks lit a candle in memory of Franky Santori



Lamar and Floyetta Franks - August 24, 2024 at 11:10 AM

RM

“ Franky was part of our family n was loved n respected by all of us. Such a good granddad to our grandchildren. Franky loved all his family n friends. He was always good to talk with and to just hang around with when we'd visit our grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. R.I.P. our friend Roy n Sandra Mims n family

Roy n Sandra Mims - August 22, 2024 at 04:00 PM

EL

“ Judy all the memories from the days long ago in Macon and the Y come flooding back to when you two met and immediately connected. It was true lifelong love and commitment. A relationship to be admired. A joy when we reunited decades later in Milledgeville and saw how you were still as strong as ever. Please know how sad I am for your loss, but rejoice at Heaven's gain. Prayers for you and your family.

Elaine B Liester - August 22, 2024 at 12:39 PM

Jl

“ *RIP, sweet Franky! So many memories of First Christian Church and the trophy shop! Judy and family, praying for all of you during this sad time.*

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**Judy Prosser Ivey** - August 22, 2024 at 07:46 AM

SB

“ *So sorry to hear about Frank. Prayers for your comfort and strength.*

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**Sonny & Patsy Bass** - August 21, 2024 at 04:56 PM