

FRANK D. MASTANDREA



Age 61, of Castle Shannon. Son of Gracetta Mastandrea and the late Frank "Buzzy" A. Mastandrea. Grandson of the late Donald and Kathryn Ferito and late Emilio and Rose Mastandrea. Brother of Grace (George) Klein, Chris Mastandrea, and the late Anthony Mastandrea. Also survived by his loving nieces nephews, great-nieces, and nephews as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Additionally, he is survived by

his former wife and close friend, Theresa. Since childhood, Frank had an unmatched work ethic that began in his grandparents' nursery where he spent his teenage years digging out trees and replanting them for customers all over the South Hills. It was here that Frank learned the meaning of hard work and the importance of family connections. He was proud of his Italian heritage and found great happiness laughing and talking with his brothers and sister around the dining room table as he enjoyed his mother's amazing cooking and a glass of wine with his dad. He was fortunate to grow up surrounded by a large extended family as well. He was extremely close to his cousins, aunts, and uncles. His family extended well beyond blood relatives as he had a large family of friends he truly loved and would do anything for. Frank embodied countless skills in horticulture, carpentry, and masonry. He was truly a master when it came to being able to fix or build anything. If anyone needed anything, Frank was there with his truck, his tools, his sense of humor, and his willingness to share his best work and talents with family and friends. He never tired of lending a helping hand. Whether it was helping a friend rebuild their cabin, putting a new roof on a friend's home, building forms for steps, pouring a patio, or building a wall or deck, he was always generous with his time and resources. Frank was also always there to ride anyone wherever they needed to go. Almost everyone he knew could say he helped them in some way. Frank enjoyed the outdoors, spending a great amount of time at his cabin where he spent countless weekends around the bonfire, camping, and riding quads with family and friends. He loved studying history and watching football. However, for all of Frank's skills, the most beautiful and profound ability he had was to live nonjudgmentally. He befriended the outcast. He supported the underdog. He picked up and dusted off the fallen. Frank will be remembered for his generous and compassionate soul. He spent his life trying to help the downtrodden even when nobody else would. For that, he is a role model for all of us.

Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227 on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral prayer on Thursday morning at 10:00. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Paul of the Cross Parish, St. Anne Church, Castle Shannon at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to Castle Shannon Meals on Wheels, 935 Pine Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15234. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com

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