



## Frank Vercellino

September 12, 1929 - October 31, 2019

Frank Vercellino of Mulkeytown, IL, passed peacefully to be with his beloved Berniece at 6:07 pm, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019. His family was at his side. He was the son of Italian immigrants; a heritage of which he was very proud. His services will be held at the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Christopher on Tuesday, November 5, with visitation from 10am to 1:00 pm at the church. The funeral mass will be at 1:00 pm with Fr. Urban Osuji officiating. Burial will be at St. Andrew Cemetery in Christopher. Frank was born on September 12, 1929, in Valier. He and Berniece were married on September 14, 1950. He was preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and wife, Berniece (Bufford) Vercellino, his parents, John B. Vercellino and Angeline T. (Richard) Vercellino; two brothers, Joe Vercellino and John B. Vercellino, Jr; two sisters-in-law, Madelyn (Stoffel) Vercellino and Louise (Bufford) Hoffmann, and four brothers-in-law Marvin Bufford and Bennie Bufford, Bernard Hoffmann and Chuck Feltmeyer. Survivors include a Daughter, Sandy Vercellino Laur (Nick) of Sesser and son Steve Vercellino (Terry) of Mulkeytown. He has 6 grandchildren who were the light of his life, Brian Laur (Dana), Erin Basso (Chip), Lacey Hagerman (Danny), Steve Vercellino (Alyssa), John Vercellino (Johnel) and Chris Bial. He also has 5 great grandchildren Reid and Reagan Basso, Delaney, Patrice, and Banx Laur and a great granddaughter on the way. Frank was always a hardworking man dedicated to taking care of his family. He had worked at many jobs including the Old Ben 21 coal mine until his retirement; but most of all, he was a farmer. He loved the land and working it was one of his greatest pleasures. He was also a huge sports enthusiast not only playing several sports and refereeing, but watching his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren every time he could. Frank was a lifetime member of St. Andrew Catholic church in Christopher, IL and the Christopher Knights of Columbus, of which he was a founding member in 1954. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Andrew Chapel Fund or Hospice of Southern Illinois in Marion. Envelopes will be available at the church.

# Cemetery

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**St. Andrew Catholic Cemetery**

Christopher, IL,

# Events

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**NOV 5 Visitation 10:00AM - 01:00PM**

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St. Andrew Catholic Church  
412 E. Washington St., Christopher, IL, US

**NOV 5 Funeral Service 01:00PM**

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St. Andrew Catholic Church  
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# Comments

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“ We were teenagers playing baseball in Herrin on the field on the east side of town. A foul ball went out. I retrieved it and stuck it my glove with the full intention of keeping it. Frank came over and said, "You can't do that. That's stealing." I gave the ball back. Frank was typically Italian -- not adventurous, but he was a hard-working man of great character. He represented a generation we shall not see again.

**Mark D Samuels** - November 05, 2019 at 02:17 AM

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“ There was never a time I ran into Mr. Vercellino he didn't tell me stories of the times he and my father were together. Whether it was at a ball game or the KC in Christopher he always made a point to talk to both my wife and myself. It didn't matter the sport he was always telling me how good the Red Devils were going to be. Our condolences are with the entire Vercellino family.

Mike & Susan Rude

**Michael Rude** - November 04, 2019 at 10:31 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Vercellino.



November 04, 2019 at 01:45 PM

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“ Tom and I would like to send condolences to Steve, Sandy and all of your families.

**Tom and Shirle Perjenski** - November 04, 2019 at 01:34 PM

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“ Frank was a wonderful family man who dearly loved his wife, children, grandchildren & great grandchildren. He was a long-time faithful servant at St. Andrew Catholic Church, taking up collections every Sunday, and at St. Christopher Knights of Columbus, where his specialty was serving drinks at fish fries. He loved talking about sports, riding motorcycles, even in his advancing years, and farming. I loved to hear him say he was just a poor old farmer trying to make a living. Frank was a kind and

generous person and it was a blessing to know him. The world could certainly use more like him! May God grant his family strength and peace during this difficult time. Our prayers are with you.

Michael & Frannie Shapkoff

**Michael Shapkoff** - November 04, 2019 at 09:39 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about your loss, thinking about you on this day of services, it's been one year to the day that I lost my twin brother, George Jones

**George Jones** - November 03, 2019 at 09:37 PM

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“ Frank and I go back over 75 years. I knew his Father, Mother, and his brothers. My condolences to the family. I was born and raised in Coello. John Garino

**john Garino** - November 03, 2019 at 02:08 PM

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“ My sincerest sympathy to Steve and the entire Vercellino family at this extremely difficult time.

**Ronald Hampton** - November 02, 2019 at 09:37 AM

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“ Sandy & family, so sorry for your loss. Your dad and I shared one thing in common, though I only met him once. We both thought the world of your mom. I enjoyed your mom's stories & smile when she attended our Arthritis Aquatics classes. You are in my prayers! Debbie Jones (formerly Bennis) Hampleman.

**Deb Hampleman** - November 02, 2019 at 09:08 AM

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“ Frank was a very nice man, what I became to know thru Izzak Walton. He and his wife were always smiling and talking to someone. He will be sadly missed. Prayers and love to the family.

Tina Hampton-Hughes

**Tina Hampton-Hughes** - November 01, 2019 at 05:33 PM