



Frank A. Christoffel III

February 4, 2026

Frank A. Christoffel, III of Lititz, passed away in the presence of family on February 4, 2026. He was 81.

Frank was the son of the late Frank A. Christoffel, Jr., and Berdella Christoffel, of Lancaster. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Rose (Schweich) Christoffel, a son of Frank A. Christoffel, IV, married to Janet C. Christoffel, three grandchildren: Cassandra E. Christoffel, Frank A. Christoffel, V, and Patrick J. Christoffel, a brother, Thomas Christoffel, and a sister, Carol Sabatini. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Joanne Eckenrode, and a brother, Michael Christoffel.

Frank graduated from Fairfield University in 1966 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. He worked for Dunhill Associates and RCA in Lancaster in the late 1960's and early 1970's. Frank served as Executive Vice-President of the Lancaster County Association of Realtors for 47 years from 1974 to 2021. During his tenure, he was responsible for numerous achievements in the industry. He oversaw the implementation of three separate computerized Multiple Listing Systems, transitioning the Association from a card-based system to one of the most modern in the country. He established the Real Estate School of LCAR in 1983, offering courses for those seeking to obtain their real estate licenses, continuing education for licensees to maintain their accreditation, and courses for those seeking to become Brokers. He oversaw

the construction of the Association headquarters and training center in 1988, the formation of the Commercial and Industrial Real Estate Council in 1982 and the Appraisers' Council in 1989. He created the LCAR Department of Government Affairs to advocate for the real estate industry at the local, state, and federal levels of the government. In 1989, he oversaw the creation of a partnership with the Transitional Living Center in Lancaster, and through that partnership, LCAR has raised over half a million dollars to provide fair and affordable housing in Lancaster County.

Frank was active in several community organizations. He served as Chairman of the Board of Junior Achievement in south-central Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Moravian Manor Board of Trustees and President of the West End Athletic Association. He was active as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America throughout his life and is a recipient of the Order of the Silver Beaver, the highest award in Scouting. Frank belonged to Saint Joseph's Catholic Church and dedicated his time and talents to the Church in a variety of ways.

Frank enjoyed the beach, sailing, running, reading about the American Civil War, cracking crabs, and sitting in his hammock in the sun. He loved his family and always put them at the center of his life. He will be greatly missed by family and friends for his love, caring, and wise counsel.

A Viewing will be held on February 16, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Groffs Funeral Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA. A Funeral Mass will be held on February 17, 2026, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 440 St. Joseph Street, Lancaster, PA, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation at 10:00 a.m. Donations may be made in Frank's name to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery

Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
admin@thegroffs.com
<https://thegroffs.com/>

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
440 Saint Joseph Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Funeral Mass

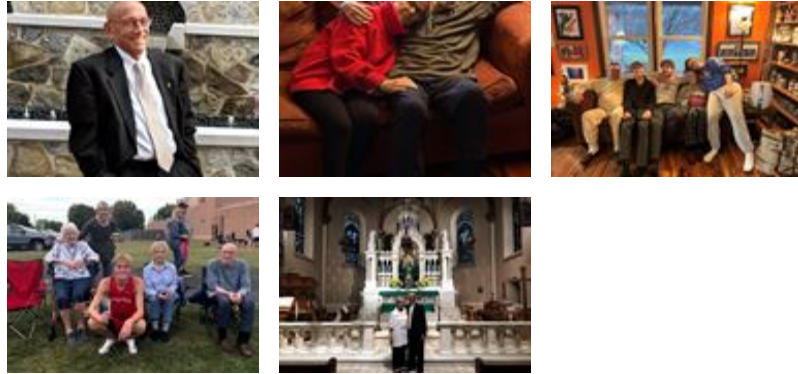
FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
440 Saint Joseph Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - February 18 at 03:43 PM

RJ

“ Richard And Joy lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Christoffel III



Richard and Joy - February 16 at 03:09 PM

WR

“ With all of our Love, The Raad's purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Frank A. Christoffel III.



With all of our Love, The Raad's - February 16 at 01:43 PM

LF

“ Love, The Gardner family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank A. Christoffel III.



Love, The Gardner family - February 15 at 08:41 AM

JS

“ Dear Mary Rose and family,
John and I are so sorry to hear of Frank's passing and wanted you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We'll always remember the good times we had as neighbors on Calvert Lane and treasure them always. Frank's sense of humor is top on our list.
With our sincerest sympathy,
John and Nancy Straw

John and Nancy Straw - February 14 at 09:43 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - February 13 at 09:40 AM

Phil
Kabool

“ Dear Aunt Mary Rose

*I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Franks passing.
My deepest condolences and prayers go out to you and the family.
His loving funny personality will be missed by all.*

Love Phil

Phil Kabool - February 12 at 05:51 PM

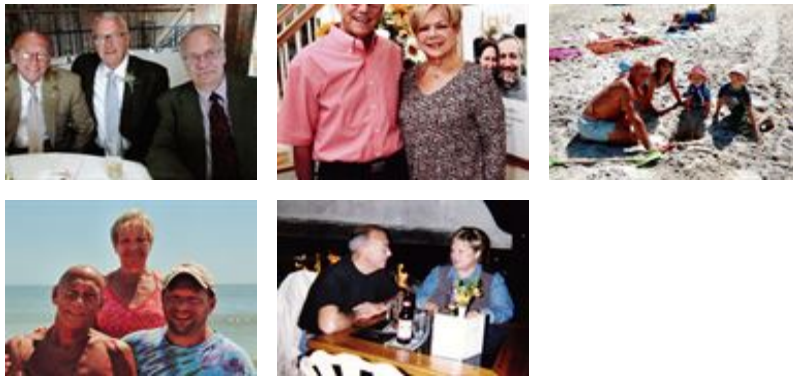
EF

“ Dear Mary Rose, We were saddened to learn of Frank's passing. Please know that you are in our prayers for comfort. God bless you and your family.
Sincerely, Eileen and Harry Flick

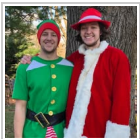
Eileen Flick - February 12 at 09:24 AM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - February 11 at 03:33 PM



“ Frank will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary Rose, Frankie, and the entire family. I was always glad to run into him around Lancaster, and I'll never forget his laugh.
Brad

Brad Forrey - February 11 at 09:14 AM

DS

“ *Mary Rose and Family,*

It saddened me to hear of Frank's death. I saw the obituary in the Sunday paper and it will be clear to all who read it what a great life you and Frank created. I am sure you have wonderful memories of your marriage and the family you shared. Rest assured that he is in God's loving arms. Take care of yourself. God bless and keep you and your family. Dolores (Binder) Sweigart

Dolores Sweigart - February 09 at 10:58 AM

WB

Frank was unique and one of the best leaders in the Real Estate Industry. He was greatly respected both at LCAR and Board and Members of PAR.

Always a friendly greeting and a great source for Leadership!

Farewell My Friend and Rest in Peace!

Respectfully Bill Brandt

Wm Brandt - February 09 at 12:15 PM

SF

“ *Stacy Frey lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Christoffel III*



Stacy Frey - February 09 at 10:01 AM

JC

“ *My condolences to the Christofell family. Frank's smile, wit, and kindness always made it pleasure to meet wtih him.*

James Cowhey - February 08 at 08:37 PM

BM

“ Mary Rose and family, I am so sorry to read of Frank's passing. I loved his candidness, wit and compassion. Mary Rose, you and Frank we're such a wonderful couple. Peace and comfort to all who loved him.

Becky Mohr - February 08 at 02:51 PM



“ Frank will be truly missed! Prayers and thoughts are with Mary Rose and the family.
He introduced me when I taught the LCAR become a realtor class as being older that dirt....will never forget how he laughed.
Patti A. Connell (Land Transfer)

Patti Connell - February 08 at 02:18 PM

FS

“ To the Christoffel Family. Mary Rose, I am so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I didn't know him very well, but I do remember him. I will pray the Rosary for Frank tonight.

Fran Lombardo Spangler - February 08 at 12:51 PM

PW

“ To Frank's family: many of us around town well remember his various roles in charities. Frank and I were involved with the Boy Scouts for many years. Thank you for all you did.

Paul Ware - February 08 at 12:41 PM

RD

“ Frank was a legend... he leaves his mark and will be greatly missed. Whenever I think of him it brings a smile to my face (LCHS acronym). My deepest sympathy to you, Rose.

Roseanne Daecher - February 08 at 09:21 AM

PB

*Dearest Mary Rose and family
I will always remember Frank and the love and support he gave to me
and my late husband Abe Mary Rose and Frank were an example of
truth and faithfulness in their relationships to God, family and friends.
Love you Frank. Love you Mary Rose.*

Pattye Barley - February 09 at 09:33 AM

CF

*To the Christoffel family,
I am so sorry to hear about Frank Sr. I only met him a handful of times
but I do recall his kindness and warm smile. My deepest condolences
to you all. -Christine Flavin Dombrosky*

Christine Flavin - February 09 at 03:53 PM

SS

Mary Rose, Frank IV & family,

*We are still so sad at Frank's passing & send our sincere condolences
to you and your family. He was special beyond words and we are SO
sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy!!! RIP, dear friend!!!
Sylvia & Don Schaller*

Sylvia & Don Schaller - February 09 at 09:07 PM

SU

*Remembering Frank and his wonderful smile and incredible personality
from our days at LCHS. Thinking of you ,Mary Rose and
family.Sending prayers for consolation. Sue Kurtz Mecholsky*

SueMecholsky - February 10 at 08:53 AM

FS

*Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Mary Rose you and
Frank are in our prayers.
Mr. & Mrs. Francis C. Spangler*

Francis Spangler - February 10 at 04:11 PM

JW

To: Mary Rose..Frank Jr./Janet and kids..

Our deepest and heart felt condolences to you..Frank's family..who meant so very much to him.

It was our privilege to be neighbor's of the Christoffel family for approx. 6 years in the Buckfield developement in MT. where we shared many good times and laughs.

A complete "class act" Frank passed on his vigor and enthusiasm for life down thru his son Frank Jr.,etc.

He'll be greatly missed but for now we prefer to celebrate his awesome life.

His friends..The Witmers.(.Jeff..Adair..Christine and Ashley..)

Jeff S. Witmer - February 12 at 12:08 PM

RB

Remembering you and thanking you Frank - your warm personality and professional & calm demeanor had such a positive impact on so many during your almost 50 year career at LCAR! Joy and I will never forget the time together with you & Mary Rose at the NAR convention in Boston in 2018, as well as so many other great memories over the years. Deepest condolences to Mary Rose, Frank IV & Janet and family. God bless.

Richard & Joy Boas - February 16 at 03:06 PM

MM

Mary Rose:

Today I received the Fairfield University magazine and found out about Frank's passing. Reading the many condolences attested to the depth and breath of Frank's presence and effect that he had. Though I did attend your wedding it was the year on the honors corridor at Fairfield that formed the most lasting memories and surfaced when I became aware of his passing. Obviously his wit and humor that was present in our senior year extended throughout his life as again attested by the numerous comments cited. He was a great guy!

*Michael F. Moore MD
Class of 1967*

Michael Moore - June 16 at 06:15 PM