

Obituary for Frank Giardina

Frank P. Giardina passed away peacefully at home in Allen, TX, the evening of February 19, 2025. He had just turned 81 on February 14.

Frank was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1944. He was married to his wife Susan for 35 years. He and Susan were both with JCPenney for 31 and 32 years, respectively. Frank joined the company in 1968 beginning as a management trainee in Valley Stream, NY. He was transferred several times working in stores in Meriden and Farmington, CT, Springfield, MA., and Albany, NY.

When Susan was transferred to Chicago in 1997, he retired early at age 55 and returned to school to become a licensed counselor in substance abuse and anger. It became not only Frank's work but his hobby, devoting most of his spare time to studying and learning more that he could use to help his clients and their families. After he earned his license in 2000, he worked for several years at a Dallas counseling firm before opening his own practice, and finally retiring for good in 2022 at the age of 78.

Traveling extensively overseas and visiting family around the country with Susan were favorite times for Frank. He was never happier than when he was experiencing new cultures. As many countries as he visited around the world, Frank's favorite place always remained Paris, which he and Susan visited many times.

Frank was a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, and he made what Susan referred to as a "shrine" to them and Mickey Mantle in one of their spare rooms. In what would be the last season for him, Frank was thrilled that the Yankees once again made it to the World Series in 2024, except for that horrible fifth inning.

Frank was very proud of his two daughters, Holly Giardina and Meredith Michonski. His great joy was with grandchildren Emily and Tyler, and making fun times for them was among his favorite things to do.

He planted a lot of trees in his time and loved watching them grow, taking great care with them in their fledgling states to assure they grew well and strong. Frank's ashes will be used in the planting of more trees in his memory by Susan, his brother Anthony, Holly, Meredith, Tyler, and Emily. His memory will always be a blessing.