Frank J. Ricco

Date of Birth:
Monday, August 1st, 1921

Date of Death:
Thursday, February 4th, 2016

Funeral Home:
Skirpan Funeral Home Inc.
skirpanfuneralhome.com
135 Park Street
BROWNSVILLE, Pennsylvania, 15417 USA

Obituary:
Frank J. Ricco, age 94, of Brownsville, PA passed away on
Thursday, February 4, 2016
at UPMC - Shadyside Hospital.

He was born on August 1, 1921 in Allison #1, PA
Son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Stanza) Ricco

Frank was a graduate of Brownsville High School Class of 1938.

He was a Veteran of WWII serving with The United States Army
and received a distinguished service award from the Disabled
American Veterans.

Frank was a member of The West Brownsville American Legion
Post #940.
Frank was a lifelong member of The Historic Church of St. Peter in Brownsville, PA.

He was a member of The Brownsville Sons of Italy Lodge for many years. He held office at the State Level for over 37 years. He was the first Western Pennsylvania Resident to serve as State President. Frank also served as a National Trustee of the organization. In 2000, the Brownsville Sons of Italy Lodge was renamed The Frank Ricco Lodge in his honor.

He was The President of The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, President of the Patsy Hillman/Luzerne Park, and was named The Brownsville Jaycees Man of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

In March, 1948, Frank purchased the public transportation business and was the owner of The Brownsville Bus Lines which is still under the Ricco Family Ownership. In 1980, Frank purchased White Line Taxi and in 1989, He purchased the Carmichaels Golf Club.

Frank organized Brownsville Community Days, having served as Chairperson for 15 years. He was the President of Brownsville Little League for over 50 years and the pony league baseball field in Hiller was named The Frank Ricco field in his honor. He was associated with numerous Brownsville Youth Sports Programs, and was The Commissioner of The Brownsville Area Midget League Football.

Frank was known as "The Voice" of The Brownsville Falcons High School Football for 31 years announcing and doing the play by play for the Brownsville Area High School Football games.
In 2015, Frank was inducted into The Brownsville Area High School Hall of Fame

Frank was preceded in death by his first wife: Helen L. (Tomotchko) Ricco

3 Brothers: James Ricco, Joseph Ricco, & Louis Ricco

Sister: Marion (Ricco) Bane

Daughter-in-law: Judith (Bacon) Ricco

Frank is survived by his wife: Marlene (Fisher) Ricco

3 children: Frank Ricco, Jr. and his wife Colleen Carmichaels, PA

Richard J. Ricco, Sr. and his wife Glenda - Brownsville, PA

Diane M. Satifka & husband Kenneth - Uniontown, PA

Step-children: Kim Buffer and husband Sam

Carrie Kromer & husband Dwaine

John William Lamb

6 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren

7 step-grandchildren
3 brothers: Robert Ricco, Carmen Ricco, and Anthony Ricco

Nieces, nephews, and many, many friends.

PUBLIC VISITATION FOR FRANK WILL BE HELD:
AT THE BROWNSVILLE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY
FRANK RICCO LODGE #731 RACE STREET BROWNSVILLE, PA
-SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2016
-MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2016 FROM 1PM UNTIL 8PM
-TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2016 UNTIL 10:00AM WHERE A
PRAYER SERVICE WILL BE HELD, FOLLOWED BY A
FUNERAL MASS AT 11:00AM AT THE HISTORIC CHURCH OF
ST. PETER - BROWNSVILLE, PA WITH THE REV. FR.
TIMOTHY KRUTHAUPT AND REV. FR. JAMES PETROVSKY
AS CON-Celebrants.

ENTOMBMENT WILL FOLLOW IN LAFAYETTE MEMORIAL
PARK WHERE FULL MILITARY RITES WILL BE ACCORDED
BY AMERICAN LEGION POSTS #940, 295, 838, & 275.

THE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY FRANK RICCO LODGE
WILL HOLD A SERVICE ON SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 7,
2016 AT 6PM.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

WAKE SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 8,
2016 AT 6PM.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
THE SKIRPAN FUNERAL HOME 135 PARK STREET
BROWNSVILLE, PA
The Family has asked that Donations be made in Frank's name to:

The Frank Ricco Scholarship Fund
Sons & Daughters of Italy District 11
PO Box 231 Merrittstown, PA 15463.