



Mr. Francis William Cloupe

July 26, 1950 - December 26, 2018

Francis William Cloupe, known to his friends as Butch or Franko, passed away at his home on December 26, 2018.

Frank was born on July 26, 1950, in Weehawken, New Jersey to Maria and Frank Cloupe and grew up in Guttenburg, NJ.

He received his BA in Psychology from Rutgers University in 1972, and his MS in counseling From SUNY Plattsburgh in 1987.

He is survived by his beloved son, Jesse and his wife Jennifer, his former wife and long-time friend, Lynne Taylor, two cherished grandchildren, Brey and William; his sister, Cathy and her husband, James and nieces Lisa, Jamie, Katie and their families.

He was predeceased by his younger brother, Larry.

His desire to help people led him to North Star Industries where he served the local communities for 33 years until he retired as the Director of Services. He served on the Franklin County Community Housing Council for many years, also as president.

However, what defined him was much, much more. He fell in love with Chateaugay Lake as a young boy on vacation with his family. During his youth, he worked as a jack-of-all-trades at the Banner House Inn on the lake, and after being away to earn his degree he never strayed far from its shores. He swam, fished and boated, inviting friends to join on frequent cruises. Frank was a tenacious windsurfer in earlier years, and when the water got too hard to sail, he cross-country skied on it and in the surrounding forests. He loved

motorcycles and took pride in knowing about their inner workings. Frank's joy was a 1974 BMW R90/6, which he diligently maintained and often rode to work with a sock over his shifting foot to keep his shoe clean. His son Jesse now enjoys the bike in the Utah Mountains.

He was a talented musician who played in a local band called Sweet Water, and then Sweet Water Revival, for many years. It took little prodding to get Frank to pull out his guitar and float old songs out onto the summer shores of Chateaugay Lake. Among his most requested, and not by accident, was Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville."

Frank was a great epicurean and had a long running relationship with his grill. His passion was about food, but also the company it brought. Friends will remember him bouncing between animated conversations and his grill, and smacking his lips over some new marinade. He was a warm-hearted, loyal friend who received visitors with a hug, and in later years, he liked nothing more than breaking bread and sharing the stories of people's lives. He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Chateaugay Lake Foundation.

A celebration of his life will be held in the summer, his favorite season and will be announced at a later time.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

WSCS Camp
State Route 374
Chateaugay Lake, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ I was friends with, and shared apartments with Frank a couple years at Rutgers. We last talked and shared stories in 2016. I am sorry to hear he died. I have photos of him from a long time ago I will share.
Norman Rosenblum



Norman Rosenblum - January 20, 2023 at 04:07 PM

MJ

“ Frank was always ready with a smile and friendly greeting whenever we saw him around the lake. Enjoyed hearing him play and share stories about the lake and the days from the Banner House. He will be missed! Mary and Jim Johnson

Mary Johnson - January 31, 2019 at 10:47 AM

AU

Drunken creep, he was

all the lives he screwed up - May 28, 2020 at 01:26 PM

MG

“ Frank we had a lot of good times in Burlington and at the Lake
Love Carl and Mary

Mary and Carl Garrand - January 30, 2019 at 08:17 PM

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“ *I shall never forget this loving and kind man...friend to all ! Nor will I forget the Winter I met him coming off the Figure Eight XC trails as I was going into the woods. Little did I know hours later I would become lost, alone on top of the mountain! Thanks to Butch and his fellow skiers, a posse was formed and sent out looking for me! Butch would do anything for mankind! He was and still is, ❤️ Loved.*

christine LaDuke - January 27, 2019 at 05:12 PM