



# Mr. Francesco "Frank" Belmonte

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## Mr. Francesco "Frank" Belmonte

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**M**r. Francesco “Frank” Belmonte, age 97, passed away Tuesday evening, June 3, 2014 at his home. Frank was born August 5, 1916 to Ralph and Divina (Cairo) Belmonte in Costrolibero, Italy, and came to the United States and the Muskegon area when he was eleven years old. He worked at Bennett Pump for over 45 years before retiring, and worked with Hank Perri and Mario Corinti painting houses. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII, and a longtime member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. On September 25, 1943 Frank married Catherine E. Sirianni, and she preceded him in death on January 11, 2007. SURVIVORS include 3 daughters, Patricia (Ted) DeGroot of Naples, FL, Mary Belmonte of Muskegon, Frances (John) Waszkiewicz of Allen Park, MI; 1 grandchild, Amanda Waszkiewicz; 3 great-grandchildren, Cameron, Maya, and Arianna; several loving nieces and nephews, including a special nephew, Art (Janice) Casadonte. Frank was also preceded in death by his son, Frankie Belmonte; a grandson, Andrew Waszkiewicz; 2 sisters and 1 brother, Theresa Casadonte, Caesar Belmonte, and Mary Jane Belmonte. Frank was an avid fan and supporter of Muskegon Catholic Central and Notre Dame. He was affectionately known as “The Notre Dame Guy”. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM Monday, June 9, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Visitation at The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 737 Apple Ave. Muskegon, MI 49442, (231) 726-5210 will be from 2-4 PM Sunday afternoon, with the Rosary prayed at 3:30 PM. Visitation will also be from 10:00 – 11:00 AM Monday at the church. You may visit the family’s online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com) The family requests, in lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Belmonte be made to the Muskegon Catholic Education Foundation, Inc.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Sunday**, June 8, 2014

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel**

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



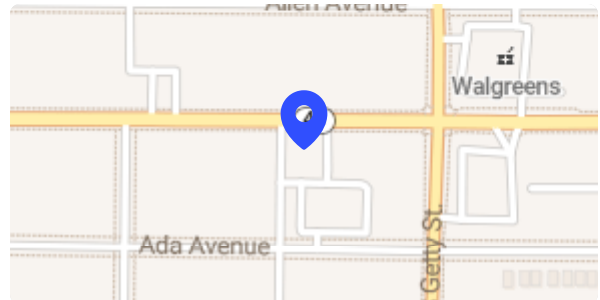
## Rosary Service

 **Sunday**, June 8, 2014

 3:30 PM ET


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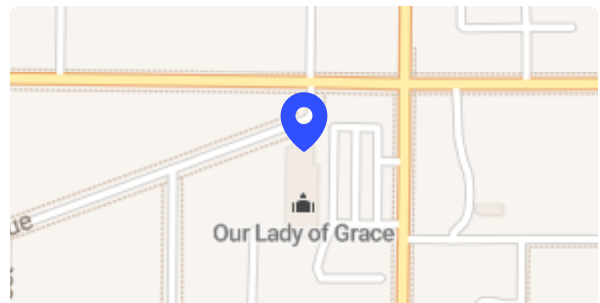
## Visitation

 **Monday**, June 9, 2014

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**

451 S. Getty St., Muskegon MI 49442



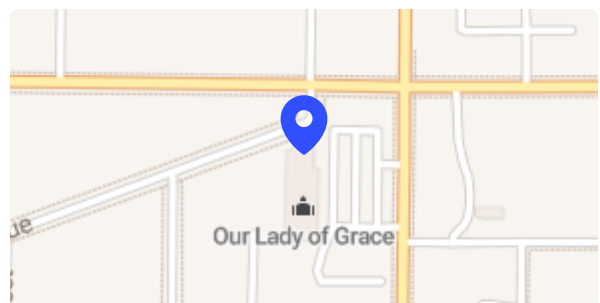
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DS

**Diane Smeed** posted:

Dear Mary, Pat and Fran, We all loved your dad and always enjoyed our visits with him. He was such a kind and gentle man. Bob and I are so glad to have known him! Love, Diane and Bob Smeed

June 10 at 5:42 AM

JP

**Joseph Perri** posted:

Mary, Fan and Pat! I'm so sorry for the loss of your father.. I loved him dearly!!! I will miss looking over at the corner of the North end zone and not seeing him, Uncle Bill and Uncle Al sitting in their cars watching their beloved Crusaders!!! I think often about all the hours him and my dad put in after a long day at Bennett Pumps and then go and paint houses to put their children thru Catholic Central. They would pick Frankie and me up from football practice and make us paint with them for a few hours and ask us a hundred questions on how we would do in the upcoming game. Family and faith were #1 with your dad and mine. Well I could go on and on!!!! God Bless Joe Perri

June 6 at 10:13 AM

TB

**Tom And Betty Ann Busack** posted:

Mary and family, We are so sorry to hear about your fathers passing. What a sweetheart he was. May God grant you strength to move on with your life as we remember our parents for what they gave us: a love of life and the knowledge of eternal life that all of us receive when we finish our tasks on earth. Our love and prayers are with you dear friend. Tom and Betty Ann

June 6 at 6:21 AM

DF

**Delores Belmonte Verhil And Family** lit a candle in honor of Francesco.



June 5 at 3:49 PM

RD

**Rick And Jill Degroot** posted:

Dear Aunt Pat, Uncle Ted and family, we are saddened by the loss of your father and pray for peace to come to all. We enjoyed reading the tribute and thought the photo of your dad was particularly adorable. Love from us DeGroots and Wagners.

June 5 at 2:34 PM



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**Kristyne Barr** lit a candle in honor of Francesco.



June 5 at 8:10 AM



**Kristyne Barr** June 5 at 8:15 AM

So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family. He was the sweetest man I ever knew. I always loved delivering his mail and so did all the other carriers. Take care. Love and prayers,  
Kristyne & Tony



**Jennifer Harvey-Shimer** posted:

Thinking of you Mary and your family. Your Dad was a wonderful person, and will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him. Peace be with you. Jennifer Harvey-Shimer

June 4 at 11:22 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francesco by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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