



## Francis Shippey

November 27, 1938 - July 25, 2006

Francis “Frank” Shippey, 67, of Berlin, died Tuesday July 25, 2006 at New Britain General Hospital. Born in Albany NY, son of the late Francis Shippey Sr. and Helen Petraitis Shippey, he lived in Berlin for the past forty two years. Frank was a waiter in several area restaurants. He was known as “the mayor of Walnut Hill Park” from his 15 years of walking at the park.

Surviving is his longtime friend and partner George Kumm of Berlin; his sister, Joan Devendittis of New London; his niece, Candace Devendittis, also of New London; and a neighbor and close friend, Patricia Robinson, of Berlin.

Funeral services are Saturday 8:45 AM at Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 AM at St. Ann’s Church, New Britain. Burial will be in Maple Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Friday evening 6 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Ann’s Church, 47 Clark Street New Britain, CT 06051 or to a charity of the donor’s choice. Frank’s family wishes to thank the entire staff at Brittany Farms Healthcare Center for two month’s of loving care. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with his family at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

EW

“ I was fortunate to have met Frank many years ago at Raffas Restaurant where Frank was a waiter.His cheery disposition endeared him to my Husband and myself,we asked for him on every visit.Frank and I enjoyed a mutual love of theatre,chatting about the latest Broadway show.I missed him after he left Raffas,but we would chat on occasion to catch up.I learned he was ill during one of our chats.I happened to see him a few months ago at Long Wharf with a friend.It was obvious he was failing,we exchanged a few words especially regarding the show we had just seen.I told him I hoped we could get together again,we didnt.I am saddened at the loss of this lovely man cheerful I am sure till the end.May he rest in peace with his beloved Mum.

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**elizabeth wells** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Frank has been a "park" friend of mine for many years.I first met him with his dog Boris.I am also a nurse who works at Brittany Farms where Frank spent his last days.When I realized he was a patient at the facility, I went to visit him. He was so happy to see me.I last saw him on Saturday 7/22/06.We had a great time together as always.I am so glad that I went.I happened to be working the nite that he became ill and I was heartbroken.I am still heartbroken.He was a wonderful man. He was so friendly,caring,loving,and funny!We used to have such great conversations!I know that I not only speak for myself but for all of his "park" friends when I say that he will be terribly missed. I will remember him everytime I walk my laps.So long friend. My heart goes out to George and family.

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**Laurie Herrera** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ Stan and I will never forget what a wonderful, kind and friendly person Frank was. We got to know him years ago when he jogged in the park . The last few weeks we got to know him better. He said we "felt like family." I will always cherish the memory of him enjoying the Luna Pizza he requested! The next time he said he might like a "double cheeseburger-no ketchup" and a "diet drink." The next time was not meant to be. My son, Stan and sister, Dottie, will always remember him.

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**Frances Lorenc** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ I was so surpriced to see Frank's name today. I have know him thru walking at the park, I will always remember him first with his dog & the frisbee, then him with his mother walking, then right to him with his walker. He was a very friendly person. I will miss not seeing him in the park. My prayers are with you. He will be missed dearly.  
Sincerly, Bonnie

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**bonnie emery** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I have lived next door to Frank and George for over 40 years. There will never be another Frank, he was truly one-of-a-kind. A gentle, kind spirit who loved everyone and was always lots of fun. I have years of great memories with him that I'll cherish, and will miss him terribly.

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**Ellen Hemphill** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM