



## Fred Masotta

July 1, 1931 - May 24, 2013

Fred Masotta, age 81, of Hamden passed away at home surrounded by his family on May 24. Fred was the beloved husband of over 55 years and best friend to his wife Diane (Jantzer) Masotta. In addition to his wife, Diane, Fred leaves his three children Gail (William) O'Keefe, Fritz (Eileen Passarello) Masotta and Suzanne Masotta all of Hamden. He also leaves his beloved grandchildren William (Nina) O'Keefe, Diane O'Keefe, Karissa Masotta, Timothy O'Keefe, Fred Masotta IV, Niko Masotta and Zachery Masotta. He was predeceased by his parents Frederick & Mary (Tito) Masotta, Sr. and a sister Rosemarie Arpaia. He also leaves Rosemarie's four wonderful children and six grandchildren. A lifelong Hamden resident Fred was very active in the community from athletics to charity to commerce. In 1979 he was inducted into the Quinnipiac University Hall of Fame for Basketball. While in school there in the 1950's Fred was a two-sport standout starring on the basketball court and the baseball field for Quinnipiac. Fred's academic and athletic career was interrupted when, as a member of the U.S. Army, he served as a Sergeant First Class in Korea, where he earned a Bronze Star. After completion of his military duty, Fred returned to Quinnipiac to captain the baseball team and earn his degree in Business in 1957. While still at Quinnipiac, Fred went into business in Hamden. First with SS&M Builders and then on his own with Craftsmen Inc., he grew his company over the next fifty plus years to be a major presence in the Hamden community. Craftsmen, was from the beginning a true family business. Fred and Diane worked together to build it and as their three children got older they all became a part of the company. For the last thirty years his son Fred (Fritz) Masotta has been privileged to work with and learn from him on a daily basis. Throughout the years Fred has received many honors including Hamden Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1983 and the National Home Builders' Association Lifetime Spike Award. He has also served on many Boards including the Hamden Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Sacred Heart Academy Father's Board and the Quinnipiac University Athletic Advisory Board. He was a proud member of American Legion Post 150 where he was honored for 50 years of membership. A huge sports fan Fred watched all of the New York Giant games and tried to see as many Boston Red Sox and Yankee games as possible. He also avidly followed all Quinnipiac University sports as well as UConn men's and women's basketball. What we will remember him most

for are not the accolades that he so richly deserved and received, but for the lessons he taught us. Fred was a man who lived life with great joy and exuberance and quite a bit of noise. But he did good works quietly. He donated and installed flag poles at many of the churches and ball fields in Hamden because he thought they should have them. At St. Raphael's he and Diane began a fund to raise money to help with cancer care. The Masotta Family Fund has grown through the years as they have been quietly donating to it and now they are poised, thanks to the help of many good friends, to open a "Lion's Den". This is a special room at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital that will be set up for children battling cancer. The family would like to thank the staff at The Saint Raphael's Campus of Yale New Haven-Hospital and CT Hospice for their truly professional and compassionate care. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Friends may call Thursday from 3 – 8 p.m. at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Yale NH Hospital-Masotta Family Fund c/o Lucy Sirico PO Box 1849 New Haven, CT 06508-1849. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Masotta Family So sorry about Dad-what a GREAT guy!!* Mark DeFrancesco

June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ *dear diane & family so sorry for your loss we have fond memories of you & freddy our prayers are with you*

victor - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *To the Masotta Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. In the years i spent as a tennant at Sanford St, Fred was always so very nice and fair to me. He was always understanding if i was a little late on rent, he did so much to make me feel at home there. I had many conversations with him and always enjoyed talking to him. He was a true patriot and loved America, which was another reason i really liked him. Again, i am sorry, and also sorry as i was unable to make it in time to pay my respect. Scott Moroz*

Scott Moroz - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TY

“ *TO KARISSA & FAMILY: MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR YOUR LOSS. I KNOW HE WAS VERY SPECIAL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. I WISH I WOULD HAVE MET HIM. AGAIN MY CONDOLENCES FOR YOUR FAMILY'S LOSS. SINCERELY, TONY YELOVICH*

TONY YELOVICH - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Diane and family, I hope that you take comfort in knowing how much joy you provided to your wonderful guy! Fred's presence will always be felt, even in his physical absence-that was one of his great gifts-he provided terrific memories. As you cherish them, your tears will return to the smiles that would make him happy. May that time be soon. With love, Lindy*

Lindy Lee Gold - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FV

“ To the Masotta Family: Our thoughts and prayers to all. A true gentleman. Great memories, stories, and legacies will never be lost. His kindness and generosity has touched many,many lives and will continue to do so for generations to come. Rest in peace Fred

Fred and JoAnn Della Valle - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Dear Diane, Gail,Fritz and Suzy.Shirley and my prayers and thoughts are with you all. Icannot put into words how great a man Fred was.Simply said Fred was the very best. He will be missed by all but never forgotten. Love Chief Bob and Shirley Nolan

Bob - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ To the Masotta Family Our prayers our with you through this time of change. He will be missed but not forgotten. Rest In Peace The Leonardo's Ernie Sr, Will, Ernie Jr

Ernest Leonardo - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To the entire Masotta Family,what a terrible loss for all of us, there was no one like FREDDIE, what a guy, a class act, we'll always remember great times and a smile he put on my Dad's (Yuddie) face when he saw him and planted a kiss!!! Hope they're having a good time together now and watching us, with our deepest sympathy to each and every one of you,,,,,,Carol & Joel Evans

May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane and family . So sorry for your loss. Fred was a great guy with a huge heart.Fred Paoella

May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to Fritz and his family. He was a great man who will be deeply missed.The Morgillo family

May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Fred was a wonderful man. He will be missed.* Rev. George and Judy (Jantzer) Koch

May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *To the Masotta family- Sorry to hear of your loss. Fred was a great man with a huge heart. He will be remembered for a long time. Rest in peace.*

**Mark Merola** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *I have fond memories of Fred from our days as students at Quinnipiac. My condolences to family and friends*

**Jack Pritchard** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Fritz and Family, So sorry for your loss your dad sounded like a wonderful man and now he is free of pain and in Gods hands.*

**Susan Pagni** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Dear Fritz and Family, I am so sorry to have heard of Freds passing, He was a Great man with great compassion. A True friend to All.*

**Tony Mello** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Diane and The Masotta Family, I am very sorry to hear that Fred has passed on. My thoughts and prayers are with you.* Lenore Russo

May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *To Diane and the entire Mazotta Family go our sympathy for the loss of Fred. I am among so many lucky people to have met this great individual, that I too will miss. Our prayers and thoughts to you all.*

**Dave** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ To Diane Fritz And Family, A wonderful Husband and Father, a great person to share time with he will be greatly missed.

Ron - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ A good friend to everyone. Giving, family oriented, generous, caring and a lot of fun does not render full justice to his life. The world should have more Freddie's and there would not be any worries. Things will not be the same without him. God bless him and the entire Masotta family.

Chief Len Gallo - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the Massotta Family: Your father was a wonderful guy and I have very fond memories of seeing him when he came into the accountant's office to see my husband, Ray Foster, who passed away suddenly almost 3 years ago. Raymond was a die-hard Giants fan just like your dad and Fritz! We even have a Giants helmet on Raymond's monument. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Mary Nolan Foster

Mary Foster - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, Gail, Fritz, & Suzy Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire wonderful Family. Fred was the most giving and the most kind person we have ever known. He was the "best friend" everyone should have. We feel blessed because he was our best friend and will always be forever. We love you all. Tom & Claire Sacramone

May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Fred Masotta

Love a close friend - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ I have many fond memories of spending time at Modus lake during the holidays and family gatherings and learning to water ski there as a young boy with Fred at the helm. I am sure he will be missed by all that knew him. My thoughts are with all of you.

Russ Earle - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



*“ To the Masotta family, I just want you all to stay encouraged through this hard time and know that Mr. Masotta was greatly loved and will greatly be missed he was a great man and he just had a way to make anyone feel welcomed and loved when he was around. Sorry I won't be able to make it to the services I would have love to been there and just know that I love you all Noah Medor*

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May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

*“ To all the Masotta family my prayers and thoughts are with you all. He was a great person and human being. Sincerely Ron Dietter*

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**Ron Dietter** - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

*“ Fritz & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Masotta and all of you were such an important part of my growing up and I think of you often. You were all so kind and loving towards me and I have always had such a deep respect for your dad and the man he was. I looked up to Mr. Masotta and always appreciated the way he treated and looked out for me. I know it has been years since we all moved away and our lives moved on but I will always appreciate the role your Dad, Mom, and all of you played in my life and who I ended up becoming. Thanks for everything, you all made a difference in my life.*

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**Jim Pianki** - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FB

*“ What are the wright words to express your feeling in a moment like this?Forty plus years have gone by too quickly, especially without a squabble.It is a general understanding that "if you as many friends as the fingers in one hand - then you are a rich man", Fred would prove that statement wrong, you would only need one... him. It has been a privilege having known you.May you rest in peace my friend.*

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**Franco Di Benedetto** - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

*“ So sorry for your loss. He was very well liked over the years. He will be deeply missed. Mike Troiano*

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**Mike Troiano** - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Fritz and family. Very sorry to read of your loss. Can't say you father wasn't "loved" by all who new him. Have some good memories...Bud Kennett

Bud Kennett - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ So very sorry for your loss. You all will be in our hearts and prayers. May all the wonderful, fond memories we all have of Fred fill the tremendous void. He certainly touched and left his mark on many.

Barbara - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ I have known and loved the Masotta's for almost 30 years. Fred was an incredibly hard worker, and took care of everyone that he loved. My thoughts and prayers to you all at this time. I know that he and my dad are having a cold one together.

Cindy Valenti - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Fritz,Eileen and Family, We are very sorry for your loss,our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Mary and John Charczynski - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Fritz, Eileen and family, So very sorry for your loss ...Dave, Pat, David & Michael Taddei

May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Diane and the Masotta Family, Fred was a fine gentleman. Our prayers and sympathy to all of you. May he rest in peace. Tony & Jane Ciarlone

Tony - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Fred for the past 33 years. If you needed to get something done...go see Fred. If you needed a helping hand...go see Fred. He was an icon and a very well-respected man that will be missed by many. When you looked at him you saw this intimidating persona with a robust voice but Fred had a heart of gold. I am truly saddened and have his entire family in my thoughts.

Denise Borrelli - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Fred was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed. He clearly loved his family more than life itself.*

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**Kiki Surena O** - May 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *As a next door neighbor I have vivid memories growing up, of Fred coming home from work each evening, in his pickup, with "Craftsmen" on the side. Playing basketball in his driveway with the hoop-backboard he built, pretty much for anyone to use. Getting pieces of wood from Fred for projects I built. Always a kind word and "wadda ya need?" anytime I asked. I felt comfortable, when living out of state, that the Masotta's were always next door watching things around our house and Fred would help my Dad, when he needed anything. Thank you Fred, for being there and I will always remember. May God bless you and the whole family.*

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**Richard Peck** - May 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM