

## Frank Giordano Biography

My name is Francis Giordano but you can call me Frank. I was born in Bensonhurst Brooklyn on July 24, 1949. I am almost 70. My neighborhood was 90% Italian. My parents were generation Italian Americans who did not speak a word of Italian. The little I learned was from my grandparents who lived in a 4 family home with my mother's 2 sisters, one of whom is her twin. My mom is 90 and very vital and still living on the same block for 50 plus years. I went to Saint Atanasius Grammar school and Church one block away from me. After graduation I went to Cathedral Preparatory Seminary to study for the priesthood. I still have people who call me Father Frank. I have 2 younger brothers and a 9 year younger baby sister. One brother, Robert was an auto mechanic and contractor, the other was a little known professional musician called Peter Stevens. Margaret my baby sister married a Kenny Rogers look alike who captains sea boats, she worked along with him as she served the passengers.

I finished high school in Bishop Ford High School in my 3rd year. I left my goal of becoming a teaching coaching priest and studied to become a teacher coach. I graduated College at Saint John's University with a BA in teaching coaching Education. The summer after I graduated I married my wonderful beautiful wife Josephine on April 2nd, 1972. I then began teaching and studying for Graduate School. I graduated in 3 years while teaching and coaching. After working in a poor neighborhood of Brooklyn—Park Slope—Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic School for 2 years, I transferred to Felix Festa Middle School—the famous Clarkstown School System. I made friends with the principal, a sports nut and taught and coached 3 sports for almost 40 years. I moved from Brooklyn to Jefferson Valley New York to make my trip easier. I am still there 40 years later. In between teaching and studying and coaching. I had my first child, a redheaded beauty named Jennifer. She was stunning. Two years later I had my second child, Frankie, a blond haired bouncing baby boy.

Jennifer gave me 3 beautiful grandchildren with her husband Fred. Fred 12 a boy (his son) Marina 9 a girl and lastly Hanna 7 also a girl. My son got married this Friday, April 26th, to a beautiful young girl named Sable. It was a wonderful affair. I was able to attend with my wife and best friend Josephine, whom I always say is the most wonderful woman on earth. I am retired and renovate older properties and rent them out. I am currently finishing one in Goshen. It will be one of my last. There are 2 properties, a 7000 square foot mansion on 6 acres which is almost completed and an already completed 2 family brick carriage house. Hopefully when we get it completed and rented I can take it much easier and spend more time traveling with my wife and family. I will also look toward my new bunch of grandchildren who are the love of my life. My grandson plays basketball very hard but he is short and never gives up. He is also a tough little football player. Being an ex martial artist, nearly a black belt, he does not know how to back down and knows where and how to hit his opponent. Marina is a very talented gymnast as well as the most talented girl on her basketball team. Her

body bends in ways you can't imagine. My baby Hannah suffers from a mild case of cerebral palsy. She is a very talented and cute pianist. Im waiting for group 2. God has blessed me with a great family'I also have some very dear friends here at the club God Bless Everybody