

Franc Petan

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Franc Petan is announcing his sudden passing Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the age of 56 years old.

Franc will be lovingly remembered by his wife Rosanna and his children Alex and Nic as well as his aunts Zinka and Maria, cousins Bobby, Anne, Mary, Danica and all his family and friends.

A funeral service in memory of Franc will be held on Tuesday, September 25, at 10 AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 Slocan Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Those who desire may make memorial donations in the memory of Franc to the Canadian mental health association (CMHA).

You are welcome to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.



Messages of Condolence

Dear Rosanna, Alex and Nic;

My heart grieves with such sadness. I do not have the words to express the pain you are feeling. With deepest sympathy and sending love to you all.

With Love,

Donna

— Donna Paterson

Our heartfelt condolences to Rosanna, Alex, Nic and your entire family. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time and know that your love for one another will get you through this difficult time.

Terri, Roy, Matthew and Ryan Shortridge

— Terri & Roy Shortridge

So sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to the family. Franc was a good man, gone far too soon, he will be dearly missed.

— Steve Wood

The past and present Chalmers School teachers send our condolences to the whole Petan family. You are in our thoughts.

— Greg Ng

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rosanna, Alex and Nic. We are so sorry to hear about Franc leaving us. He left us way too early. Our deepest condolences.

Anna, Rick and Cameron Marks

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Rosanna, Alex and Nic. I'm very sorry for your loss. Lost my dad suddenly 2 years ago on Sept. 19. People tell you it gets easier but it doesn't. You will create a new normal..I wish you all peace and comfortand may you find peace.

Lesley Cass @nhljetsfan but more so daughter daddy hockey game dates tragically taken away from you.

— **Lesley Cass**

Franc Petan was a great man , I never forget him.

— **Shawn kazemi**

My condolences,

I lost my Dad suddenly in 2016. I share your heartache. Take comfort in your loving memories of him and each day will become a little brighter. It will take time to heal but those around you are here to help.

— **Jillian Ainge**

My Condolences to Nic and his family. I met Nic and Franc both in Winnipeg. Franc bought my condo and he, Nic and his friend helped me move on moving day. I am very saddened by the news of his passing.

Sincerely,

David Bourgeault

— **David Bourgeault**

The Earhart Family and all of The Winterhawks Families wish you and yours all the love and support we can give and send! I have never met such a wonderful family and we always appreciate Nic for his interaction with Taylor during his years in Portland! All our love!

The Earharts

— **Jaime Earhart**

So sorry for your loss. May lots of love and prayers surround you at this difficult time. RIP Franc.

— **Adrienne Wells**

Just want to send a BIg hug to all famely and say I am thinking of you

Challe

— **Charles Franzen**

Dear Rossana, Alex & Nic,

My deepest condolences and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time.

May God Bless you all.

Silvana

— **Silvana De Benedetto**

Dear Rosanna,Alex and Nic, I am so sorry that Franc is gone. The world was absolutely a better place with him here. He was a great and good influence on my boys and to me,always a pleasure to cheer along with at the rinks. Much love to you all.

— **Heather Braun**

Although I only met Franc at Pina's on special occasions such as birthdays and Christmas, he was always so nice and friendly. No one can truly feel the heartache you are going through unless they have experienced it. Your poem, If Tears Could Build a Stairway brought tears to my eyes, for all your pain, and loss... one can only imagine. Stay strong for your children. Your family and friends will get you through this. With deep regret, Denise and Dino

— **Denise Celio**

I just can't believe Franc is gone. My heart breaks for you Rosanna. This is just so unfair. If you ever need me just message me anytime. You are in my prayers nightly since I found out. I pray that God stays by your side to help you get through this terrible loss. Alex and Nic I can't tell you enough on how sad we are for you boys. Your father is an incredible role model. I remember your Dad coaching Zach when he played soccer 19 years ago. You guys were all so young then. Every time we have seen him he has brought smiles and laughter to us all. He will be greatly missed. Again we are so very sorry for your loss.

— **Mel and Zach Wilkinson**

Rosanna, Alex, and Nic: Grace and I are deeply saddened at hearing of Francs' untimely passing. He was such a nice, proud man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bill and Grace Adams

— **Bill and Grace Adams**

We first met at Zinka's fence - Franc would be helping in her yard. We had many talks when we would meet in our alley, and we had fun together at the dinners and parties at Bob's. Franc always had a big smile and a witty comment! He was full of life and energy. We will miss Franc immensely. It won't be the same without his smile and energy. Our condolences to Franc's family, and to all who knew him as we did.

— **Gary & Debbie Fach**

Rosanna, Alex and Nic- Our deepest condolences to you in this very tough time. Franc will never be forgotten. A donation has been made to the CMHA in his memory.

from the Muirheads: Doug, Frederique, Amie and Evan

— **Doug Muirhead**

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— **Doug Muirhead**

Dear Rosanna, Alex and Nic,

Franc has always been a good person so the news of his passing has affected a lot of people. There is no doubt, he will be missed. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss and know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

— **Donald Cayer**

Dear Roxanna, Alex and Nic,

We are so very sad to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Our deepest sympathies, Monica, Fred, Vanessa & Evan Tironese

— **Monica Tironese**

So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

— **Elisabeth StJ Turgeon**

As a Dunbar kid (now over 40!), the corner of 17th & Dunbar will always be 'La Notte'. Franc you brought so much joy to so many from table touches to letting us stay late! May you raise a glass and cause some feathers to roll up in heaven.

Condolences to the Petan family during this hard time. ☐ ☐

— **Carly Allen**

My deepest condolences to you Alex and your family for your loss....my thoughts and prayers I'm sending to you.....

— **Wayne Hubbard**

My Prayers Are With You Rosanna, Nic, Alex in such a difficult time. May God be with you as you move forward, one day at a time. Thank you Franc for always finding the time to say hello.

Until we meet again, Rest In Peace,

— **Gordie Crawford**

What a great loss. I always saw Franc at his aunt Zinka's home. He was always happy to help her out. He always had a sarcastic remark and ready to help out. A very kind and funny man. He will be missed. I will keep his family in my prayers. I'm very sorry for your loss R.I.P Franc. Sending you love and good vibes

— **Kym Lobzun**

Rosanna, Nic and Alex, so very sorry. Love to you all. Keep those awesome memories close to your heart which I will do also. Prayers, Love, Jerilynn

— **Jerilynn**

We were so deeply saddened to hear the news of the sudden passing of Franc. While we have not seen Franc for several years, we have many fond memories of Franc from our younger years...Wonderful Dinners at La Notte, Halloween Celebrations, Weddings, NY Eve Celebrations at Whistler, various Parties and of recent date...a wonderful memory stands out at Family Day in Feb 2013 watching your son Nic play hockey.

Franc always had that mischievous twinkle in his eyes, a welcoming smile, a great sense of humor and was a very proud family man and loved his sons and family dearly!

Keep those wonderful memories close to your hearts and may the strong Love and Support of Family and Friends give you the strength & courage to get thru this very difficult family time.

Our deepest condolences with LOVE & HUGS to Nic & Alex & Rosanna Petan and Family.

God Bless & may you rest in peace Franc Petan. You will be missed by many!
John & Jana Carreira and Family

— **John & Jana Carreira and Family**

Roseanne, Alex and Nic and family.

We are very sorry to here of Franc's passing. We are sending our heartfelt condolences and wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Paul, Georgia, Nickolas and Brittany Costa

— **The Costa's**

Rosanna, Alex and Nic

We were speechless when we heard of Franc's passing. Accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Victor, Liz, Chelsea and Brittni Santos

— **Liz Santos**

Deeply saddened to hear the news and condolences go out to the Petan family. He was always so kind to everyone around and had a contagious smile that could life an entire room. Coach, you will be missed.

— **Jas S**

Rosanna, Alex and Nic,

I was so sorry to hear of your sudden loss and extend my sincere condolences. There are few words to bring any comfort at such a difficult time. Alex and Nic, I remember how proud your dad was of both of you when you were young and I am sure he was even more proud of the fine young men you have become. Remember that and keep all of the special memories close to your hearts. Thinking of you all.
Janice Dudzic

— **Janice Dudzic**

Dear Rosanne Alex and Nic

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family for this tragic loss!!! Our thought and prayer,s are with you. Cherie, Vincent and Gianni Jr ☐

— **Cherie moscone**

Rosanna, Nic, & Alex, Our sincere condolences at this difficult time. Franc was a special soccer player when I was coaching Friuli Soccer Team. Love to all, Angelo & Loretta Piazzon

— **Angelo & Loretta Piazzon**

Rosanna, Nic and Alex, I want to express my sincere condolences on the passing of Franc. I will always have the fond memories of the good times at the restaurant, and the discussions with Jack and Franc about the football. My thoughts and prayers for you and the family.

Bernie

— **bernie**

Dear Rossana, Alex & Nic, My deepest condolences

— **Maria Borri**

Rosanna, Alex, Nic: I wish you peace as you cope with your tragic loss, as well as joy while you embrace all the fond memories of Franc. I doubt you know me, but I knew your husband / father. Franc and I were friends at Sir Charles Tupper high school. I remember Franc in those high school days as a kind young man with wholesome values who excelled in sports, e.g. distance running, wrestling etc. I remember those gym class "graveyard runs" when most of us would struggle to finish while admiring how Franc would typically finish first. Franc and I had a mutual respect even though we weren't close buddies in high school. I hadn't seen Franc all these years since high school graduation. I'd left Vancouver after UBC undergrad studies and when I finally returned to Vancouver a few years ago I tried to reconnect with Franc to say hello. Like Franc, I'm also a husband and father of sons, so I looked forward to catching up and relating to each other. I had learned from another high school friend that Franc owned the La Notte restaurant. I stopped by last year at the restaurant, and the nice ladies in the kitchen informed me that Franc no longer owned the restaurant but I didn't have any contact info. Fast forward to this evening as I'm shocked and saddened to learn via an internet search of Franc's passing and your loss. My sincere sympathies to you. I trust you'll cherish forever the wonderful legacy of Franc. Best regards, Norm Lo.

— Norm Lo

My deepest condolences to Rosanna, Alex, and Nic. Franc and I were classmates in grade 7 at General Wolfe elementary school in 1975. He was the team captain of the floor hockey team I was in. Remembered how he taught our team to improve and said that was the only way we will win against the other teams. Several games later and collecting our trophies, he said see what happens when you work hard. We both attended Sir Charles Tupper high school but never had classes together. Met him again in 1984 at the A & W in Oakridge Centre. Said hi and asked what I was doing 3 years after graduating from Tupper. He said he does not want to go school but liked the idea of opening a small restaurant. Franc you are a good man and made a lasting impression on me. May you rest in peace.

— **Ivan Pon**

Roseanne and boys I just found out checking hockey It must be devastating for you all.

Roseanne take comfort..in knowing he in a much better place Words are few at this time I will certainly keep him in my prayers Miss you all Madie

— **Madie**

Dear Rosanna,

The last few years I have tried to reach Franc to re-connect and when I mentioned his name today at a soccer store the owner told me the sad and ever so surprising news of his passing. The set-up was that I'd be recruited onto a struggling team then I'd bring Franc and Mike Deeley out, sometimes another player or two, then we'd be league champs . . . I always asked Franc first! There are so many fond memories and the last time I saw Franc there were a few million others also watching him purposefully walking down to toss his hat onto the ice after the hat-trick in the World Juniors. Franc was a good man, wish you and the boys the best.

Yours truly,

JB

— **JB**

He was a great guy and a great smile I seen him a couple of times for wrestling

— **michele kraberger**



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