



Francis “Frank” D. Thompson

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Francis “Frank” D. Thompson, 56, of Ewing passed away Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Capital Health Medical Center @ Hopewell. Frank loved his family, especially his two grandchildren, the Dallas Cowboys and the St. Louis Cardinals, in that order. He was an avid sports fan and liked to play the NJ lotto games. Frank also looked forward to spending a week at his family’s summer home in Seaside Park, NJ. Frank was a good athlete. In the late 70’s, he played for two championship softball teams, Zips and Larkin’s Auto Service Center. He had one of the strongest throwing arms and one year led the league in batting. Frank was fortunate to have many friends in the Trenton area, most of whom have remained friends right up to the time of his passing. Frank was born in Trenton and spent most of his youth in the greater Trenton/Hamilton area. He moved with his parents to Ewing in 1974, where he resided until God called for him. Prior to his death, Frank spent a career in the beverage business and was known by many of his customers as the “soda man”. He initially worked as a truck delivery person for “7UP” and then as a driver and warehouse manager for J.C. Lockett Beverage Distributors. Frank ended his working career as owner-operator of F&E Distributors, Inc. with the initials standing for himself and his beloved grandson, Ezio, who at the age of 3, 4 and 5 helped out in the warehouse and affectionately referred to his grandfather as “Soda Poppy”. “Brother of the late Michael J. Thompson, he is survived by a daughter and son-in law, Falen and Frank Bocchini of Trenton; 2 grandchildren, Ezio and Bianca; his mother and father, Joan and William DeAngelo of Ewing; a brother and sister, Ellen and Robert Ruffing; 2 nieces, Lauren and her husband Anthony Marucci, and Morgan Ruffing. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 4 until 7pm at the M. William Murphy Funeral Home, 935 Parkway Ave., Ewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 10am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 137 West Upper Ferry Rd., West Trenton, NJ. Burial will follow in Ewing Church Cemetery.