



Lieutenant Frank Joshua Vento

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Vento, Frank, 48, of Seminole, FL, passed away on February 3, 2014. Served as a Lieutenant for the City of Seminole Fire Department and as a fire inspector for the City of Gulfport. Survived by his wife of 23years Lisa Vento; children Christopher and Megan Vento; mother Mary K. Vento; sister Betsy Athey; nieces and nephews. A viewing will be held at the Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th Street North, Seminole on Friday the 7th from 10am-12pm with the service at 12pm.
Memorial Park Funeral Home
727-527-1196



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DW

Douglas Weaver posted:

I grew up with Josh, as I knew him, in school and Publix. When I ran into him at Home Depot we would talk about the past and future. He was a genuine good guy and I will miss knowing he is not with us. I am very sadden for his family as a husband and father are gone.

February 12 at 5:05 AM

RW

Richard & Karen Wiggins posted:

Lisa, Chris, Megan and Mary-We were so saddened to hear of Josh's passing and really have no words to express how sad we were when we received the news. Josh was a very close friend of sons, Bart and Todd, and when he was in Alaska on duty with the Military, we invited Josh to our home for dinner. Karen always has a book available for our guests to sign and on January 19, 1989, Josh wrote in the book we had in the bathroom, "Very nice, quite relaxing, prices okay. Couldn't find the light switch." All who knew Josh will never forget him and there is no doubt he'll be patiently waiting for all of his family and buddies to gather once again when their time comes. God Bless Josh and all of the Vento family. Richard & Karen Wiggins

February 10 at 5:41 AM

SJ

Sherri Johnson posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Vento family.

February 8 at 2:15 PM

FD

Frank Defrancesco posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. He will be missed by so many. Just need to know he is not in pain and is at peace. His spirit will always be with you.

February 8 at 5:50 AM

DV

Donna And Joseph Volk posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Sincerely, Donna and Joe

February 7 at 4:48 PM



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GH

Gayle And Jim Horden posted:

My deepest sympathy. His life was filled with love and joy because of you . He lived a full and haopy life because of you and his family. May he be at peace.

February 7 at 8:09 AM

HH

Howard Hirschfield posted:

Lisa and Frank's family, there are no words to express the void left in Seminole by the passing of Frank. I was shocked to hear the news, especially after talking with Frank less than a month ago. He was eager to fight this dreaded disease and was very brave. I will miss those times speaking with Frank and knowing him for over 30 years. Liz, the kids and I will certainly have the Vento family in our prayers!

February 6 at 5:39 PM

SW

Spencer & Kyle Workinger posted:

Our deepest sympathy Mary Kay.

February 6 at 4:54 PM

RG

Robert S. Genhold posted:

Frank RIP

February 6 at 3:11 PM

KM

Kappy Mccue posted:

Lisa, Chris and Megan, I cannot adequately find the words to express the sorrow at the passing of Josh. He was one of the kindest, sweetest souls I have ever known. He was a great husband and a great father, always putting you and the kids first in his life. I don't think Josh ever greeted anyone without a huge smile on his face. He is already so missed.

February 6 at 11:47 AM



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MS

Matt Steindl posted:

Big man.... HUGE heart!! Any time we got a call and he was working, the TV would mysteriously be on Spongebob or My Pretty Pony, with Frank nowhere to be found when we got back to quarters. Made me laugh, drove me crazy, but I sure would give anything to have another shift with him. Travel well brother. Your life was short but you lived it large.

February 6 at 6:18 AM

RM

Ron And Judy Meyer posted:

We were so saddened to hear that Frank passed away. We'll miss seeing his smiling face here in the mountains. Our deepest condolences to Lisa, Megan and Chris; Frank will remain forever in our hearts.

February 5 at 7:19 PM

BP

Bill Barzen, Retired Spc Professor posted:

Met Frank "Josh" not long after he was hired and I knew he would be a great FF. His best accomplishment was growing into an outstanding husband and father. After SFR volunteers went away I still ran into Josh on the street, at Publix, at the college and many other places. Josh always had a minute to chat and sometimes Lisa would move him along. After becoming a PCSO volunteer I encountered Josh on the streets at Sig4's or Sig25's. This soldier of FD, US and the Vento Family will be genuinely missed. Guess an FD Lt and family soldier was needed by the ultimate Chief! God bless Lisa, Chris and Megan during this very tough time. Rest with all our Brothers and Sisters in addition to making them laugh.

February 5 at 5:23 PM

KJ

Karen Jackson posted:

I didn't know Frank well, but I'm moved by the memories of those who did. The entire Fire and EMS community is there to support and comfort his family at home. Godspeed, sir.

February 5 at 5:13 PM

HM

Heidi Colbeck (Mueller) posted:

I am sorry I could not come but just want to let you know that Frank was a very special person and will always be remembered.

February 5 at 2:21 PM



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DR

Derek Raymer posted:

You will always be on the mountains with us!

February 5 at 12:44 PM

MZ

Matt Zaletel posted:

Frank was one of the best people I have ever met. He was a great man a true friend. His dedication to his family and career were second to none. Rest easy brother.

February 5 at 12:39 PM

LW

Leslie Waters posted:

The City of Seminole appreciates Frank's dedication and service to the citizens of Seminole and the greater community. My thoughts and prayers are with Frank's family during this very sad time. May Frank rest-in-peace. Mayor Leslie Waters City of Seminole

February 5 at 11:29 AM

CG

Connie Graves posted:

I remember the day Frank started at Seminole; he was funny and always kind. My prayers are with his wife and children during this most difficult time.

February 5 at 11:27 AM

SC

Sandy "Mom" Campbell posted:

Josh received his wings the moment His soul left this earth...He was a blessing from the moment of His birth....Beloved husband, father, brother, Friend and son...Helper of mankind...Each was a job well done....I am sure God Himself met him At Heaven's Gate...I want to thank Him...but, the Pain of his loss is still too great....We do know that this is not the end...The day will come when we will Meet again.... 3K3e Much love

February 5 at 11:06 AM



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SF

Safety Harbor Professional Firefighters posted:

The members of local-2267 join in extending heartfelt sympathy to the Seminole FD and the family of our brother Frank Vento. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this extremely sad time. Fraternally, Safety Harbor FirefightersLocal-2267, FLA

February 5 at 6:49 AM

JD

Jay Dawson posted:

My condolences and prayers go out to the Vento family and his firefighter family at Seminole Fire Rescue.

February 5 at 6:01 AM

LF

Lt. John Finn posted:

Frank was a great person and will be truly missed.

February 5 at 1:48 AM

SS

Sherri (Wenzel) Schurman posted:

Although I never worked directly with Frank, I pray for his family and his work family. The Fire Service and the EMS service are one big family and a loss is a loss to all of us. Rest comfortably now servant. We have the watch. Another angel to protect the brother/sisterhood.

February 4 at 8:37 PM

AB

Art & Jackie Bruckler posted:

We have all been blessed to know Frank. He was always cheerful friendly and never had a bad word to speak of anyone. You could depend on him to always say something nice to you and his smile was contagious. You will be missed brother.

February 4 at 7:09 PM



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FD

Ff/Pm Ty Dougherty posted:

Rest in peace LT Frank Vento. I will always remember working with you at Home Depot and the conversations we had, pushing me to not give up on a career with the fire department. With your encouragement I didn't give up and am beginning my career... You touched my life as I am sure you have touched many others.. Rest easy brother.

February 4 at 6:45 PM

TC

Tim Lynch Retired Captain posted:

I didnt know Lieutenant Vento. But it is always hard to hear when a brother has past. May God give you peace in your time of grief. Rest peaceful brother.

February 4 at 5:26 PM

GC

Gina Cangemi posted:

Lisa, Chris, Megan and the entire Vento family I am so sorry for your loss. Josh and I had known each other for over 30 years. He had such a kind heart and was a man who loved his family. I enjoyed seeing him at the SYAA baseball games with Nick and Chris being on the same team . Another Angel was needed in heaven and he is in peace with our Heavenly Father. May God bless all of you and give you the peace needed during this difficult time. Continuous prayers are with all of you.

February 4 at 5:03 PM

JH

Joe Horton posted:

I miss you Frank!!!!!! May God give you eternal life now as you rest in peace. You will be remembered for your smile, big heart, joking manner, and your friendship both in and out of the our fire service careers. I know you are pain free now and that you are safe. Make the heavens laugh like you did for so many of us. God bless your family Frank in their time of sorrow. Fraternally,Lt. Joe HortonLargo Fire RescueEngine 40A shift

February 4 at 4:50 PM

AJ

Andrew Jeffers posted:

...a man who loved his wife, adored his children, and worked hard to provide for his family; a man who did all in his power to make his friends laugh, his community safe, and his name remembered! What better life could be lived? We will miss you buddy!

February 4 at 4:32 PM



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DE

Debbi posted:

Although I can not be with my family this Friday, my thoughts and prayers are with them. Josh was a great guy, always cracking jokes to make people smile. You could tell how much he adored his wife and children with his actions and comments and anytime he talked about his job at the firestation or his friends at work he seemed to light up- he was truly blessed. You will be missed cuz, I Love You.

February 4 at 4:29 PM

TG

Troy Green posted:

So sorry for your loss Vento family. Everyone lost someone special with his passing. Frank "Jumpin Josh" Vento was the kind of man, other men aspire to be. God bless.

February 4 at 4:29 PM

MV

Marjie Vaughan posted:

Lisa, Chris and Megan I was so sad to hear of your loss. Your Husband and Dad was always so friendly and outgoing. Each time I saw him he always gave me a hug and was so proud to tell me all about what his children were doing. I still have the fire fighter shirts and REAL fire hat that he donated to me when Chris and Megan was in my Preschool class. This world has lost a special person. Prayers to all of you, Marjie Vaughan

February 4 at 2:57 PM

PM

Peter Michaud posted:

I was crushed to hear of Frank's passing. He was as good a man as God ever put on this earth and I shall never forget him. You can be comforted in knowing that you are forever a part of the firefighter family; you shall never be alone. My condolences to your family.

February 4 at 2:31 PM



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CH

Chris Hengstenberg posted:

Lisa, Chris, and Meagan, While not obvious now, the pain and grief will subside and you will find peace. In that peace will be all of the wonderful, happy memories that your husband and father brought to your lives. They will be with you always, something no one can ever take away. Cherish them and never forget. Know that all of us will be here for you when you need us to be. That is our solemn promise to you. We also vow to never forget the man who gave so much of himself to serve and protect this community. Rest easy my brother. Your tour is complete, your work done with honor. We have the watch.

February 4 at 2:07 PM

CT

Cheryl And Mark Tillinghast posted:

To Lisa and the entire family there are simply no words that can ease the pain right now. A loving husband and father. A devoted son. A friend to all he met. Josh was always there not to give advice or solutions but to care, share and touch our lives with a warm and sharing hand and heart. He is already missed. Love Cheryl and Mark

February 4 at 1:55 PM

EG

Emily Goldbach posted:

My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Lisa, Frank's children and family. Brad had the chance to work with Frank and said he was a really good guy and nice to work with. I wish words could do more to help ease your loss, but our constant prayers will be with you and your family. With sincere sympathy, Brad Mikesell & Emily Goldbach

February 4 at 1:54 PM

BC

Bob And Maureen Cadzow posted:

I'm sure God sent a very special angel, red lights and sirens for Frank. Our prayers are with his wife, children, sister and mother.

February 4 at 12:35 PM

MW

Michael Wallace posted:

My family's prayers go out to the Vento family. Frank was a good man. He will be missed.

February 4 at 11:54 AM



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KC

Keith, Kim, Emily & Evan Cartwright posted:

Lisa, our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. Please know that Frank was loved, respected and will be missed by his friends & extended firefighting family. We are here for you. May God comfort you and give you peace during this time.

February 4 at 11:14 AM

LS

Louis Sclafani posted:

Always enjoyed your smile and upbeat attitude. Will miss seeing your friendly face. You fought the good fight now may you rest in peace.

February 4 at 9:43 AM

LB

Lavera Blanco posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Frank. He was such a friendly neighbor (I live in the corner house), stopping for a friendly chat whenever he saw me outside. I will truly miss him. I pray for comfort for you and the children, Lisa. LaVera

February 4 at 9:43 AM

RN

Ron Neuberger posted:

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Frank, he was a wonderful person. Quincy and I had the opportunity to work with Frank while he was in Gulfport and I had the chance to work with him on the street as a firefighter. He was a great person and will be missed. The fire service lost a great person today. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and his fire service family, God bless.

February 3 at 4:48 PM

LV

Lance And Molly Volpe posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Vento Family. This wonderful family has endured so much within these past few months only to experience the heartache of losing a devoted husband and father. "A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the very best."

February 3 at 3:54 PM



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Joe Cangemi posted:

Lisa and kids, I am so sorry and saddened to hear about Frank. He was a good man and I always enjoyed my time with him. He loved his family so so much. He will surely be missed. My condolences, Joe Cangemi

February 3 at 2:58 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frank by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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