



Francis Joseph Wabindato, Jr.

August 23, 1972 - February 22, 2025

Frankie Joseph Wabindato Jr., 52 of Charlotte, overcame many obstacles in his life and helped others learn about loving unconditionally, as Frankie was born with Spina Bifida. He was born August 23, 1972 in Lansing, the son of Francis Joseph and Gayle (Hamilton) Wabindato. Frankie loved everyone, especially his family, and always had a smile on his face. A genuinely nice guy it was hard not to like him and appreciate his wonderful attitude about life and everything it had to offer. Frankie loved participating in many activities including bowling leagues at CharLanes and Special Olympics playing bocce ball. He also loved watching sports, anything MSU, Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers football, Red Wings Hockey, and Tigers Baseball. He worked at Peckham Industries for 25 years.

Frankie is survived by his mom and step-dad, Gayle (Merlin) Marlatt; siblings, Jason (Becky) Wabindato and Charity (Josh) Edgar; nieces and nephews, Taylor, Shiann, Madison, Alyssa, Jason Jr., Isa, Abby, Alaina and Wyatt; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Francis Joseph Wabindato; grandparents, Dee and Harry Hamilton; and uncles, Mark Hamilton, and Brad Hamilton.

Friends are encouraged to support Frankie's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. Visitation is Thursday, February 27, 6-8:00 p.m. at Pray

Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Friday, February 28, 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor John Bailey officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>, click on Frankie's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Special Olympics Area 8. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

FEB 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Graveside

MAY 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pleasanton Township Cemetery
16340 Pleasanton Hwy
Bear Lake, MI 49614

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Francis Joseph Wabindato, Jr.



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 28, 2025 at 12:14 PM

GE

Beautiful 🥹

Georgi - February 28, 2025 at 06:59 PM

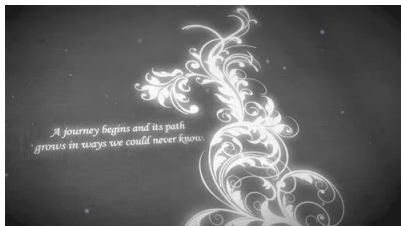
GB

after joining the services for Franki, I realize he lived a fuller life than most. Even when most did not have the challenges he faced! There is no greater love in this life than a mother and child, and that is the tribute to Gayle !! May memories and peace be with you and your family 💕💕

Georgiana Bonardi - February 28, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis Joseph Wabindato, Jr.



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 26, 2025 at 11:11 AM

SU

You rest in peace Frankie you will be missed

Sandra uhl - February 26, 2025 at 04:55 PM

GE

Your smile is so infectious and beautiful ! Rest in peace and I won't forget how much I asked you to root for KC and how adamant you were saying No No No !! Rest sweet boy 🙏💕🏈👉

Georgi - February 27, 2025 at 02:08 AM

WS

*Rest in peace Frankie. Penny and I babysat you and Jason when you were little. Such a sweet little guy! Penny passed 10 years ago give her a big heavenly hug.
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winde sullivan - February 28, 2025 at 01:48 PM

MB

“ *I haven't seen Frankie for years but will always remember his smiling face and love of life. He was one of a kind and always thought of others. May you RIP Frankie. Miss Max*

Maxine Burkhardt - February 27, 2025 at 11:45 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis Joseph Wabindato, Jr..*



February 27, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Francis Joseph Wabindato, Jr..*

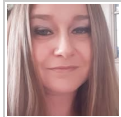
February 27, 2025 at 09:03 AM

MD

“ I knew Frankie from my many years volunteering with the Area 8 Special Olympics up in Mt. Pleasant.. Frankie was just one of those wonderful Athletes who made the event so wonderful. He had a smile from ear to ear ... that was absolutely contagious. He had a sweet and kind disposition. He was always friendly to my brother Matthew Gager.

Our entire family will miss him. He left this world a better place. ❤️
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mary Gager Drew - February 26, 2025 at 09:41 PM



Frankie was a very sweet and loving person. I took care of him for a few years and I looked up to him as my big brother. Will always love and miss you my sweet Frankie

Tiffany Bass - February 28, 2025 at 08:25 AM

SU

“ A member Frankie when he was a little my mom used to watch him he always made us laugh My mother's name was Ellen uhl and my mother had five of us kids at home I sure will miss you Frankie rest in peace

Sandra uhl - February 26, 2025 at 04:43 PM

LC

“ Frank always had a bright smile on his face and made friends easily.
The world has lost a shining star 💕.
He will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know him! 💔

Linda cobb - February 26, 2025 at 12:00 PM

AS

“ Art and Sheila purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Francis Joseph Wabindato, Jr..



Art and Sheila - February 26, 2025 at 11:29 AM

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“ Art and Sheila planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Joseph Wabindato.

Art and Sheila - February 26, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 26, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Francis Joseph Wabindato.

February 26, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis Joseph Wabindato, Jr..



February 25, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ Frankie was a great guy. He always made people laugh. He always was smiling no matter if he was having a bad day. I also went to school with him we were in the same class together. He will be miss by alot of people who knew him.

Andrea malinoski, Emery - February 25, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ Kay and Victor Davis and family purchased the S erene Retreat for the family of Francis Joseph Wabindato, Jr..



Kay and Victor Davis and family - February 25, 2025 at 06:11 PM



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