



## Frank Hitchcock

November 26, 2009

### Obituary of Frank Hitchcock

Frank B. Hitchcock, Jr., 61, of The Villages, FL died on Thursday, November 26, 2009. He was born in Mt. Kisco, NY and moved to The Villages from Lady Lake in 1998. He was of the Catholic faith. He was the former Chief of Police of Lady Lake, FL, 1980. He was a retired Detective Sergeant for Leesburg Police Department. He was a member of the International Police Association, the Retired Police Officers Breakfast Club, and of the Walking Eagles Golf Group. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed reading, traveling, theater and spending special time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Dina Hitchcock, The Villages, FL; son, Robert David Hitchcock, Cocoa, FL; daughter, Christina Shattuck, Fruitland Park, FL; parents: Frank and Harriet Hitchcock, Fruitland Park, FL; 2 brothers: John F. Hitchcock, Poughkeepsie, NY and Edward Hitchcock, Stoney Point, NY; 2 sisters: Mary Ellen Carney, Poughkeepsie and Susan Booth, Port Richey, FL; 3 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 2:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Lady Lake, FL with visitation 6:00 - 8:00 PM on

Saturday, December 5, 2009 and on Sunday, December 6th from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. The Reverend Janet Galbreath will be officiating.

#### Visitation

Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Lady Lake, FL.

#### Services

Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 2:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Lady Lake

# Tribute Wall

SU

“ *My heart and prayers are with you now. I know how difficult this time is for you. I am just a call away if you need me. Frank will be dearly missed.*

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**Susan** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *He made us laugh, always a joy to be with and was always such a good friend, just an all around grand guy. Frank will be greatly missed, but not forgotten, by all of us.*

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**John Millie Jeanette** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Frank Hitchcock*

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October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I wanted to work with Frank and had not been able to become a detective until after he left. He still helped me when he came back for the cold cases. What I knew of Frank I admired and respected. Your loss is shared by the extended family that only law enforcement families can understand. A piece who Frank will always been with me, making me a better officer, and a better man.*

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**DC** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Dee & Family, Frank will be/is greatly missed. He is loved, as you all are, as part of our LPD family and as our friends. Frank was a true friend and always available to talk anything over. His easy smile and jovial spirit was something to be blessed with. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Remember all the great times and special memories that you have, to help you through. All my love, Tina/Mama T*

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**Tina Gonzales** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

OL

“ *Sgt. Hitchcock has always been known as a great person, leader, and officer. His loss brings a sadness to us all at the department. My condolences and prayers to his family.*

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**Ofc. John Thomas LPD** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I never had the honor to meet Sgt. Hitchcock, but what I have learned alot about him from many of his friends at the Leesburg Police Department. I know he will be deeply missed but never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.*

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**Ofc. G.Chidsey (LPD)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I will always remember Frank as being a kind and generous person. He always treated me with respect, even when I was a brand new officer and didn't know what I was doing. He touched the lives of many people at the police department and he will always be remembered. My deepest condolences to his family.*

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**David Carver** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NY

“ Dee, My thoughts and prayers are truly with you at this unbelievable time. What a wonderful guy and, as Sally Love told me, a wonderful husband and your best friend. Your family will be such a tremendous shoulder for you. Lean on them all you can. Love and prayers, Nancy young

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**Nancy Young** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I first met Frank in the mid 80's when he would come into the Honda dealership with Joe. They were like two peas in a pod back then. The jokes and hard time we would give each other was priceless. Frank helped make my decision towards a LEO career. He was a mentor and a friend. My heart hurts to think of our world without such a good man, someone to truly look up to, yet it is filled with joy to have known him. Dee, you and Frank were a match made in heaven. You both would always have a hand out to help others. I thank you both for having touched my life.

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**Dylan Galbreath** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I also loved that "smirk." I will miss him and his professionalism.

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**Bill Hayes** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dee, I am so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. It seems like only yesterday that he and I were working cases together many years ago. He was always a great friend and always there when needed. He was a truly dedicated father, husband and a valuable asset to Law Enforcement in Lake County. We were a team and he was someone I could always rely on for an honest straight forward opinion. This continued even after I retired. He will deeply be missed by me and my family. Our hearts go out to you and your family. He touched so many lives during his career that I believe he made a difference. He gave so much all of his life. I thank God that we worked together.

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**Ron Gamble (retired Lieutenant LPD)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Dee, I have tried however words can not make the pain go away. At last count we have been friends with you and Frank for ( 44 ) years. I have felt and received love from Frank as only a brother can give. He has always been there for me day or night. We will miss him however never forget him. He is now with the Lord our Heavenly Father. With all our love John & Nancy Barna

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**John & Nancy Barna** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family Frank will be missed by all of us that worked with him and knew him he was a professional and a very good friend.

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**Michael Warchol** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our prayers are with you Dee to help you through this difficult time. You and Frank have always been such a joy to be with and work with-- always smiling and making the best of everything! We will always remember Frank's smile as he always had one on his face -- he was a special guy!

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**Sally Love** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Dee, I am so sorry for your loss and the entire community's loss. I have known both of you for almost 30 years. If you need anything I'm just a call away. He was someone I considered one of my best friends and confidant. He was the best Det Sgt that the Leesburg Police Dept ever had and someone I could always go to with any question. I will miss him terribly.

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**Peggy Wofford** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ You know Dee I always thought of Frank as the brother I never had. Our families have spent a lot of time together. I am gratefull that he was in my life and I will miss him deeply..

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**Joey** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will remember Frank as a kind and generous person. He was an outstanding detective and leader in our department. He is a credit to our profession, our department, and will be missed.

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**Mike Godigkeit (LPD)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I will remember that "smirk" of a smile forever. Sgt. Hitchcock holds a special place in my heart as a GREAT teacher and even better leader. My sincere condolences to his family and his extended law enforcement family.

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**Kim Holtzclaw LCSO** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dee, I am so shocked and so sad. My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. cindy

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**Cindy Wise** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I have known Frank for more than 20 years, first as a police officer and almost immediately as a friend. He was one of the most unassuming, friendly and generous people I know, a genuinely kind and decent human being. My wife Pat and I will miss him the rest of our lives.

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**Bill Gross** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ To me, Frank Hitchcock was a true friend, leader and teacher. I am honored to have had the pleasure of working with him at the LPD Criminal Investigations Division. He not only guided me in the ways of criminal investigation, but would give me advice and listen to me when I needed to talk. I could never be able to express the life lessons he taught me in the years that I knew him. He would always call me "kid"....and would always be supportive yet give me his honest opinion, and I loved that about him. He never sugar coated anything....he was wonderful. When I look back on my law enforcement days there at Leesburg Police Department, I will always see Sgt.'s smiling face. Frank Hitchcock believed in me and taught me to believe in myself. I love you Sgt.....Dee, if there is ever anything I could ever do, please let me know. May God bless you and your family during this time.

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**Shelia Skipper Amato** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless for your service.

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**James Argento** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dee, Just to let you know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your time of loss. Frank was one of the most respected in our department. He was a true friend who would help you in any way possible and never ask for anything in return. He is and will always be missed by many of us who have known and had the pleasure of working with him over the years.

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**Ralph Barry** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

*“ I consider myself very fortunate for having had the opportunity to know Frank, and work for him, as he taught me so very much. He remains to be one of the finest people I have ever had the honor of calling a friend, and I will never forget the way in which he touched my life. To Dee; Frank was always a lucky man to have you in his life, and My family and I will always be here for you. Godspeed, and looking forward to our next meeting. Thank you, Frank, for everything, I will miss you.*

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**Det. Jim Dunagan, LPD** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

*“ Frankie and Harriet, Un fortunately I was unable to make the services for Frank. Please know how sorry I am for your loss. A loss of one's child is a terrible thing and I want you to know that my thoughts are with you. I know that your many friends and co-workers are thinking of you also.. Warmest regards, Bob Moody*

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**Bob Moody** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GC

*“ To Frank's family, Since late 1996 until his retirement, I had the privilege of working with Frank from time to time. Frank was always cordial, determined and fast to make sure we (CSI) had anything at LPD's disposal to facilitate our investigations. Frank's humor and camaraderie were second to none, and will be sorely missed, Gene*

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**Gene Cushing LCSO- CSI** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

*“ A good friend for more than eighteen years. He will be missed and will always be in our prayers. A good man a generous man A caring father and husband. We can try to say the words that comfort and attempt to explain why but, to no avail. Frank you are in our hearts.*

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**JERRY AND ALEX** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *I want to extend my condolences and sympathy to your family, I am thinking of you and feel your sorrow.* ”

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**Charles H Wonderlin** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM