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Frank DeSantis, 60

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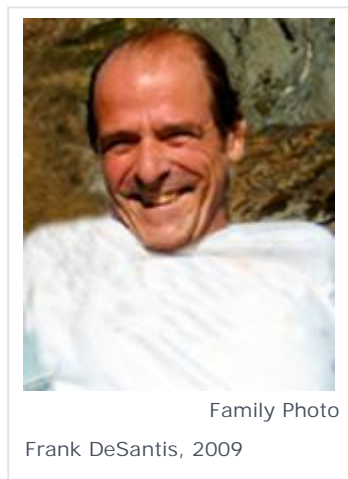


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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Frank DeSantis, a retired McKee High School teacher, died Wednesday in his New Brighton home. He was 60.

Born in West Brighton, Mr. DeSantis lived in Arizona, and California, where he was a cabinet maker, and Massachusetts, where he was a respiratory therapist. He returned to New Brighton 30 years ago.

A Curtis High School graduate, Mr. DeSantis earned a bachelor's degree in marine biology from Sonoma State University in California, and his master of education degree from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

A Vietnam War veteran, Mr. DeSantis was a member of the medical unit for the Navy/Marine division. He served on the front lines before being transferred to a Taipei Naval hospital in Taiwan. He later was stationed at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

Mr. DeSantis taught woodworking at McKee High School for 27 years and was a chapter leader for part of the time.

He was a member of the Vietnam War Association of Staten Island, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, North Shore Post, Westerleigh.

He also volunteered for many years as a PSAL referee and was a leader for Boy Scout Troop 56 in West Brighton. In his spare time, he enjoyed kayaking, woodworking, hiking and scuba diving.

Surviving Mr. DeSantis are his wife of 38 years, the former Patricia Tuohey; a son, Dylan; a daughter, Briana DeSantis; his mother, Gladys DeSantis; two brothers, Mark and Stephen; a sister, Mozelle McQuade; and one grandson.

There will be a memorial service on Thursday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, North Shore

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Post, Westerleigh, at 5 p.m. Arrangements, which include cremation, were handled by Harmon Home for Funerals, West Brighton.