



## Louis F. Matarazzo

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Lou Matarazzo was born July 24, 1939, and served as a Police Officer in the New York City Police Department for more than 35 years — 31 of those years as a functionary of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (now called the Police Benevolent Association), the union representing more than 60,000 active and retired NYPD Police Officers. Lou spent more than 55 years representing Law Enforcement Officers of all ranks: more than a half-century of serving New York's Finest.



In 1977, Lou was elected to a full-time position with the PBA, the largest police union in the United States. Over the subsequent 23 years, he held the positions of Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and President. During his tenure, he served on numerous Labor-Management committees, such as the Rules, the Grievance, and the Negotiating Committees. He also served on the Police Merger Committee with then-Commissioner William Bratton to ensure a smooth and successful merger of the New York City Transit and Housing Police Departments when they were rolled into the NYPD in the 1990s.

After retiring from the Police Department, and since February of 2000, Lou served as Legislative Director for the Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc. (DEA), the union representing 18,000 active and retired NYPD Detectives. He also became the Legislative Director for the NYC Lieutenants Benevolent Association (LBA) and the NYC Captains' Endowment Association (CEA). He was a member of the Legislative Committee of the New York State Association of PBAs (now merged into the PCNY, Police Conference of New York), as well as the Legislative Director of the Public Employees Conference of the State of New York (PEC). He also formerly served as the Chairman of PEC, which represents more than 200,000 members of dozens of public sector unions.

In his position as Legislative Director, Lou played a key role in the passage of numerous laws that protect the salaries and pensions, as well as the health and welfare benefits, of municipal workers. Among these legislative victories was the passage of equalization of the Variable Supplement Fund for Detectives and the Superior Officers' Council; and the VSF DROP, which banks the VSF for those who do not retire after 20 years. He was instrumental in garnering the right for police to arbitrate in PERB (Public Employment Relations Board) before State negotiators, in lieu of City negotiators. Among his proudest achievements was his work on the passage of legislation instituting disability pensions and line of duty death benefits for those who become ill (and/or die) as a result of their work related to the World Trade Center attacks and the rescue and recovery efforts of 9/11. In 2006, Lou was appointed to the Governor's 9/11 Worker Protection Task Force and he served as the Vice Chairman of the Board. He also spent decades on the Board of Directors of COP-SHOT, the program that offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who shoots (or shoots at) an NYPD or MTA Police Officer, or a New York State Trooper or NYS Officer. For his legislative positions, Lou had to divide his time between New York City and the State capitol of Albany.

But, back in Rockville Center, Long Island, where Lou and his wife Frances live since, life was more relaxed. The couple has been married for more than 60 years, and they are the proud parents of five children, seven grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Lou spent a lifetime as a devoted Yankees and Iona University fan, and he relaxed by watching professional sports. He enjoyed reading, fine dining, and spending quiet time with the family and their pets. Lou was fiercely proud of his family's Italian heritage and he and Fran traveled to Italy several times. Lou was a lifetime member of the NYPD Columbia Association, the fraternal organization of Italian-American police, and a stalwart champion of anything that supported and endorsed his beloved profession.

Lou is survived by and was the beloved husband of Fran, the loving father of Anna Maria (Tommy), Louis (Pasqua), Carla (Mark), John, and Peter, the cherished grandfather of Brianna (John) and Thomas, Gabriela (Zach), Olivia and Sophia, Angelina, Louis, and Elena, and the adored great-grandfather to Lily Mae; and a dear friend to Edward Arrigoni .

Lou will be deeply missed.

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