

On 11/4/11 I posted "Illegal Of the Day" for this LV hub chip. The story was 3 guys Kurt, Ted, and Kenny were running a roaming poker and blackjack game. I spoke to 2 of them.



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Kurt Connors

141 Winston Drive

Battle Creek, MI 49015

100 blue, 200 green

6/4/76

Mike Vuolo had found the chips. While looking through them he found 1 chip with a different font LV. We both assumed it was just a reorder. NOT!

I called Kurt again as he was the one that bought the bigger LV font. He never heard of Frank Amari nor never played at the Hart Motor in. What are the odds of two people buying chips with the same initials, in the same city, within 9 months of each other, and not having a connection? <g> To add to the odds both fonts of the LV chip were bought in one lot on Ebay.

Enough of that:

Michigan:



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Frank Amari
Hart Motor Inn
138 Pleasant Ave
Battle Creek, MI 49015

3/5/75 - 100 each brown, blue, lavender
9/8/75 he had 200 yellow shipped to him at

Hart Motor Inn
30 N Washington
Battle Creek, MI 49017

I sent off an email to our "Friend Of The Hobby."

"I want to talk to Frank Amari."
Here is his reply:

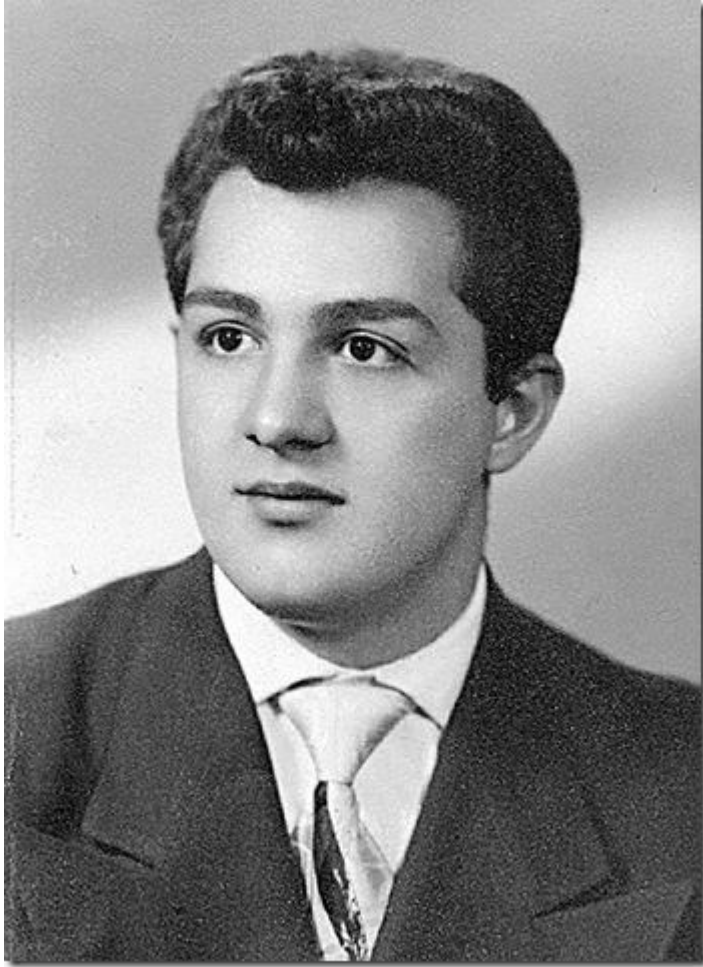
Gene, you can't talk to Amari—at least hopefully not anytime soon—he's dead. Frank Joseph Amari died at Battle Creek in 2003 age 69. Amari grew-up in Chicago and moved to Battle Creek with his wife in the early 60's where they raised 6 daughters.

My note: At least he has a good excuse for not talking to me. <g>

Amari was an avid poker player and loved Las Vegas (see obit below). Amari's uncle Joseph (1915-1995) was a known Chicago gambler—he was arrested for taking bets on Rush St. when Frank was in high school and in the mid 60's he was associated with a high stakes mob run gambling operation on North Clark St.

My note: We have seen "Illegal Of The Day" posts with chips used on both N&S Clark and Rush streets. Once again we tie in Chicago, Rush St, North Clark St, the Chicago mob, etc, etc, etc. <g>

pic of Frank:



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The second chip delivery was sent to this building which was originally the Kellogg Hotel, then Hart Hotel, then in 1970 became Hart Motor Inn—the structure is directly across the street from the Battle Creek Federal Center, where Amari worked at the time:



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Description from 1974:

Hart Motor Inn. *Inexpensive.* 31 N. Washington Ave. Rec. rm.; café, which closes early. It used to be a downtown hotel. 962-4071

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Nice obit from 2003; Frank's wife died in 2009; I could get some contact info on his daughters if you're interested:

Frank Amari

Passed Away: 11/15/03
Publication Date: 11/17/03

Frank J. Amari

Wed love for you to know and reflect on a great man- D.O.D. (Dear Old Dad), a.k.a. **Frank Joseph Amari**, age 69.

Our wonderful, funny, loving and adored husband, father, brother, uncle, grandpa and great-grandpa passed away Saturday morning, November 15, 2003, in the loving arms of his devoted family, after a long, complicated illness that he fought gallantly.

So, who was **Frank J. Amari**? While he meant so much to so many people, in our lives and in short, he was the guy driving the bus and we were just along for his wonderful ride. **Frank Amari** personified home and family, love and generosity. He made everyone in his life feel secure and safe and welcome. People around him always sensed that it was indeed a privilege to be a part of this great mans life. He was a big man, sometimes loud, and he made a big, loud impact on everyone with whom he came in contact- an impact we will carry with us daily and forever.

Mom (**Marilyn Amari**) and Dad were together since 1951 and married for 50 devoted years. Together, they enveloped the people in their lives and surrounded them with love, comfort and security. Even those who lived far away immediately felt theyd come home upon entering their house. **Frank** raised his six daughters to feel safe and secure in a turbulent world, knowing this giant teddy bear of a man was always and forever in their corner. Dad loved his life, he loved his wife and family and he loved things and people with a fierce passion. And we all loved him right back. Here are just some of the many loves and passions that our dad had, hearing his daughters sing, his brother Sonny, Poker and card parties, Las Vegas, movies, collecting- from friend to coins, stamps and pen, gadgets and electronic junk (ask us about his telephone wires), his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, buffets, family gossip and trying to keep a secret, cars- especially buying them, and most importantly, his beloved wife, Marilyn.

Frank Amari lived life to its fullest. Prior to his 1995 retirement from the Federal Center (D.L.S.C.), he excelled for 23 years as a self-taught computer specialist and programmer and union leader. He spent a majority of his professional life serving, supporting and advocating for labor unions and the union worker. He believed in and worked tirelessly as President of the local American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1626 for many years. He played a national role in the union, negotiating contracts and disputes with a wit and intelligence that was unequalled among his peers. He also ran a successful Bingo game for 22 years, to benefit local AFGE #1626. In retirement, Dad found a haven and a regular, happy routine with his dear friends, meeting for weekly lunches and poker games, and yearly Vegas trips. His phone rang constantly and his social calendar was booked. Just this past year, Dad and Mom renewed their wedding vows for their 50th wedding anniversary and took their entire family- daughters, spouses and grand kids, on a week-long cruise to celebrate. It was the time of everyones life and one we will never forget as a family. D.O.D. to us... loving husband to our mother... dear friend to many... scary, overprotective guy to our dates and our husband... scheming jokester with his brother... man of honor, integrity, generosity and love to all -- **Frank J. Amari**. These are the things we know and trust: You wont be cold anymore, we will all be together again, you are the finest man weve ever known, because of you, theres a song in our hearts. **Frank J. Amari** will be lovingly remembered by friends and family, including his wife of 50 years, Marilyn; his devoted brother, Sonny (Pat); his six daughters, Debbie **Amari** Brenner, Laurie **Amari** (Bob) Walton, Andrea **Amari** (Steve) Dekker, Terri **Amari** (John) Arnold, Francesca **Amari** (Ray Gautreau) and Lynn **Amari**; his 13 grandchildren Ronnie Reyenger, Courtney Hopkins, Emily Walton, Alex Walton, Christine Peterson, Johnny Arnold, Jessica Arnold, Alison Arnold, Jack Hansen, Danny Hansen, Austin Fritz, **Amari** McCleary, Alara McCleary and granddoger, Frances; his great-grandchildren, Aaron Rainey and Joey Reyenger; and his treasured nieces and nephews, Marci (Bob) Ratliff, Sherri (Nick) Copozzi, Dr. Lou **Amari**, Tina **Amari**, Jackie (John) Keleghan and George (Sandy) **Amari** and many other family members.

Friends may call after 6:00 p.m. this evening at the Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home where family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. this evening and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and where a Vigil Service will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held at the funeral home 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2003, with Fr. Charles H. Fischer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be lovingly made in **Frank Amaris** memory to his following favorite charities; the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan, American Cancer Society and the American Federation of Government Employees, AFGE 1626.

Arrangements made by Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home.

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My note: He retired after 23 years as the President of The American Federation of Government Employees local union. He was also an avid gambler and poker player. It looks like he had games at the Hart Motor Inn on the side. Maybe he was catering to some of his union boys. <g>