



## Francis James Zanardi

February 24, 1933 - May 27, 2022

Francis James Zanardi, 89, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Friday, May 27, 2022, in Platteville, WI.

He was born in Iron Mountain on Feb. 24, 1933, son of the late John and Frances (Vitton) Zanardi. Francis graduated from Iron Mountain High School, Class of '51. In 1957, Francis graduated from Notre Dame Law School. He moved back to Iron Mountain and joined his father's law firm. Prior to his retirement, Francis worked as a lawyer for the Federal Government providing legal aid, covering several counties in the Upper Peninsula. He was a member of St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Francis is survived by his sister, Marilyn (Fredric) Tufte of Platteville, WI. He is also survived by several cousins and relatives.

In addition to his parents, Francis is preceded in death by a brother, John "Jack" Zanardi.

Private graveside services will be held at the Lakeview Cemetery in Calumet, MI.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Francis James Zanardi online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

CO

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of our dear friend and “pen pal” Fran! He has been such a long time friend of our family. We spent many years sitting on the bleachers of Iron Mountain High School. He was a true Mountaineer! I will miss sending and receiving cards and letters with him! I looked forward to every holiday card. We were so excited for his 90th birthday this February. He and I wrote about what a milestone that was going to be! May he be greeted at the gates of heaven by his family and friends! God just received an Angel of a guy!! Sure am going to miss him! Our sympathy to you Marilyn and Fredric! He always expressed how lucky he was to be living with you! God Bless you all and may Gods love give you comfort! He was a true friend and he will never be forgotten!!

Sincerely,

Cindy and Jeff Olsen

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**Cindy Olsen** - June 05 at 10:02 PM

OW

“ My sincere sympathy to Francis's sister and other family members. I recall Francis from IMHS days and met him so many times as we walked so much to home and his office and the Courthouse.. There was always a smile and conversation . An overly friendly and kind gentleman always. He seemed to walk the talk and not talk the walk and lived out his faith.

God's loving arms embrace you in your loss.

Orice Walters- IMHS Class of 52.



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**Orice Walters** - June 03 at 07:32 PM

MM

“ Mary McCarthy-Bray lit a candle in memory of Francis James Zanardi



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**Mary McCarthy-Bray** - June 03 at 07:26 PM

SP

“ Francis was a kind and giving man. I had the opportunity to interact with him when I worked at the Iron County Courthouse. He was so willing to help and give advice and truly cared. He had an infectious smile and you could always be assured it was followed by a friendly greeting. You left your mark Francis. In sincere sympathy and with caring thoughts...Sue Passamani, Iron River, Michigan.

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**Sue Passamani** - June 03 at 08:09 AM

ST

“ I first met Francis as a young attorney in 1984 when I was fresh out of law school during a court hearing. His smile and inviting personality was something to behold. He always took time to seriously interact with people he came in contact with. Over the years it was a pleasure to work with him on legal matters. While I did not have many opportunities to interact with him socially, he was the same personable man no matter the setting. He has enriched the world with his presence and it is my belief that his positive personality has touched many of us. His kindness will always be with those he has left behind. Steve Tinti

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**Steve Tinti** - June 02 at 04:39 PM

KC

“ Francis was the sweetest, kindest man I have ever known. Rest in peace Francis.

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**Kathy Cowell** - June 02 at 01:42 PM