



Arthur "Art" Frankini,

December 17, 1923 - December 17, 2012

Arthur C. "Art" Frankini, Jr., 89, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Monday, December 17, 2012 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

Art was born January 6, 1923 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Arthur C., Sr. and Mary (Perino) Frankini. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1941 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Art attended the Elgin School of Watch Making for specialized training prior to going to work for his father in the family business, Frankini Jewelry, in 1944. He married Marjorie Quadrani on Sept. 13, 1947 at Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain. Art eventually took over ownership of the family business with his brother, Wally, and his career spanned over 45 years until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of Kiwanis, where he served as a past president, the Elks Club, U.C.T., the Serra Club, Pine Grove Country Club, the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Art served Mass at the Carmelite Monastery for several years and was also a leader for the Recovery Group, Inc. He enjoyed playing bocce, golfing and bowling on his business-sponsored bowling team. Art had a passion for gardening and always had a beautiful garden. He loved spending time with family and friends at the cottage in Spread Eagle, WI. Hunting, playing cards, singing and working on watches and clocks were some other pastimes Art enjoyed. He had a great sense of humor, and the ability to deliver a joke at the right moment with the right dialect. He was a master joke teller, always able to laugh with or without

you. He and his brother Wally attracted many into the jewelry store for a dose of the Frankini boys' daily jokes. His kind and gentle demeanor; love of life and strong faith in God will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marge; two daughters, Kathy (Louis) Cristan of St. Paul, MN and Pam Frankini of Kingsford; a sister, Rita (Dom) Sica of Florida; two grandsons, Nick and Brian Cristan; and several nieces and nephews.

Art was preceded in death by a brother, Louis "Wally" Frankini and two sisters, Evelyn Ryan and Marie Osterberg.

The Frankini family would like to express their sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all those that cared for Art throughout the last few years, especially recently to DCH medical staff and the caring and loving staff at Freemans Nursing and Rehabilitation Center which Art called home for the last 2 years.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. A Memorial Mass will follow at 12 noon at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Art's memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Art Frankini online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Mass

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BF

“ *My deepest sympathy to Art's loving wife Marge and daughters Pam and Kathy. He was so sweet and remembered I was Jack and Gloria's daughter. Treasure your life time of memories as they heal your loss. Much love to you. Barbara*

Barbara Van Laanen Brown - La Crosse, WI - friend - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Marge, Kathy and Pam*

Not a year has gone by that I do not reflect back with fond memories of our young family years being neighbors in the back drop of Crystal Lake. It was a time like no other for us a kids and for our parents who, like Art and Marge and my parents, let us run free with a love and respect for each other and life. It was a unique time which I am forever grateful to have shared with you all. I still possess and cherish the watch my parents purchased from your Dad for my highschool graduation. God Bless.

Bill & Patty Kauper

Bill Kauper - Carefree, AZ - Family Friend - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Art and my Uncle Frank were good friends and both watch makers/repairers. I saw Art a few times at Manor Care and then at Freeman's. He was a fine gentleman. May he rest in peace. My sympathy to you all.*

Cynthia Corsi-Gordon - Iron Mountain, MI - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Thoughts and prayers for you all. Always remember Art with a ready smile.. great jeweler too. Remember the good times and cherish your memories
Kathy Izzo Maynard

Kathy Maynard - Gladstone, MI - friend - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Marge, Kathy and Pam,
So sorry to hear about Art's passing, but like so many other people, I have nothing but the fondest memories of him. Such a gentleman, and always had a smile when you saw him either in the store or on the golf course. He will be missed, and you have my deepest sympathy.
Sue Scott Reiten

Sue Scott Reiten - Seattle, WA - friend - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We were so sorry to here about Art. We always enjoyed visiting with him and listening to his jokes.

Ron and Nancy Penegor - The Villages, FL - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My prayers and blessings to the loss of Art....Marge, I can't begin to tell you how much I loved him. I transferred to the Norway facility and was working there and a part time job too = which is no excuse, but I so so loved him dearly. You were/are both blessings in my heart. Oh the fun I had with him!

Diane Lange - Kingsford, MI - friend - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Kathy, Louis and Family, I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Frankini's passing. I remember walking to school in the morning and home at night and would often see him outside. Once I got older, I shopped in the store for many, many gifts. He and his brother were always so helpful and full of themselves, always laughing and joking. To this day I have the watch my folks bought for me in the store. He was a great guy!! May your sorrow be short, and you great memories last forever.

Lar

Larry Gardepy - Clearfield, UT - Friend/Family - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Art introduced me to the Recovery method. He was a great leader and teacher; dedicated and skillfully adept at refocusing members' attention to the task / methods / techniques at hand. The years spent at Recovery was an investment and Art knew that. I caught on, too but I realized that it was his approach and his passion; they were the true gift.

Paul J. Masnjak

Paul J. Masnjak - Crystal Falls, MI - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I enjoyed Art the very first time I met him when I came over to do some Handyman work for him and Marge . what a delightful couple and Art was always ready for some conversation and made time to sit for awhile and chat . Will certainly miss him as he was a person that left a memory of a Good man Husband and Father . Jim Strutz

Jim Strutz - Quinnesec, MI - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Frankini Family,
So many memories from when I was young to when Art was at Manor Care are too numerous to recount! A huge loss in this world today, but he is with my dad talking over a garden or golfing! He was quite a fine man!
Thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss.
Fondly,
Cheryl Wender-Menghini
Marge Menghini

Cheryl Wender-Menghini - iron mountain, MI - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Pam, Your Dad was always so kind and helped me learn about watches and rings, and when times were rough, he would always say, here, take it, pay me when you can, and then we would go next door for lunch. Art was a helping person in his life. Bye Art

Ray-Rena Ambrosia - Aurora, WI - Friend - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM