



## Francis Turk

August 6, 1920 - February 10, 2013

Francis "Frank" Turk, 92, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at Allouez Parkside Village in Green Bay, WI. He was born on August 6, 1920 in Hibbing, MN to the late John and Helen (Mikulich) Turk. When Frank was six years old his father died in a mining accident. After graduating from Hibbing High School in 1938, Frank joined the Civilian Conservation Corp #717 of Side Lake, MN. There he developed a deep appreciation of discipline, hard work and love for the woods. Following his CCC training he worked for Snyder Mining Co., before serving his country in the U.S. Navy. After the war he worked for Ocean Spray in Chicago and Range Motors on the Minnesota Range. He married Mary Jayne Scarsella on October 5, 1957 and they had four children. In 1960 he moved to Green Bay and began working for Texaco. In 1963 he moved to Iron Mountain and continued working for Texaco, covering the upper peninsula as a district sales supervisor. After his retirement from Texaco, he worked for Champion, Inc. and Nelson Paint Co. as a salesman.

He truly enjoyed walking and all the co-workers, business acquaintances and friends he made along the way. He was an active member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Church where he served as greeter, reader and counter. He also served on the Iron Mountain Zoning Board for several years. Frank was known for many things including his garden, hunting with Tony O, planting and nurturing trees, walking over Millie Hill, dog lover, sharing candy with clerks

and bank staff. He enjoyed being the family "clipping service" to dispense advise about health, car care and finances. Frank increased family and friends knowledge of the national debt by his continued awareness of it via his update notices. He always wanted to give and be useful to others.

He is survived by children, Mary Beth (Chet) Bergstrom of Green Bay, WI, Joe (Ida) Turk of Pasadena, CA, Anne Marie (Bruce) Maylath of Fargo, ND, and Rebecca (Ken) Martin of Appleton, WI; his five grandchildren, Laura (Joel) Bosacki, Peter Bergstrom, Melissa Bergstrom, Nolan Martin and Lucia Martin; and he was happy to have shared six months with his great-grandson, Miles Bosacki. He is further survived by a sister, Helen Turk; sister-in-law Elaine Turk; nephew John Turk; and niece Jean Johnson; brother-in-law Rudy Senich and nephews, Peter and Rudy Senich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jayne, in 1993; his brother, Henry Turk; sister-in-law, Angie Senich; niece, Baraba Senich; and nephew, Steve Senich. The final years of Frank's life were lived at Allouez Parkside Village in Green Bay where the staff and his friends (especially Lorraine) brought him love and care. Those years also included adventures with Mary Beth, most notably watching the Zippin Pippin roller coaster at Bay Beach. She will forever cherish these days. The family would like to thank his longtime neighbors, Joe and Mary Spigarelli, for their watch care as well as his many friends who shared life with him. We pray you have memories to make you smile just as we do. "Stay between the ditches," as Frank would say.

Visitation will be on Friday, Feb. 15th from 9:30-11:30 at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:30 Friday at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Frank Turk online at

[ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **15**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

SN

“ Joe, Mary, Ann & Becky. I was sorry to hear about your dad. He was sure a great man, and was always good to me. (Even though he was the one that gave me that nickname!). My best memories of childhood usually involved you guys. I hope he and your mom are together now.

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**Scott (Scooter) Hansen - Menasha, WI - Friend/former neighbor** - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

L-

“ Frank was a dedicated worker and a very great soul. I looked forward to talking with him daily as he had a lot of smart and wonderful things to say. I will always remember his humility, and respect him in every sense of the word. He was a wonderful man and I will never forget him.

*Laurie Lee-Nelson Paint Company*

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**Laurie Lee - Kingsford, MI - former Co -Worker** - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ To all the Turk family,  
Some of our happiest memories were of the years Darlene and I spent across the street from your family. Having Darla & Scott become friends with you Turk kids while we became very close to your Mom & Dad.  
I remember when I was painting our house and your Dad came over and took the paint brush out of my hand to properly clean it. After the task was done he returned it to me, admonishing me to take care of it from now on. I did!!  
We sure miss those "wonder years" on the east side and your great family.  
=====All our sympathy and love----Alan & Darlene

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**Alan & Darlene Hansen - Lakeland, FL - Former neighbor and friend - February 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

MF

“ Becky, we never got to meet him, but your life says a lot about the way he raised you. He must have an incredible man. Our condolences go to you and your family.  
Matt and Joanne

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**Matt and Joanne Purtil - Waukee, IA - friend - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

DJ

“ Frank Turk was the same age as my Dad, part of a truly unique generation of dedicated Americans who sacrificed so much to survive the Great Depression and then fought so hard to prevail in World War II.  
I only met Frank once, at his son Joe's wedding.  
We talked a bit and I thought he was a real character.  
If Joe's humanity is any indicator, then Frank was also a good father.

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**Dean Arnold - Fort Collins, CO - Friend of Frank's son Joe. - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

GN

“ We send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Turk. We shared the 600 block of E B Street. We have a lovely memory of your dad. We received a call from your mom asking if our young children (years ago) would enjoy a visit. Soon 'Santa Turk' came to our front door! That was so great. We know that your wonderful memories will comfort you now.

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**Gregg and Pat Stanchina - Iron Mountain, MI - neighbor** - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Mary Beth and Family:

*I was so sad to hear about your father's passing and have just read this in the Iron Mountain paper and on the EN site as well. It has been many year since we were children and played together up in the 25 location of Iron Mountain. Those days were so innocent and special to me and my family and our parents were especially fond of Jane and Frank. Please accept my condolences and appreciation of a life well lived. Blessings and prayers are sent your way. Sincerely, Darcy*

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**Darcy Geronimi McKenzie - Virginia Beach, VA - Friend of Famiy** - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We send our sincere condolences to the family. We have wonderful memory of your father. He was a great man, kind and compassionate. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Dave & Shashi Mahadev - Iron mountain, MI - Friends** - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I always enjoyed your dads visits at the pharmacy. He kept us up to date on our national debt and was a pleasure to talk to.

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**Mark Ellingson - Iron Mt., MI - Friend** - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Becky, Anne and families,

*I was so sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was always such a nice man. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.*

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**Jami Lofstrom-Dunlap - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Becky - I am sorry for your loss and I will be praying for you and your family.

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**Letty - Worcester, MA - Friend** - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Dear Mary Beth and family,

*So sorry to hear about your dad. I hope your many wonderful memories and the love of family and friends help you during this difficult time. Think of the joyous reunion he is having with your mom in heaven! Keeping you all in our prayers.*

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**Randy and Cathy (Person) Turcotte - AZ** - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *It was nice to read a bit more about your father's life. So much of what was good in him is clearly a legacy in the kindness and goodness that he has passed to his children and grandchildren. We are thinking of you and wishing you a time for reflection and celebration of a wonderful life. We love you Anne Marie and Bruce.*

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**Katherine "Table of 8" Bertolini - Brookings, SD - Friend of Anne Marie & Bruce**  
- February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My deepest condolences.*

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**Mike Wayne - Mesquite, TX - Friend** - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM