



Grant J. Franson

May 31, 1922 - August 17, 2015

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We are saddened to announce that our dad, Grant Franson has passed away at the age of 93, and has reunited with his wife Shirley.

Dad was born May 31, 1922 in Iron Mountain to Joseph and Emma (Olson) Franson. He has lived here his entire life except for time spent serving his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Dad was stationed in the Solomon Islands as well as the Admiralty Islands. He attended North Park College in Chicago and graduated from the University of Illinois with a mathematics degree. He also attended Purdue University and Columbia University. He was always the math "wiz". He was employed his entire career by Lake Shore Inc. retiring in 1987. Dad married the former Shirley Miresse on October 23, 1948. Together they raised three children; Jeffrey (Chantal) Franson of Saginaw, MI, James (Liese) Franson of Sterling, IL and Susan (Jeffrey) Neuville of Green Bay, WI. He had six grandchildren, Lindsay (Nate Rohde) Franson, Grant (Holly) Franson, Jennifer (Kevin) Dobson, Bradley Franson, Adam (April) Neuville and Jonathan Neuville. Dad also had nine great grandchildren, Madeline and William Rohde, Jack, Jeffrey and Charlie Franson, Paige, Olivia and Emma Dobson and Emersen Neuville.

Dad was an avid golfer and spent many hours perfecting the sport at Oak Crest Golf Course. He had three holes in one in his lifetime, the third one being one week before his 90th birthday. If you golfed at Oak Crest, you

probably knew our dad. He actually started their fall scrambles many years ago.

After his retirement from Lake Shore, he and mom spent winter months in Naples, Florida. He always said that "those were the best years of our lives" He volunteered at many golf tournaments in Florida and was proud to have kept score once for Arnold Palmer. Dad was also proud of his autographed golf ball collection.

Dad was preceded in death by his loving wife, Shirley; his parents, Joseph and Emma Franson; his in laws, Albert and Myrtle Miresse and his sisters, June Klimek and Karen Jarmusch.

We will remember our dad for his kindness, honesty and wisdom. He was fiercely independent, especially in later years. He always insisted on doing things for himself, not wanting to accept any help.

Visitation will be on Friday, August 21st from 10:00am-12:00 noon at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday at the funeral home. The Rev. Lynn Sand of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

As his children, we would like to extend a special thanks to dad's neighbors for "looking out for him" and helping him, especially Mike Gregory and Glen Cummings. Special thanks also to Debbie Constantini at Bimbo's and everyone at Romagnoli's. Dad sure enjoyed your friendship and attention (not to mention the food).

We love you dad and already miss you so much. We are so glad you were able to live your life and stay in your home like you always wanted. Rest in peace.

Jeff, Jimmy and Susie.

Condolences to the family of Grant Franson may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

AUG 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I knew your dad from our days at Lake Shore. Also the past seven years having lunch every Wednesday with him was very special to me. We would chat about his early days in Iron Mountain and his golf experiences. Wednesday's at Bimbo's won't be the same. Rest in peace old friend! Chuck Peterson.

Chuck Peterson - August 20, 2015 at 05:35 PM

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“ Susie, Jimmy, and Jeff,
So sorry to hear about your Dad! Wishing I could be there to see all of you! So sorry!
Joan Menghini Swartout

Joan Swartout - August 19, 2015 at 04:55 PM