



Hal Crankshaw

July 25, 1950 - July 25, 2008

IRON MOUNTAIN - Hal F. Crankshaw, 58, of N 5330 Highway M-95, Iron Mountain, died Friday, July 25, 2008, at his home.

Hal was born Jan. 20, 1950, in Greenville, Mich., son of Frank and Verna (Crane) Crankshaw. He graduated from Greenville High School in 1968 and went on to become a master electrician. He was a Vietnam War veteran serving in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Division-101st Airborne.

Hal married his high school sweetheart, Mary Moon, on Feb. 1, 1969, in Greenville. For the last nine years, Hal was the Dickinson County Construction Code electrical inspector. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola, Hermansville Vietnam Veterans of America, and the American Legion Post 0101 in Greenville.

Hal loved the Upper Peninsula and enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He was a jack of all trades and could fix anything. Hal also enjoyed spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his parents, Frank and Verna Crankshaw of Greenville; two daughters, Sara (Vince) Castillo of Clinton Township, Mich. and their children, Vinnie and Julien, and Carey (Brian) Elliott of Norway Township and their son, Race; his mother and step father-in-law, Irv and Mary

Lueder of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two brothers, John (Judy) Crankshaw of Grand Rapids and Donald Crankshaw of Evansville, Ind.; a sister, Phyllis (Brian) Moser of Greenville; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Tom and Jan Moon and Arthur and Maxine (Moon) Kestner; sister-in-law, Brenda Moon, and several nieces and nephews.

Hal was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Elena Marie Castillo, a sister-in-law, Drella Crankshaw; and his father-in-law, Max L. Moon.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday at Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola.

A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

There will also be a memorial service on Aug. 2, 2008, at the Greenville American Legion Post 0101 in Greenville from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established to the Grace Presbyterian Church Building Fund in Hal's memory.

Condolences to the family of Hal Crankshaw can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

DC

“ We send our condolences to Frank, Verna, Mary and the rest of the Crankshaw family from Dave & Louise Crankshaw of Ft Lauderdale, FL.

David C. Crankshaw - August 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I wanted to send my condolences to Hal's family. I went to elementary school with Carey and I saw the news in our local paper. I wanted to let you know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you all during this difficult time.

Sara (VanHoose) Andrews

Sara (VanHoose) Andrews - August 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I wish to express my sympathy to Uncle Frank, Aunt Verna, Cousins John, Phyllis, Don, and Families over the passing of Hal. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Diane (Crane) Jamrog

Diane (Crane) Jamrog - August 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Mary and Family; We send our condolences and prayers to you and the famiy and ask that if you need anything please call. Hal's laugh, sense of humor and love for practical jokes will always be remembered. So to will his love of Family and the Great Outdoors, (especially his beloved U.P.) along with our fishing trips to the Mine Ponds and filling tags during Muzzleloading season. I am proud to say I knew Hal Crankshaw as a Friend. God Bless. Lionel, Robbie and Family

Lionel Lauren - August 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ Mary, I so remember all the fun times in high school with you and Hal. You both were always so happy and everyone couldn't help being your friends. It was great catching up at reunions. Even though I seldom see you, I considered you both very good friends. Hal was a very good person. I will remember him and you in my prayers. God Bless.

Mary Hilton (Riehl) - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Mary, Carey and Family,
My sympathies are with all of you. Your husband and father was a very strong man. I never met anyone that fought so hard. God Bless all of you.
Amanda- nurse at Manorcare

Amanda Dionne - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Mary,
I don't know if you remember me from Gibson's or not. I am so sorry to hear about Hal's passing. You folks were a tremendous help to me so many years ago. I am praying for God to surround you with strength, His peace, and comfort at this time. Leslie*

Leslie Anne Wood - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Hi Mary,

I was sorry to hear about Hal. I don't know if you remember me or not but I was married to John Larsen (Tillie) and lived in Creekview Mobile home park across from Gerry and Patty Vansickle in the early '70's. You got me on a softball team with you and the Turk Lake Bar was our sponsor. I'm sure we must have drank a few beers together and it was a fun time. I didn't know you had moved up north but you must have been there for many years. I will pray for you and your family. Take care of yourself and feel free to email me if you want. Love, Rhonda*

Rhonda Falsetta - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *Dear Mary, I am so sorry for your loss and to hear about Hal's death, I know what great fun and laughter you have had over the years and the many wonderful memories to cherish. I remember the years in Greenville and Hal's was always willing to help. I was proud to call him my friend. God Bless you and your family. The Dennis's Gary, Heather, GW.*

Gary Dennis - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ TO the family of Hal our deepest symphanies. Please let us know if you need anything
Dr. Shein and staff

Dickinson Neurology Associate - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ The family wouldn't know me but I was in army basic training with Hal and had fond memories of him at that time. I am also a Vietnam veteran. I caught Hal's name in the obituarys of the Greenville Daily News and have saved it to keep with my basic training scrap book. Please accept my condolences
Tim Irwin, Edmore, Michigan

Timber Irwin - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Mary - I am so sorry to hear about Hal. You two are the best class couple 1968 could ever have. The fun and laughter you have shared over the past 39 years are memories that will help you through this difficut time in your life. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mary. Take care and if there is anything I can do for you, you know where I am.
Love, Sharon Harrison

Sharon Harrison - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ Dear Mary and family,

I am so sorry to hear about Hal's death, I know what great fun and laughter you have had over the years and the many wonderful memories to cherish. I plan on attending the memorial services in Greenville on August second. If there is anything I can do to help please contact me at (616)894-0693, My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gayla (Misner) Ingraham

Gayla Ingraham - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I want to send my deepest condolences to Hal's family over his untimely passing. Hal was my cousin who I hadn't seen in many years. My memories of him are fond ones from when we were kids visiting my aunt and uncle in Greenville. I remember Hal as a person full of life, always exploring and even willing to occasionally get into trouble. I would describe him as adventuresome and bold. Our prayers go out to Hal's family and to my Uncle Frank, Aunt Verna and cousins John, Phyllis and Don. May God Comfort you during this difficult time. Tom and Laura Crane, Ann Arbor, MI*

Tom Crane - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BN

“*Mary, you only know me through Christmas card exchange and I have only known Hal a few short years as my Boss along with Kurt Robinson(bam-bam). One of the greatest guys I've had the pleasure of knowing, not to mention working for.*

Always smiling,laughing and joking, Hal could always find a good side of anything. He made a hard day at work- Fun. What an awesome wise Man and friend.

I wish there was something I could say, the world is not a better place since July 25, but I betcha heaven is.

He will never be forgotten.

Bill Neubauer - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CK

“*My family and I wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mary, Cary, and the rest of Hal's family. Hal was actively involved in our Helping Hands ministry and did a lot of work for a lot of people. I had only a brief opportunity to work directly with him a couple of years ago on our huge wheelchair ramp project during the dead of winter. He never stopped smiling and his attitude was contagiously positive. Though I didn't get to know him as well as I wish I had, I'll always consider him my brother and my mentor in ministry.*

Chris, Nicole, Megan, and Brittany

Chris Kuzak - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Mary, It is with much sadness in my heart as I write this note to you this morning. Little did Hal know just how much that new girl in school over 45 years ago with the pretty name would change his life forever. Thank you for being there for Hal all those years and especially these last few months when he needed you the most. Hal was truly a life-long friend. The memories and laughs Hal and I shared help me now as I think back on our 45 plus years of friendship. Although I have tears in my eyes as I write this, those memories still bring a smile to my face as I recall them. I know Hal took many of those same memories with him and some day I will take those same memories with me. It seems that although Hal and I grew older over the years, whenever we had a chance to get together we never grew up! Thanks again for taking care of my friend.

Jim & Sandy Burgess - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dearm Mary Lou and family - So sorry to hear about Hal passing away. My thoughts are with you and I will be praying for you during this difficult time.

Love,
Uncle Art

Art Blackport - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Mary, Maxine, and family: It is my misfortune that I did not know Hal earlier in life.
I pray the strength of family, friends. and especially happy memories help you through this difficult time.

Jill Charlier - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KU

“ I am deeply saddened after reading of the passing of Hal this morning.He was the best boss I ever worked for.It has been some years since I worked with him,but I still talk about him all the time.It's not very often you meet someone with his smarts,sense of humor,personality and big heart.As much as liked him as a boss I liked him even more as a person.My thoughts are with you today and the coming days ahead as you go through this tough time

kurt(bam-bam)robinson - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Mary and Family - We are so sorry to hear of Hank's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. With love - Tom, Theresa, Sara, and Tommy Westman

Theresa Westman - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I want to express my condolences to Hal's family. I hope that fond memories make this difficult time just a little bit easier. When I think of my cousin Hal, I think of someone who was always ready for adventure. To my brother and me, he was always the one introducing us to things we had never seen or done before. He was quick to laugh and loved to tease and test us. He is part of a very special childhood memory of mine because he helped organize a watermelon fight. As a kid from suburbia, I don't know if ever did anything as fun, and felt like I was getting away with it, as I did throwing watermelon rinds at each other. Visiting Greenville was always special, in great part because Hal knew how to have fun. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hal's family; Uncle Frank and Aunt Verna, John, Phyllis, Don and their families. Bill and Dawn Crane

Bill Crane - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM