



Norman G. "Crunch" Francis

July 13, 1924 - August 14, 2017

Norman "Crunch" George Francis age 93, passed away at the Oscar G. Johnson Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan on Monday August 14th, 2017 following a brief illness.

Norman was born on July 13th, 1924 in Piqua Ohio, son of the late Stella (Deleat) and Orville Francis. Norman enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and served in WWII in the Phillipian Islands and was very proud to be a WWII Navy Veteran. He married Pat Chiappe on August 31, 1949 and he and his family resided in Morton Grove and Des Plaines Illinois for many years. He was employed at Colonial Carbon in Illinois for 28 years before retiring and moving to their lovely lake front home on Lake Montgomery in Spread Eagle, WI. After moving to the area, Norman was employed by LesCove manufacturing for several years as well.

Norman was a wonderful family man, a loving husband, father, and grandpa. He enjoyed family celebrations, playing golf, hunting, fishing, river trips, playing cards, watching his grandkids play sports, feeding his tamed wildlife animals, construction projects, landscaping, gardening, and he was a huge Ohio State Buckeye fan. He was always busy putzing around the yard and house doing some type of project. Norman's family and friends will always remember his unique and hilarious practical jokes that he played on everyone..

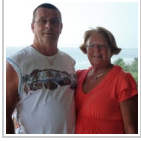
Norman is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Mary "Pat"; a daughter, Cherie Demuth (Bill) of Island Lake, Illinois; sons, Ronnie Francis of Georgia, Dean Francis of Iron Mountain, Mike (Tina) Francis also of Iron Mountain; grandchildren, Billy (Rochelle) Demuth, Colleen (Stan) Niehoff, Kelly(Mark) Ftacek ,Tina Demuth, Adam (Kaitlyn) Francis, Brent and Brock Francis, Tanya (Randy) Ross, and Travis DeGrave; a sister, Priscilla Miller; ten great grandchildren; and his precious dog, Kiki.

A private family service will be held in Skokie Illinois at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Norman "Crunch" Francis online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Pat and Family, you have our deepest sympathy in your loss of Norm. I had the pleasure of working with Norm for several year's at LesCove. What a wonderful guy. You both made Gail and myself part of your family, and we will be forever thankful. And Norm may you rest in peace with your maker. God Bless You!! Now you can tryout your shenanagin's on other's. Love you Norm.*

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