



Ronald Calovecchi

August 24, 1940 - August 24, 2010

Ronald Frank Calovecchi, 70, of Kingsford, died Tues. Aug. 24, 2010 at Marquette General Hospital. He was born on March 1, 1940 in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Frank and Priscilla (Cormier) Calovecchi.

He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1958. Ron began his career at Ball & Christy Furniture Store and Grede Foundry. He then went to the Police Academy. He was a trooper for the Michigan State Police, retiring as a sergeant. Ron was also a sergeant in the National Guard and had gotten his realtor's license.

He was a volunteer AARP driving instructor and was an advocate for helping people get their unemployment. Ron was a member of the Elks Lodge 700 and the Association of Retired State Police. Ron enjoyed working in his garage and could fix many things, especially cars and motors. In his younger years, he also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He liked to practice target shooting with his pistol. Due to his Italian heritage, he had a love for food and enjoyed cooking. Ron was a dedicated gardener and was proud of his tomatoes.

Ron is survived by his son Ron "Pete" (Sharon) Calovecchi of Marquette, two daughters Roxanne Coss of Marquette and Pam (Jim) Thompson of Negaunee, an uncle Biaggio Colovecchi of Kingsford, five grandchildren Casey Calovecchi, Curt Calovecchi, Kristin (Tim) Marczak, Allison Coss, and

Nick Thompson, his special friend Sandy Mutsch and her children Denise (Ray) Kuder, Dianne Martin, and Debra (Mike) Grailer.

Visitation will be Tues. from 9am-11am at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Tues. at 11am at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ronald F. Calovecchi online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ To the friends & family of Ron,

Ron and I were stationed together at the MSP, Lakeview Post for several years. He was an excellent sergeant, plus a devoted departmental member. We were good friends. He will be sadly missed, to say the least. May he rest in peace.

George E. Corwin - Evart, MI - Friend - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *I knew Ron since I was a little girl when he married my cousin, Deanna. He was good friends with my dad, Bud Erickson, and was a regular customer at Breen Avenue Service Station. When we moved back to Kingsford in 2002, we re-connected and my husband, Tony, and him became great friends. He spent many hours helping Tony with remodeling our house and Tony helped him with projects at his house. We enjoyed many Friday Night Fish Fry's with him. Ron will be greatly missed.*

*Do not cry because he died;
Smile because he lived.*

Tony and Sherry Caduto

Sherry Caduto - Kingsford, MI - Friend - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I, Lydia, first met Ron in 1993 and liked him for the fine man that he was.

He had many good qualities and didn't mind sharing his home and culinary expertise. He was a great cook and didn't mind letting people know it. And he was proud of his tiny sweet tomatoes. We saw him last when he and Sandy came to Florida for a vacation. He called me twice after that and wanted to know how to fix sweet potatoes.

I will always remember Ron, especially when I fix sweet potatoes.

Our hearts and prayers are with you all.

Alex & Lydia Harding

Alex & Lydia Harding - FL - friend - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy. ~Author Unknown*

Kristin Marczak - Granddaughter - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *I am honored to have had the privilege to know Ron, whether it was working with him on his house or property, or just helping him with a project but more than anything, it was just gabbing with him. He had a lot of very interesting episodes in his life he like to talk about and seemed to enjoy sharing which I very much enjoyed hearing about. Ron will be sadly missed.*

Our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely

Larry and Cindy Koller

Larry and Cindy Koller - Friends - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Ron was my senior officer when I arrived at the Reed City State Police Post in December of 1998. I could not have asked for a better person to train me. I knew absolutely nothing about police work and Ron had the patience and skills to give me the best training of my career with the troops.. He took the extra time that was needed to help shape my career and turn me into the dedicated Trooper that I became and for this time that was so well spent I will be eternally grateful to Ron a very special Trooper. I salute Ron for a fine career with the MSP I know that he is in a place now where he will be forever cared for, I know this because it is written "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS". we will miss you Ron.

Reggie Smith - Byron Center, MI - Friend - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ I first met Ron at the Detroit Freeway Post. We became instant friends. Ron's philosophy was always to do the right thing no matter the cost. Ron always helped those who needed it most, especially those on the bottom end, those who had nowhere to go and no one to look after them. Ron was a vigorous fighter for equal rights.

Ron, we are all only here on planet earth for the blink of an eye but in that blink you sure opened many eyes.

Rest well brother.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Walt & Doris Brey

Walter Brey - Kingsford, MI - Fellow trooper and close friend - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ While I did not have the opportunity to work with Ron during our MSP career we did share the challenge of recruit school. Ron was a good man with a desire to serve others. His record and service is commendable and speaks for itself. Thoughts, prayers, and condolences to Ron's family.

Lonnie Smrkovski - Holt, MI - MSP Recruit School Classmate - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Ron and I worked together at MSP First District Traffic Services the last four years or so before we both retired in 1990,, he in May and I in June. I was the CO of the unit, but I learned a lot from Ron. He had a vast knowledge of things in many areas both in and outside of the MSP and I relied on him to provide that knowledge in our assignments and duties. He always came through! He always had great ideas on how we could accomplish our mission in the unit and the department as well as our duty to the public. There was never a task or assignment he didn't accomplish and he did it with vigor and true professionalism - and a Big Grin! I very much enjoyed his sense of humor and some of his philosophical views on life and things in general. He was a good man, a good State Trooper, and a good friend. I will never forget him and he will be missed. Rest in Peace, Sarge.

Lt. Bill Grace, MSP Retired 06-31-1990 - Charlotte, MI - Brother MSP Trooper - August 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Sgt Calovecchi and I met at a NAational Troopers Coalition meeting and I have never forgotten him. I was a member of the Nevada Highway Patrol when we met.

Roy Hutchings - Minden, NV - August 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I first met Ron when he came to Bruce Crossing, Mi as a State trooper, we had a lot of contact at the car dealership where I worked at first with his state police car, and as time rolled by he talked his in-laws into purchasing a vehicle from me soon after he purchased one of his own this started a friendship that lasted many years,I had a lot of respect for Ron and I too will miss him.

Russ Stenfors - Ewen, MI - Friend - August 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I am deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Ronald, I will always remember him hanging out with the guys at my Grandpa's (Bud) gas station in Kingsford.

Take care,

Tony Caduto
Milwaukee, Wi

Anthony J. Caduto - Milwaukee, WI - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Ron was way more than a volunteer to me. He helped me do a better job and dropped in with ideas all the time to improve the AARP class or the RSVP program. Personally he shared his stories with me and I shared mine with him. He was a friend and a father figure. I will miss everything about him - his stories, his jokes, his enthusiasm, his knowledge, how he rushed into my office with whatever his new idea was, the times I was able to help him (even if it was just how to make a call on his cell phone or fixing the time on his watch), his passion for teaching others to drive safely...everything.

Kristin Sommerfeld - Friend - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM