



Ronald J. Janousek

February 20, 1931 - May 19, 2019

Ronald Joseph Janousek, 88, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born February 20, 1931 in Phillips, WI, son of the late Mathias and Margaret (Seitz) Janousek. Ron attended Phillips High School and continued his education at Greer Technical School in Chicago for Auto Mechanics. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving with the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper out of Fort Bragg, NC. Ron married Margaret Murphy on April 14, 1956 in Lena, Wisconsin. Ron worked as a mechanic most of his life and founded Protech Lube and Wash in 1988, which he operated until his retirement in 1995. He thoroughly enjoyed his grandkids, and they knew that they were loved by him. He also had fun playing his accordion, fishing, and he truly enjoyed people.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret; five children, Mark of Surprise, AZ, Dawn (Dennis) Mellenthin of Green Bay, WI, Trish (Butch) Rieschl of Birchwood, WI, Kim (Nan) Janousek of Green Bay, WI, and Matt (Kristen) Janousek of Iron Mountain, MI; six grandchildren, Andrea (John) Krinke, Dan Mellenthin, Chris (Madison) Rieschl, Tracy (Derek) Kennen, Paige Janousek and Eden Janousek; four great-grandchildren, Adison, Brody, Shelby and Jax; two sisters, Joyce Fryklund and Marian Flaminio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ron was also preceded in death by a brother, Edward Janousek; & sisters, Adele Shattuck and Kathleen Lyda.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon on Thursday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Memorial services will follow at 12:00 noon at the funeral home. Rev. Tracy Blagec will officiate. Military funeral honors will be accorded at the conclusion of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to any local veteran's charities.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff in the CLC at the V.A. Hospital for the extraordinary care given to Ron during his time there.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ron Janousek online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ Dearest Marge, Dawn Mark, Trish, Kim & Matt,
I was so saddened to hear about Ron's passing. I was So Blessed when he stopped in at my work and gave me the biggest hug a while ago. He always had that wonderful smile that just warmed your heart! I was truly blessed to be remembered after all these years! Your family always held a special place in my heart and memories. I spent a lot of time there drinking coffee and laughing when our Ron's worked together, and afterwards. Things change though, both good things and bad and time goes by and we lose touch, BUT the sweet kindness and love that was shared is and will always be remembered! God bless you all! I am so sorry!
Sincerely with Love,
Debbie (Johnson) Polzin

Debbie Polzin - June 19, 2019 at 10:51 AM

DL

“ My Uncle Ronnie was one of the finest men to ever walk this earth. He was a great mentor, father figure and friend. We shared many good times bowling and drinking beer and taking the world in, one conversation at a time. He will be missed by all that knew him and we are not only sad of his passing but feel a joy that we were able to share our life with such a wonderful human being. It's all of these feelings that we will continue to enjoy as they are in our heart forever. Some of my best memories of Uncle Ronnie were his ability to play old tunes on his accordion. He did this effortlessly and would give you this wonderful smile and a little laugh. At one family function, he and his brother Ed, late one night, started sharing the accordion and playing old tunes from memory. For these two guys it was like telling jokes, when one of them would run out of tunes the other would start playing a tune that the last tune reminded them of. All night long they would duel over the next tune. What wonderful sites and sounds those were, and I will never forget that memory. He loved to reminisce about the past, his time in the service as a paratrooper or time he spent with his sister Kathy, my mom, and he was such a joy to listen to. Many of our conversations were over a beer and a sandwich at the local bar and he would say that he had to show me the ropes of good bar talks. I will miss this wonderful guy but I feel so blessed to have been a part of his life for most of mine. As I think of all the wonderful times I have shared with Uncle Ronnie, I can't help but remember that wonderful big smile. I will always remember you Ronnie, my Uncle, my dad, my friend. Love you, Duane



Duane Lyda - May 25, 2019 at 10:35 AM

JF

“ Dear Matt and family
I sure am sorry to hear about your dad. Great guy! I always enjoyed him! He will be missed My sympathy and condolences. Sorry I am unable to attend service but I am in Illinois with the grandkids until next week. I will see you when I get back. Once again I offer my condolences and prayers for Ron.
Jim and Winnie Fornetti

Jim Fornetti - May 23, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Janousek.



May 21, 2019 at 01:23 PM

CB

“ Ronnie was one of a kind! He was the life of our St Patty's Day Party a few years ago. That's how we will remember him. Prayers are with you all. ❤️

Carolyn and Mike Bohnert - May 21, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Janousek.



May 21, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Janousek.*



May 21, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Janousek.*



May 20, 2019 at 07:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Janousek.*



May 20, 2019 at 06:49 PM