



## Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri

August 14, 1950 - April 11, 2016

Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri 65, of Crystal Falls, passed away on April 11th at his home with his family and friends at his side.

Dennis was born August 14th 1950 , son of the late Bay and Rose (Dal Lago) Fabbri. He was a lifelong resident of Crystal Falls and graduated from Crystal Falls High School in 1968. He earned a Bachelors of Science Degree from Northern Michigan University. He was married to Cindy "Sophie" Simbob April 16th 1977 at Guardian Angels Parish in Crystal Falls.

Dennis worked for the City of Crystal Falls Public Works department before retiring as the Public Works foreman in June of 2006. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Crystal Falls Fire Department for 21 years. Dennis was a Michigan High School Athletic Association football and volleyball referee for many years. He loved spending time fishing and especially bird hunting with his dogs.

Dennis is survived by his wife Cindy "Sophie" Fabbri; two children, Christopher (Laurie) Fabbri of Escanaba, and Kristi (Brent) Hawley of Flat Rock, Michigan; three grandchildren, Madeline Mae and Ethan Julius Fabbri, and Kaitlyn Rose Hawley; his sister Patricia (Jim) Flack of Bonita Springs, Florida; his father in law and mother in law, Julius "Hop" and Rosemary Simbob of Crystal Falls; brother in law and sister in law, Steve (Diane) Simbob

of Crystal Falls and Marlis (Jeff) Bickel of Brookfield, Wisconsin, cousin John (Brenda) DeAmicis of Iron Mountain; nephews Ryan (Kim) Flack, Nick (Jenna) Simbob, Jeffrey Bickel, Brenden and Trevor Flack; nieces, Natalie Flack, Natalie Simbob (Aaron Ball), Olivia Ball and Jamie Bickel.

Visitation will Friday, April 15, 2016 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016, 11:00 am at Guardian Angels Church in Crystal Falls. Fr. Jose Maramattam will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Iron County Cancer Unit, 1020 N. 7th Ave. Iron River, MI 49935.

Condolences may be expressed to the family Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri of online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 N. Third St.  
Crystal Falls

## Funeral Mass

APR **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
412 Crystal Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *My deepest sympathies to all his friends and family. I never really had much time around or with him, but everyone that did that I know, had nothing but great things to say about him. God speed.*

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**Paul Sundquist** - May 03, 2016 at 09:03 AM

CH

“ *Received the news about "Ladder" yesterday. Really sorry to hear about the lose of a extremely wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you that he left behind.*

*Christina Hicks  
UM BMT & Leukemia Clinic*

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**Christina Hicks** - April 29, 2016 at 06:47 AM

DO

“ *We wish to extend our sincere condolences to Cindy, Kristi, Christopher and the Fabbri family. Dennis was a good friend and neighbor. We will miss his laughter and good sense of humor especially at Lake Emily. Kindest personal regards,  
Connie, Jerry, Cassondra, Jovian Dobrzenski*

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**dobrzenski** - April 20, 2016 at 10:52 AM

DB

“ Dear Soph & Family,

*I can't express how heart broken I am to hear about Dennis. Growing up I always thought of him as my 3rd brother, he always treated me like a little sister & called me Greaser for as long as I can remember, we won't go into why. Whenever I saw him I got the tightest squeezes & his laugh, well that I'll never forget. What a great, happy, guy that has left a positive mark on all that knew him. He will be missed. It's comforting to know he & Cousin Jimmy are having some laughs.*

*My heart, prayers & love to you all.*

*Love,  
Donna (AKA) Greaser*

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**Donna Bowman** - April 16, 2016 at 11:23 AM

TO

“ Condolences to Dennis’ family. He was a special guy. It’s great how Crystal Falls comes up with nicknames: the “Ladder” and talking with Dennis almost weekly over the last year I started calling him the “BIRDMAN” because of his love of bird hunting and the battle he was in. So when I would finally get a hold of him I’d say “BIRDMAN” how the hell are you doing? And of course he would say emphatically GREAT! We talked about a lot of stuff and of course memories. Wish I could tell it like Dennis but he would remind me of the different things like the time a bunch of us teenage crazies from Crystal were packed into an old VW on our way to play in a fast pitch softball tournament. Going like a “bat out of hell” down the road when suddenly the hood flies up (it was held down with a coat hanger) totally blinding us. Well you had to be there but I know Dennis got a heck of a laugh out of recalling that episode among other things :) It is so “dang” sad that he is gone. My phone still has the weekly reminder to “Call Dennis”. That reminder will stay. I miss you a lot Dennis Fabbri !

Gary Sacheck & Family

Tom - April 16, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri.



April 15, 2016 at 08:53 AM

PB

“ So very sorry for your loss. Ladder will be greatly missed by anyone who has ever gotten to be lucky enough to meet him

Pam Boussum - April 15, 2016 at 07:11 AM

BK

“ Sophie and family, I recall Dennis around the farm, I could tell he was there because his voice and laugh came around the corner before he did. He was a good man at the farm, a good friend to Dave and and welcomed help by my mother and father.

My condolences to your family and the CF community. Ben Kudwa

Ben Kudwa - April 15, 2016 at 06:01 AM

JK

“ Sorry about your loss, Fabs. Your Dad was always fun to talk to and impressed me as being a genuine good guy.  
John Kloet

John Kloet - April 14, 2016 at 09:32 PM

DE

“ Soph and family, thinking of toucans praying for Gods peace.

Diane McNeil Emo - April 14, 2016 at 08:17 PM

DE

Not toucans, you and

Diane McNeil Emo - April 14, 2016 at 08:18 PM

DK

Sorry for your loss, he was a special man

Deborah Koszyk - April 15, 2016 at 12:21 AM

CT

“ I'm very sorry to hear this news. Dennis was a positive person and always gave off good vibes.

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**Chuck Turvey** - April 14, 2016 at 05:48 PM

CB

“ *Soph and family, we are deeply saddened over the loss of such a great guy. Always a smile and friendly anytime we visited. Sorry we can not be there as are working our way home. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate Ladders life.*

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**charlie and janie bandaccari** - April 14, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ *Dear Sophie, Chris, Kristi, and family,*

*We are so very sorry your loss. Ladder always had a big smile for everybody, and was never short with a quick comeback. He taught me a lot about how to be a good sport and a good person. I will miss him very much, as will so many people. I wish I were able to be there to help celebrate his life with you. I will be thinking of you.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Dino, Lisa, Dean, and Derek*

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**Dean Arcand** - April 14, 2016 at 03:22 PM

KC

“ *Sophie and Family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you. Kaye Connor*



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**Kaye Connor** - April 14, 2016 at 12:39 PM

SS

“ We were so saddened to hear of this great loss. Ladder always had a way of making us feel like family when we visited Uncle Richard's in Crystal Falls. His smile, laugh and gift to put anyone in a good mood will be missed more than we can say. We loved him and Sophie, please know this comes with BIG hugs from Cousin Stevie and Lynn. Our hearts are so heavy and we love you!

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**Stephen and Lynn Smith** - April 14, 2016 at 11:19 AM

JN

“ Cindy, Kristi, & Christopher (AKA)- Sophie, George, & Toivo, My heart is saddened hearing of the passing of Dennis. He was a wonderful man who was always there for others. His kindness and friendship will always be treasured and I will never forget all the wonderful times we shared. It was my pleasure to know Dennis and to call him my friend. He did so much for me personally when I moved to Crystal Falls, helping me with my business in so many ways. You now will get a chance to catch up with your buddy Dude(Dave), I know you will be smiling and the stories will be flowing. You are all in my prayers. God Bless! May you rest in Peace.

*Joe Nash*

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**Joe Nash** - April 14, 2016 at 08:42 AM

CS

“ Chris & Family,  
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He always had a smile and joke to share.

*Cheryl Savage*

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**cheryl savage** - April 14, 2016 at 07:20 AM



“ Well he was my favorite volleyball referee. I kept book and he always made me smile. When I seen Dennis there I knew it was going to be a good night. I am sorry for your loss. Keeping you in prayers to the Dennis Fabric family.....



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**Julie Miller** - April 13, 2016 at 11:40 PM



Sorry autocorrect spelled Fabric instead of Fabri

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**Julie Miller** - April 13, 2016 at 11:44 PM

TB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. He was such a great person. He always had a smile on his face and such a friendly guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult. Teri Stebbins-Barlow

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**Teri Barlow** - April 13, 2016 at 09:37 PM

BF

“ Dennis, you will be forever in our hearts and always in our memories, your smile was contagious as your heart, R.I.P. our friend, we will see you again some day! Gods peace Be On Your Soul.



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**Bonnie and John Bruce & Families** - April 13, 2016 at 07:05 PM

EH

“ I will miss his smile and "Hi Em!" I always got that! He was always so genuine and always goofing. This community lost an amazing bright spot. Sending my love to Soph and the kids.



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**Emily Hendricks** - April 13, 2016 at 06:54 PM

TF

“ Thomas Flack and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri.



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**Thomas Flack and Family** - April 13, 2016 at 05:52 PM

BH

“ Bill and Nancy Houlmont purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri.



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**Bill and Nancy Houlmont** - April 13, 2016 at 05:08 PM

DM

“ *Such sad news for his family and the community as a whole. Dennis used to do all of our fire safety training for Boy Scouts and I used to work with him when he helped with Cub Scouts as well. He was always such a caring guy and even when he got "scary" when some kid did something stupid with fire, it was always from a place of love and caring so much he never wanted to see any of us get hurt.*

*May his loved ones always remember the amazing goodness he brought to our world.*

*Daryn Mercer (Emens)*

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**Daryn Mercer** - April 13, 2016 at 03:55 PM

MW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Dennis was always so fun to be around and had the biggest smile and laugh. May God Bless you as you not only grieve his loss but as you celebrate the man who touched so many people's lives.*

*Matt, Michelle, Brynn, and Bryce Wilcox*

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**Matt Wilcox** - April 13, 2016 at 03:43 PM

SG

“ *So sorry someone so good & kind had to suffer so much. I wish you all my deepest sympathy. I have a funny memory of Ladder, at the Raquet Spa, he would occassionally do the "Ladder Tuck". Not sure if anyone remembers this, but it made me laugh (my eyes will never be the same) hope this brings you a chuckle :)*

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**Sheree Graham** - April 13, 2016 at 02:33 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri.*



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April 13, 2016 at 01:52 PM



“ *Ladder was a wonderful, fun, amazing guy, he will be very much missed. Many prayers and much love to all of you. Woody and Sara Skibo*



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**Sara Skibo** - April 13, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ *Diann Flack, Nick Flack and Jessica and John Hodson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri.*



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**Diann Flack, Nick Flack and Jessica and John Hodson** - April 13, 2016 at 11:51 AM

TS

“ My favorite memory of Dennis is and always will be our early morning rendezvous in the dark alleys of our neighborhood. Let me explain; I would be out walking my Siberian(s) in the wee hours before showering or brushing my hair and getting ready for work. I was always sneaking through the alleys, hoping and praying that nobody would see me. But Dennis also liked to go for early morning walks and would appear out of nowhere from the shadows. With a hearty "HI TER!!" he would scare me spitless, which he obviously enjoyed doing. I never saw him without a smile on his face. I pray that God will comfort and strengthen his family and loved ones in this sad time.

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**terri selvey** - April 12, 2016 at 03:26 PM

FF

“ Frank & Sue Foley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri.



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**Frank & Sue Foley** - April 12, 2016 at 02:20 PM

TS

“ Terri (Pivatto) and Fred Selvey purchased the Sympathy Messages - Kind Notes for the family of Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri.



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**Terri (Pivatto) and Fred Selvey** - April 12, 2016 at 02:03 PM