



Edward Russell Chantiny

June 17, 1934 - November 16, 2023

Edward Russell Chantiny, 89, of Crystal Falls, MI, passed away November 16, 2023, at Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson in Iron Mountain.

He was born June 17, 1934, in Tuscola County, MI, to Frank and Mary (Kuna) Chantiny. Edward graduated from Kingston High School 1952 and Trade School in Troy, Ohio, as a Certified Welder in 1958.

He married Janice TerBush on January 26, 1963. Edward entered the US Navy in 1954 and transferred to the US Navy Reserve in 1958 where he served until 1986, Retired SCPO/E8. He was a proud SeaBee and served three years in the Philippine Islands.

Ed was employed by DeFoe shipbuilding as a welder in Bay City, MI, and later by MDOT from 1957-1993. He worked on a survey crew, bridge maintenance, and retired as District Maintenance Superintendent for the western upper MI, District 1.

Ed was a member of the Crystal Falls Rotary Club, hosting two exchange students, the American Legion Post 87 and the Grace Covenant Church in Iron River. After retirement Ed and Jan traveled to 48 states and national parks, visiting family and friends along the way.

Ed's hobbies included gardening, ice fishing and showing his grandchildren, Joey, Nikki, Nathan, Jacob and Michael, the natural wonders of Upper Michigan.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Janice; two sons, Joseph (Julie) and Mathew (Lisa) Chantiny; 5 grandchildren, Nathan, Jacob, Michael, Joey (Roxanne) Chantiny and Nikki (Key) Dieck; 3 great-grandchildren, Derrick Dieck, Louis and Thomas Chantiny; his sister, Jeanette Robare, and his brother, Charles Chantiny; and several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Francis, Harm and Oscar Chantiny; 4 sisters, Angeline Bass, Marie Kaufeld, Lorraine Cramer and Florence Werner; also many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry or Grace Covenant Church, Iron River.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, August 16, 2024, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Condolences to the family of Edward R. Chantiny may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

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

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holland, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Tribute Wall

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“ My generation has been blessed with wonderful aunts and uncles, and Uncle Ed was a prime example, a very special person! I was always impressed with with his cheery, upbeat attitude, and have many happy memories from from family activities with Uncle Ed and Aunt Jan. Growing up, we had family get-togethers especially at Christmas, which were a big deal with the 10 Chantiny brothers and sisters with their spouses, Grandma and Grandpa, and all the cousins! These were always a joy! We would visit also them at home periodically, and had sort of a tradition getting together for Thanksgiving dinners. I was impressed with the work Uncle Ed and Aunt Jan did restoring antiques to better-than-new, and their lush, productive gardens, wherever they lived. They evidenced a beautiful, loving relationship and raised two fine sons they could be very proud of. Uncle Ed was an inspiration to me, and, I'm sure, many, many others. We'll all miss him very much!

Dan Kaufeld - March 22, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ Ed was the most helpful person to me when I started my job at our Crystal Falls' MDOT office, teaching me what his maintenance crews did and warning them to be cooperative. He'd always say that he was well enough to, "sit up and take nourishment." His plans depended on, "if the Lord's willing and the creek don't rise," which planted a seed to lead me to inquire about the Lord's will. His example of a Godly worker was refreshing. If there's any way that I can help you adjust to his absence, please let me know.

Valerie Novak - February 13, 2024 at 03:44 PM

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*Ed was a wonderful person.
Tom/Jan Van Wagner*

Tom Van Wagner - February 14, 2024 at 06:35 PM