



Frank Maskus

March 24, 2012

Frank W. Maskus 82, formerly of Crystal Falls, passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2012 in Portland Oregon. He was born on March 21, 1930 in Iron River, son of the late Frank and Josephine (Pucylowski) Maskus. He attended school in Alpha and was drafted into the US Army in April of 1951. He served as part of the occupying forces in Japan and was honorably discharged in July of 1953, for his service he was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal. He married Fusako Sato in December 1952 and she preceded him in death in December of 1971.

Frank spent most of his life in Crystal Falls. In his early years he ran the film projector at the Delft/Aldo Theatre, worked as an independent TV repairman, and did TV repair for the Stoor Electric Company. Later he was employed as a maintenance technician for the Crystal Falls Community Hospital and Crystal Manor. One of Frank's many accomplishments was installing two television translators, one in Crystal Falls and the other in Crystal Falls Township. He was well known in the local area for having the ability to fix "just about anything" electrical or mechanical.

As hobbies he was a licensed amateur radio or "Ham" operator, was interested in programming personal computers, and more recently web page design. He enjoyed camping, fishing, and snowmobiling, and for a number of years served as president of the Crystal Falls Snowmobile Club. He was a lifetime member of the Tufts-Rondon VFW Post #2891.

Frank was preceded in death by two sisters, Ann Griesbach and Mary Jane Akkala.

He is survived by a son, James (Kris) Maskus of Portland Oregon, daughters, Nancy (Tom) Clark of Crystal Falls and Jody (Marcus) Ferrill of Sacramento, California, a brother, Tom (Sharol) Maskus of Wolverine Michigan, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

A family graveside burial will take place at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Frank W. Maskus online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

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

Tribute Wall

LN

“ I was greatly moved by your tribute to your Dad, Jim.

Nancy has contacted me, but unfortunately I've lost touch with you. None the less, I desired to express my heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your Dad.

*Although it was primarily in my youth when I had interactions with him. I have only fond memories of your father and my visits to Crystal Falls. My Dad probably has a few stories to tell from their army days of serving together. I'm hoping he'll share a few in time. My mother, your Auntie Yoko, wanted me to pass along the remembrance that your Dad always made her and your mom *laugh* whenever they were reunited; she liked him, and she sends her condolences as well. I remember your Dad as a highly intelligent free-spirit. Now you may share in his technological legacy, Jim.*

I wish you well, Dear Cousin, and pray that you will suddenly feel God's presence with you--much as the Disciples did on the road to Emaus--as you walk your own grief journey.

Receive my love and HIS,

Cousin Linda

Linda Bird - Kalamazoo, MI - Niece - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Dad

Many memories come to mind from my early childhood to adulthood, we had so many good times together!

Thank you for teaching me the merits of living a simple lifestyle, to appreciate nature -- camping and fishing in the great outdoors, and finally inspiring me to pursue a career as a technology professional. We surely explored and enjoyed this wonderful planet together.

Remember the big trout that you caught at Olympic National Park...

Your loving and devoted son.

Jim

Jim Maskus - Portland, OR - Son - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Dear Nancy and Jim,

I was surprised to learn of your father's passing. It's been many years since I've seen him, but I have fond memories of your parents when they were our neighbors on Marquette Avenue. I enjoyed babysitting for both of you when you were youngsters, and remember your sweet mother.

Your father always wore a pleasant smile. Our community was fortunate that he was willing and able to lend his expertise to a variety of projects.

May precious memories of both of your parents sustain you during this time of loss. Sincerely, Lorna

Lorna (Makuck) Anderson - Crystal Falls, MI - Former neighbor - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Nancy and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss--prayers and hugs. Thinking of you!

Axel and Cindy Anderson - Crystal Falls, MI - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Love you Gramps! You are missed.

Nathan Aultman - Oviedo, FL - grandson - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Nancy & Family,

I very well remember Frank and always liked him. He was always nice to us. Poppy was my mom's best friend in years gone by when you lived by us. I seem to remember Frank getting her the first (that we'd heard of anyway) microwave oven. I will always enjoy my memories of them.

Terri (Pivatto)Selvey - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Marty Ball - Jackson, WI - Friend - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ We miss Frank very much. He was very skilled in whatever he got involved with, especially his electronic and computer skills. He was self taught and enjoyed new challenges.

Tom Maskus - Wolverine, MI - Brother - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Bye dad. I have never forgotten you.* ”

Jody - Sacramento, CA - daughter - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM