



## Louis Franz

March 13, 1951 - March 13, 2012

Louis D. Franz, 61, formerly of Alpha, passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Louis was born Feb. 17, 1951, in Oklahoma City, Okla., son of the late Chester and Esther (Fiester) Franz. He graduated from the Michigan School for the Deaf in 1970 and lived in the Crystal Falls area for most of his life. Louis was a former Lions Club member and he was a softball umpire for many years. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and bowling.

Louis is survived by a son, Dale Franz of Crystal Falls; a daughter, Lisa (Chum) Bruette of Channing; two brothers, Jackey Franz and Jimmy D. (Toni Ann) Franz, both of Crystal Falls; a sister, Kathy Salem of Alpha; a brother-in-law, Ron Harju of Thunder Bay, Canada; three grandchildren, Emily, Matthew and Christina Bruette, all of Channing; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Esther Franz/Husar; a grandson, Cole Bruette; a sister, Vickie Harju; a nephew, Chester Anderson; and his stepfather, John Husar.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Condolences can be expressed to the family of Louis D. Franz online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net).

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

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Jackie and Jimmy and the rest of Louie's family. I'll always remember the summers that Louie was home while we were growing up. He'd stand on your back porch and yell for Jimmy, but because he was deaf it would come out "Shimmy" I last saw Louie last summer, he was telling us that your Mom/Grandma was sick, and now there both gone, how sad, they are both missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Linda (Stachowicz) Larson - Freeland, MI - childhood friend** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lisa and family: Sorry for your loss - it's never easy. I'll always remember your dad umping at our softball games. Those were good days. Take care.

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**Chrissie Heimerl - Amasa, MI - classmate of Lisa** - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the Franz family,  
John and I are saddened to learn of Louie's passing. We have fond memories of our many visits with him in Alpha and enjoyed his company. May God abide with you during this difficult time.  
Sincerely, John and Lorna Anderson

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**John and Lorna Anderson - Crystal Falls, MI - Friends** - March 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Louis will be greatly missed. I used to love talking fishing stories with him, and watching his fish size shrink as I gave him that "sure" look. He was a good man, and I will miss him not being around when I travel back home...*

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**Marty Ball - Jackson, WI - Friend** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *to the Franz family,  
so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. just know he is in God's hands and can hear everything now! I always enjoyed talking with him at the V.I. May God bless you.*

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**Kim Curtis - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM