



## Ronald Dean Franks

May 7, 1949 - March 19, 2022

Ronald Dean Franks, 72, of Crystal Falls, Mi, passed away on March 19, 2022, at the VA Hospital in Iron Mountain MI.

He was born on May 7, 1949, in Hicksville, Ohio, son of the late Forest and Mabele ( Kieffer) Franks. He graduated from Stryker High School in 1967, never missing a day in his entire school career. Ron served his country in the U.S. Navy. He worked as an electrician for Spike Electric and owned “Just Friends,” a restaurant in Defiance, Ohio, before coming to Crystal Falls, working at Jubilee as the night manager.

Ron is survived by his sons, Dustin and Ryan Franks; his daughter, Lisa Franks; grandson, Oliver; nephews, Timothy (Dawn) Schelling, and Brent (Lori) Schelling; niece, Angie Walker; 7 great-nieces & nephews; and 26 great-great nieces & nephews

Ron is preceded in death by his parents, Forest and Elizabeth (Kieffer), and sister, Mary Lee Luke (Robert).

Ron was well known around the community – early days fishing as often as possible until his sight was gone. More recent years you would see him walking with his walker and safety vest to the Family Dollar, Crystal Fresh Market, St. Vincent De Paul’s, or the Covantage Credit Union. He leaves

behind many friends in this community that he loved as “family”.

Memorials may be given to the Crystal Falls Community Garden, as gardening was his passion!

Thank you, Linda Maki, for all you help in the garden. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the medical team at the Iron Mountain VA CLC and the many years of care from the Arms of Angels and the caregivers that worked closely with Ron so he could remain at home despite being blind and disabled.

Visitation will take place on Friday, April 1, 2022, from 10:00 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls, MI. Pastor Jason Liebenow will officiate.

Memorials may be made in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Ronald Franks may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc.  
104 N. Third Street  
P.O.Box 147  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920  
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## Memorial Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I was sorry to see that Ron passed away. He and I are first cousins. Our fathers were brothers (Uncle Delmer and Uncle Tuffy (Delbert) and they kept in touch with each other until they passed. Ron and I are the same age and I do remember him as a child, with Mary Lee, at Franks family get togethers and also at Grandma & Grandpa Franks home. Please accept my late condolences for your loss. For some reason, I just googled him in Crystal Falls tonight and found out he had passed. From: Bonnie (Franks) Hassenger

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**Bonnie (Franks) Hassenger** - January 06, 2024 at 09:24 PM

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“ Ron has been a great neighbor here in Crystal Falls. We share a love for plants and the garden. He would give me samples of his vegetables which were delicious and we would sit and visit.

Every summer I would look forward to seeing Ron and talking to him about which new plants he just bought. He was so thoughtful and generous with his wonderful pies that he would make.

I sometimes would forget that he could not see. He would know the exact detail of the flowers and their colors. He would ask if they had a lot of buds and usually they did. You could see his dogs barking and running around near the window in the front room.

He always had a smile on his face and a kind greeting. He expressed a hope and faith in Jesus Christ. We are of kindred spirits. I believe one day I will see Ron in Heaven. We will rejoice in our transformed bodies and we will be in the presence of our Maker.

Much love Ron! One day we will be in the presence of our Savior Jesus Christ who loves us and gave His Life for us so we could be called the children of God for those who place their faith in Him.  
Your Friend, Lucy Ramos and Family

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**Lucy Ramos** - March 24, 2022 at 11:46 PM



“ Uncle Ron I miss you already! You were so much fun, made the best Pea Salad. I know you wanted me to meet your caregiver from Angel of arms Linda so bad. You said she reminded you of me. That will finally happen wish you were here to see it. I have to say this one more time. “ Hey good looking what you got cooking “. I would say that to you when I called you, you would always giggle. Every time I see a deer I will think of you driving that truck. Every time I see a garden house I will think of your trip haha. I love you Uncle Ron save so fish up there so I can fish someday with you.

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**Lori Schelling** - March 24, 2022 at 06:48 PM

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“ Ron loved Emeril Lagasse, and his love for cooking was endless....we spent hours in the kitchen cooking together. He would always use Emeril's “BAM”. Love, his niece Angie



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**Angie Walker** - March 23, 2022 at 02:08 PM