



## Ronnie Watson

August 31, 2012

Ronnie M. Watson

75, entered eternal life on the morning of August 31, 2012 while surrounded by his family at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay.

Ronnie was born and raised in Kingsford, Michigan, son of the late Malcolm and Marie (Kassin) Watson. After High School he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1954 and was Honorably discharged after serving his country for 27 years in April 1982. He earned the rank of CWO4 upon retiring. He was a very proud member of the Coast Guard. Ronnie had many duty stations, some of which included lighthouse keeper on Stannard Rock and Huron Island. One year of isolated duty in the Mariana Islands. He also served aboard the Cutter Mackinaw, the Coast Guard Cutter Duane, the Coast Guard Cutter Cartigan and the Buoy Tender, Red Birch in San Francisco, and then with Group San Francisco. He also worked in Marine Safety Offices in Cleveland and Sturgeon Bay. Ronnie was well liked and respected everywhere he went. After spending an additional 12 years as a marine inspector with the American Bureau of Shipping in Sturgeon Bay, WI, he returned to his beloved UP to live out his life doing what he loved best – hunting, fishing and enjoying the outdoors at camp with his family.

Cherished husband for 50 years to Katherine (nee Gherondas),  
Father of Paula (Hank) Watson of Green Bay, WI, and Nick (Laura) Watson

Sussex, WI, Grandfather to Spencer

VanderBloemen and Samuel, Gwendolyn, and Margaret Watson, brother to Kathleen Hamilton. Further survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and special friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Lana.

"Here rests the sailor  
home from the sea  
and the hunter  
home from the hill"

The visitation will be held on Saturday, September 15 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The Eastside Veterans Council will conduct a Pass In Review and Full Military Honors at 10:15 am at the funeral home. The funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 am at the Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls.

In lieu of flowers Memorials may be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society and the Iron County 4-H Shooters Club.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 North Third St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Mass

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Condolences to you and your family for your loss.*

Jody (Watson) Beuth - Franklin, WI - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *I am thinking of you Kay in this time of celebrating Ronnie's life. I know how my dad and him used to bicker over politics at "coffee time" in Amasa. You are very kind-hearted people and have been very good to my parents. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

Kathi Phillips - Niagara, WI - friend - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Nick, my parents just sent me a note. I am not very good at this, but I am very sorry to hear the news about your dad. Know that I have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*-Ted*

Ted Ciganik - Roseville, MN - Friend - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *Dear Kaye and Family:  
Sorry to hear about Ronnie. I remember all the good times we had at Munising  
and the everlasting remembrance of your great brother Ted. If there is anything we can do please contact us in St Clair at any time.*

*Sincerely Victor and Ellen Ventimiglia*

Victor Ventimiglia - St. Clair ,, MI - friend of the family - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM