



Donald E. "Donnie" Francis

August 7, 2019

Donald E. "Donnie" Francis, 79, of Mackinac Island, passed away Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at MediLodge of Cheboygan.

He was born June 11, 1940, to James and Wilma (nee Kompsi) Francis on Mackinac Island.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Mr. Francis was employed as the Mackinac Island State Park Manager for many years.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was also a member of American Legion Post 299 and the Mackinac Island Fire Department for many years.

Mr. Francis loved to golf. He also loved to hunt on Bois Blanc Island.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Gracie Francis; three daughters and their families, Donna and Mark Makowski, Michele Johnson, and Robyn and Steve MacMeekan; two grandchildren and their families, Amanda Makowski and Ben Stillwagon and Donald Makowski, and great-grandchildren, Sam Stillwagon, Skylar Stillwagon, Rachel Norris, Jillian Talley, Corey MacMeekan, Chance Rushing, and Christian MacMeekan. He is also survived by a brother,

Jim Francis; two sisters and their families, Kay Barnes and Vera and Steve Hicks, and nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Sharon (nee Schmidt) Francis; a sister, Cindy Gough, and a brother-in-law, William Gough.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, August 19, at 11 a.m. at Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island with Father Jim Williams officiating.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to time of the service at the church.

Burial will be in Ste. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Mackinac Island Firefighters Association.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



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October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



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September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold dear in your hearts. Donnie was a kind and peaceful man, always with a smile and a laugh! He will be dearly missed!*

Andrew, Erin, Austin and Kyle Hume - August 17, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Don's passing. He was a great guy. We will miss having our conversations at Mackinaw Island each fall and in Florida each winter. You are in our thoughts Gracie.*

Bob & Rosalyn Green - August 15, 2019 at 09:57 AM