



Francis Frank Talentino

April 29, 1931 - June 7, 2025

Francis “Frank” Talentino, age 94, passed away peacefully at his home in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on June 7, 2025. He was born on April 29, 1931, in Sault Ste. Marie to the late Joseph and Mary (Cerra) Talentino.

Francis was a lifelong resident of Sault Ste. Marie, where he grew up and graduated from high school. He dedicated his life to hard work, community involvement, and family. He worked for Cloverland Electric Cooperative for 46 years, where he earned the respect of colleagues and community members alike. After his retirement, he continued to serve by contributing his leadership as a member of Cloverland’s Board of Directors for twelve years.

Francis was a proud member of the Christopher Columbus Hall and the Elks Lodge #552. He had a deep passion for gardening and took great pride in tending to his flowers and vegetables. An avid Red Wings hockey fan, Francis also enjoyed carpentry and woodworking, often building items for his home and loved ones.

Francis is survived by his loving children; Howard (Teri) Talentino of Texas, Linda (Timothy) Hoath, Terry (Denise) Talentino, Debra Sherman of Sault Ste. Marie, and Troy Talentino of Kalkaska, Michigan. He also leaves behind many cherished grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and his McDonald's buddies for coffee hour.

Francis was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Frances; grandsons, Scott Brazil and Christopher Talentino; granddaughters, Tina Marie and Amanda Kaye Talentino; son-in-law, Michael John Sherman; his parents, Joseph and Mary (Dino) Talentino; nine siblings; and a special family friend, Christina Parr.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the Christopher Columbus Hall, 201 Sheridan Dr., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by the Memorial Service at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will be served immediately after.

Francis's final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to North Woods Hospice, 226 S. Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854.

Family Life Funeral Homes Sault Ste Marie assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christopher Columbus Hall
201 Sheridan Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Memorial Service

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Luncheon immediately after Memorial Service

Tribute Wall

GV

“ My name is Gwendolyn Vlietstra. I was Richard Newland's sister-in-law and Frank Talentino was Richard's (Dick's) best friend. Richard Newland recently passed away and he as well will be greatly missed. Frank Talentino was a great man with a wonderful heart. I live in Kalamazoo, Michigan and when I would go do visit Dick Newland, I always wanted to go to Frank and Frannies. No question about it, God made the very best. He always gave me garlic from his wonderful garden or anything else I want. No question that he made a dent in the Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie. He dearly loved people and gave an enormous amount away to the may festivities at his church.

GWENDOLYN VLIETSTRA - October 13, 2025 at 02:47 PM

AS

“ Our family met Frank for the first time at Mike and Debbie's wedding. He was such a sweet and friendly gentleman. God bless him and the whole family. ❤️ from The Shermans

Anna sherman - June 23, 2025 at 01:28 PM

MK

“ I will miss that kind and wonderful smile. Not one person that knew Frank, he was kind,genuine and just plain one of the best. GOD ALWAYS TAKES THE BEST For his Glory.we will all miss him til we meet again. Condolences to the Family.

Mary kallio - June 15, 2025 at 05:53 PM

BB

“ Sorry for your loss Howie & Linda. I always enjoyed the annual Cloverland meetings in Dafter as long as Frank was there. More importantly, I enjoyed when he sat next to me. I felt honored.

*Bob Berger
Sault, MI*

Bob Berger - June 11, 2025 at 03:36 PM

JK

“ Frank was such a good friend to our father, Jack Holt. He was a fixture at our home-especially when there was a home project! He spent so many hours remodeling our Bingham homes that mom would feel guilty about all the hours he was away from his family. That's when Frannie would say, “don't worry about it, Lil. If he wasn't there he'd be helping someone else!” We were also recipients of some of his garden bounty. Our parents always looked forward to his tomatoes! When I'd ask to buy enough for canning he'd refuse. He didn't want money he just wanted the joy of sharing with others. 😊 It's a great loss to be without Frank alongside us. Our mom is especially saddened. We will forever remember Frank, his love for his family and ours. ❤️

Jane Holt Kennedy - June 11, 2025 at 11:43 AM

TB

“ Howie I,M sorry to here about your Dad YOUR DAD AND MOM WERE SUCH GREAT FRIENDS TO MY MOM AND DAD. MAY GODS PEACE BE WITH AT THIS TIME. FROM TOM AND MARY BENNETT AND JIM AND VIRGINIA BENNETT

TOM bennett - June 11, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis Frank Talentino.*



June 11, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Francis Frank Talentino.

June 11, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ *Howie, Linda, Terry, Deb, and Troy, please accept our condolences on the loss of your dad. Your dad was a very important person in my dad's life, illness, and passing, even keeping in contact with my stepmother through the years since. As a kid it was always a good day when we knew we were going to your house, sometimes I'm pretty sure we knew we were going to Frank and Frannie's even before your parents knew, but ether way we were always welcomed with open arms. Keeping you all in our prayers.*

Mark Bumstead - June 11, 2025 at 12:51 AM



“ *From the time we were kids playing in the subdivision and snowmobiling , he always was the kindest fun loving man ever. Later in life I would come home on vacation and enjoy his company and stories at the Casino with all our parents on soup and salad Thursday. He will be missed so much , until we are together again fly high Frank.*

Frank Gillotte - June 10, 2025 at 06:37 PM

CC

“ Frank was a great gardener and Linda would give me big bagfuls of basil to make my pesto. I'm sure the Lord will have him tend the gardens in Eden and Gethsemane 🌿 🌸

chris Cadreau - June 10, 2025 at 01:19 PM

SM

I worked with him in the early 70's and he was a good man. May God comfort all of you.

Steve and Lynn Morrison - June 12, 2025 at 01:19 PM