



Frank Leslie Mongene Jr.

February 24, 1964 - February 6, 2026

Frank Leslie Mongene Jr., age 61, of Dafter, Michigan, passed away on February 6, 2026. He was born on February 24, 1964, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Frank and Marsha (LaPonsie) Mongene.

Frank grew up in Dafter and throughout his life was known for his strong work ethic and wide range of skills. Over the years, he held many professions, including logger, snowplow driver, airport track maintenance worker, and school bus mechanic for Brimley Schools. He also worked at U.P. Tire and served as an MEA union representative for school employees. Frank owned and operated a vulcanizing and excavation business and proudly ran Mongene's Game Bird Hunting Preserve for 23 years on a 160-acre farm in Dafter.

Frank was deeply involved in his community and affiliations. He was a member of the National Rifle Association, the Michigan Game Bird Breeders Association, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Antique Association, and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, where he served as a Crane Clan Elder. He also dedicated his time to local service as a member of the Dafter Township Board of Trustees.

An avid outdoorsman, Frank had a lifelong love for fishing and hunting deer, birds, coyotes, and even those "pesky squirrels." He found great joy in

farming, plowing the land and watching it grow. In his downtime, he enjoyed watching westerns and classic cowboy movies, the History Channel, and attending tractor pulls.

Frank will be remembered for his hard work, love of the outdoors, and deep connection to his land, community, and heritage.

Frank is survived by his wife, Florence Anderson; daughter, Meagan Mongene of Grand Rapids, MI; sons, Tony Mongene of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Steven (KC) Kuehl of Sheboygan Falls, WI, and Tyler (Diane) Kuehl of Thomaston, CT; grandchildren, Connor, Callan, Eliana, Julius, Jalen and Javion Kuehl; mother, Marsha Mongene; brother, David (Noelle) Mongene of Orion, MI; sister-in-law, Wendy (Joe) Rudolph of Mukwonago, WI; brothers-in-law, Gordon (Cindy) Anderson of Rapid River, MI, Marty Anderson of Lake Villa, IL, and Scott (Bridgette) Anderson of Rapid River, MI; his children's mother, Nancy (Ken) Miller of Saluda, NC.

Frank is preceded in death by his father, Frank Mongene Sr.; brother-in-law, Daniel Anderson; sister-in-law, Lynda Anderson.

A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Kinross Lakeview Cemetery, W. Lakeview Road Kinross, MI 49752, with a luncheon and Celebration of Life to follow at the Dafter Township Hall, 3029 W. 10 Mile Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Frank's final resting place will be at Kinross Lakeview Cemetery in Kinross, Michigan

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

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Cemetery - Kinross

Lakeview Rd.,
Kinross, MI 49752

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Cemetery - Kinross
Lakeview Rd.,
Kinross, MI 49752

Celebration of Life

MAY 16 (ET)

Dafter Township Hall
3029 W. 10 Mile Rd.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Tribute Wall

JL

“ So sorry for the loss of Frankie a loving husband & son father who loved his family.. I loved him ..he was my nephew again so sorry he will remind in your hearts always..He left amazing footsteps in all your hearts.my prayers are with each off you..



Joanne Iaponsie - April 28 at 09:31 AM

MM

“ Yearbook photos



Meagan Mongene - March 19 at 10:14 PM

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“ Frank's yearbook photos throughout the years



Meagan Mongene - March 19 at 10:08 PM

MM

“ Flo, I'm so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and yours.
Mary Maxson

Mary Maxson - February 12 at 02:42 PM

TW

“ Tina & Dennis Wurster lit a candle in memory
of Frank Leslie Mongene Jr.



Tina & Dennis Wurster - February 10 at 07:08 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Frank Leslie Mongene Jr..



February 10 at 04:20 PM

LB

“ Love, Aunt Becky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Leslie
Mongene Jr..

Love, Aunt Becky - February 10 at 04:20 PM

NM

“ Frank was a self taught certified master mechanic. I remember him taking all the tests at the Secretary of State office, probably when he was around 20. His ability to just listen to a car and make a diagnosis was uncanny. He also worked afterschool doing janitorial work when he was 16, after his dad died, and helped support his family.

Nancy Miller - February 10 at 02:55 PM

KB

Frank has been on the Dafter Township Board I have enjoyed being on that board with him. He wasn't a guy with a loud voice but he was a guy with a lot of knowledge. Breaks my heart that he has marched on. He will be greatly missed. Flo and family my thoughts and prayers are for all of you. 🥺💔

Kareen Brown - February 10 at 03:04 PM

DM

“ I have always looked up to my big brother. He accomplished so much in his life, more than I could dream of. Rest in peace, David

David Mongene - February 10 at 11:49 AM



Im so sorry for your loss he was such a wonderful person.

Celeste Gregg - February 10 at 01:39 PM