



H. Wayne Franke

September 17, 1936 - July 12, 2025

H. Wayne Franke, 88, of Lake Isabella (Holly-Fenton), passed away from Alzheimer's on July 12, 2025 at Crestwood Village, surrounded by family. Wayne was born September 17, 1936 to Pearl and Kurt Franke in Saginaw MI. He attended Trinity Lutheran school and graduated from Arthur Hill. Following graduation, he proudly served his country in the Korean War as a member of the Army Security Agency. With an honorable discharge, he joined his brother and best friends at Central Michigan University, graduating in 1962. Wayne became a senior commercial appraiser for Manufacturer's Bank. Retiring early, he opened his own real estate and appraisal business, held several professional designations and was President of the National Appraiser Society.

While working for the bank, he met Dorothy Wilson and they were married March 15th, 1975 in Burton, MI. Together they enjoyed many wonderful adventures, lifelong friends and traveled to all fifty states, Australia, Canada and Germany. A devoted member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fenton, he lived a life of faith through service, kindness, humor, and involvement in the church community. Wayne was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Cherished memories include building ice castles, tobogganing, fishing at the cabin, baseball games, always ready for euchre, grammar correcting and so many more!

Our Rock and mentor will be forever missed by Suzanne (John) Foote, Joann (Greg) Rosengarten, Hal Franke and Eric (Alicia) Wilson; plus, grandchildren

Brandon Marlow, Sean (Samy) Marlow, Cody (Dominique) Marlow, Ryan and Joel Wilson, Travis (Jacky) Foote, Justin (Ryan) Foote, Zachary Foote, Whitnee (Jonny) Mundt, Quentin (Amanda) Franke and Linnea (Joshua) Hendrickson. Also 15 great grandchildren and countless wonderful friends. Preceding him in death are his wife Dorothy, parents, brother Kurt, sister Helen and daughter in law, Jennifer. Special thank you to the wonderful and caring staff at Crestwood Village, the Hospice Care Team, Greenacres. A visitation will be held at the Dryer Funeral Home on Thursday July 24, 2025 from 10AM-12PM with a funeral service starting at 12PM. Military honors and burial will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery.
www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Military Honors and Burial

JUL 24. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



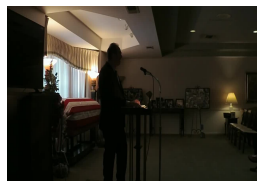
“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of H. Wayne Franke*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 30, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral service Wayne Franke*



Bruce Dryer - July 24, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 23, 2025 at 02:43 PM

CM

“ Chris and Mitch purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of H. Wayne Franke.



Chris and Mitch - July 23, 2025 at 12:53 PM

FC

“ From Jean & Alayna Cochran purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of H. Wayne Franke.



From Jean & Alayna Cochran - July 21, 2025 at 01:30 PM

FC

“ From Jean & Alayna Cochran planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of H. Wayne Franke.

From Jean & Alayna Cochran - July 21, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of H. Wayne Franke.




July 17, 2025 at 02:11 PM

SC

“ God's Love ❤️ be with you. Amen

steven w Cinkus - July 17, 2025 at 09:57 AM

JP

“ So sorry to see this. Wayne was a great fellow . He and I were in the same Sunday school class in Saginaw 1947! (believe it or not).



Judy Prose - July 16, 2025 at 08:04 PM

DM

May God welcome Wayne in heaven with open arms. We spent many New Year's Eve celebrations together and played many Euchre nights having fun. Wayne was the best Euchre player I have ever played with. Michele Marth and I used to go to their house on Milford Rd and we were always welcomed. My husband, daughters and I will always remember him fondly. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family, friends and church family.

Denise Morris - July 20, 2025 at 08:01 PM



Awe, thank you for the wonderful memories share 

Sue Foote - July 27, 2025 at 03:15 PM



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July 16, 2025 at 02:07 PM



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DA

“ *Fond memories of two uncles who were the closest father figure we had. What a reunion in heaven we will have. Uncle Wayne I was in your parents kitchen when you had the bad scraped from the Michigan Bean company, you were so brave. Darlene & Vivian*

Darlene - July 16, 2025 at 01:43 PM



So glad they were there for all of you ❤️ and I guess I don't know the injury story!

Sue Foote - July 27, 2025 at 03:19 PM

MA

“ *My deepest condolences to the Franke and Wilson families, of the passing of your Dad, Wayne Franke.*
Also dear Grandfather and a great friend to all that knew Wayne, Wayne and Dorothy lived next to my parents on Milford Rd. and they formed a special bond. Wayne and Dorothy were such a great support after my Dad Wm. P passed, for my Mother, Barb Addis. Always wonderful to see them volunteering at the Hospital too. Peace 💜🕊️💜



Marti Addis - July 15, 2025 at 04:54 PM



Special neighbors and thank Marti for sharing these memories 🤔

Sue Foote - July 27, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ *Linda Young sent a virtual gift in memory of H. Franke*



Linda Young - July 15, 2025 at 12:01 PM



Thank you Linda!

Sue Foote - July 27, 2025 at 03:17 PM