



## Melvin M. Frank

November 4, 1931 - May 5, 2024

Melvin M. Frank, age 92, passed away on May 5, 2024, at the St. Cloud Hospital. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday May 11, 2024, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Marty, MN.

The visitation will be from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Holy Cross School, Marty, MN.

Melvin Math Frank was born on November 4, 1931, to Peter and Louise (Wolf) Frank. He proudly served in the US Army for 2 years. On May 12, 1956, he married Delphine Schaefer at Holy Cross Church. They lived their life together, raising six children on the family farm at the top of the hill, on the edge of the woods, near Pearl Lake.

Mel was a do it all, fix it all man with broad knowledge in many areas of life. He was a welder/mechanic by trade, retiring from Hardrives in 1993. He believed in working hard and playing hard. Baseball was his all-time favorite. It brought him joy to both play the game as well as watching his son and grandsons do the same. Mel's motto: If you can't run fast, you better hit the ball far!

Other passions include, well witching, agate picking, deer hunting, fishing, polka music, and feeding the wildlife on his property. He was easy to spot in

his orange Kubota, keeping an eye on the neighborhood.

Survivors include his children, Dave (Robyn), Tom (Deb), Lori (Mike) Ackerman, Linda (Joe) Hennen, Mary (Mark) Jansky, Pat (Tracy); grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his sister, Lorraine Schmitz.

Mel was preceded in death by his wife, Del; parents; brothers, Wilfred, Jerome and Urban.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross

Marty, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic School  
10672 Co Rd 8  
Kimball, MN 55353

## Mass

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church  
10651 Co Hwy 8  
Kimball, MN 55353

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Dear Family and Friends of our dear Mel,

*I learned only yesterday evening from our cousin, Mark Schaefer, of Sauk Centre, that Mel's funeral was yesterday. I was not aware of his passing.*

*But I do wish to send my condolences to you all, as Mel was also near and dear to me, as was Del. The passing of a wonderful generation! Mel was always what I called "the steady hand" in everything he did. He had such a strong, steady, even way and demeanor about himself, bringing peace and calm where ever he went.*

*Up to COVID, I made nearly annual trips back to Minnesota and always stopped at Mel & Del's place, and then at Mel's place after Del's passing. Their farm was an "oasis," a beautiful place in the countryside. It was always a highlight of my return visits to see Mel, the farm and everyone.*

*May his memory live long in our mind and hearts!*

*Your Cousin,*

*Stephen*

*Stephen J. Schäfer, Ph.D.*

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**Stephen J. Schafer, Ph.D.** - May 12, 2024 at 12:08 PM

DH

“ Pat and family, When you hear the stories others share about your dad, may it bring an even richer understanding of how much he meant to everyone lucky enough to know him. With my sympathy, Dar

Dar Hilpibre - May 10, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Melvin M. Frank.



May 10, 2024 at 12:15 PM

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“ your friends and co-workers at Exlar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin M. Frank.

your friends and co-workers at Exlar - May 10, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Melvin M. Frank.



May 10, 2024 at 09:42 AM

JD

“Mel was kind enough to come out to our property and dowse for water before we built our home back in 1987. I followed him around marking water drilling 'hot spots'. Watching him surveying the lay of the land, and having an idea where the strong veins were running was a clinic in dowsing. We stopped at a spot where two veins intersected. " Mark it, drill here, you will hit water at 100 feet". "It has a 30 foot high vein". The driller hit water at 99 feet and it was a 30 foot vein. Mel, can we pay you? Ah, just buy me a case of beer. May he rest in peace!

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John Decker - May 08, 2024 at 01:54 PM

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“Your Friends at Powder Ridge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin M. Frank.

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Your Friends at Powder Ridge - May 07, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Melvin M. Frank.



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