



Russell E. Franklin

September 23, 1936 - April 20, 2023

Russell E. "Gene" Franklin, 86, of Anderson, died April 20, 2023, at his home. He was born September 23, 1936, in Upland, IN to Susie Harper and Russell Franklin.

Russell served in the United States Marine Corp and Army and he is a retiree from General Motors (Delco Remy).

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Judith M. (Carpenter) Franklin; daughter, Candace (Franklin) Greenlee, daughter and son-in-law, Ruby (Franklin) and John Swingley, daughter and son-in-law, Laurie (Franklin) and Rick Brough, and daughter, Anna (Franklin) Addison; 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Susie Harper and Russell Franklin, his in-laws, Ruby and Walter Carpenter, three sisters, Dorothy Boyd, Eileen Simpson, and Barbara Stroud, and his son, Russell E. Franklin, Jr.

Visitation will take place on Friday, April 28, 2023, from 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. at Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory, 200 W. 53rd Street, Anderson, with a Funeral Service on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 1:00 PM officiated by Pastor J. Michael Johnson. Burial will take place at Anderson Memorial Park.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org), with contribution envelopes available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be shared with the Franklin Family online at www.LooseCars.com.

Cemetery Details

Anderson Memorial Park

6805 Doctor M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.
Anderson, IN 46013

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
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Funeral Service

APR 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell E. Franklin*



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HB

“ *Love you, great papaw*

Harper Benzenbower - September 09, 2025 at 05:56 PM

JH

“ *My heart is saddened by the loss of sweet Papaw, and my thoughts are with you. Love you all! Jessica Wechsler Haley*

Jessica Haley - April 29, 2023 at 12:27 AM

CW

“ You were always the captain of the pontoon. The second most important man in my life. Today I choose to celebrate your life and remember you as the man before Alzheimer’s stole you. You put up a hard fight, one of the hardest I have seen.

You are were the first and only man I have known to drive a fluffy pink van proudly and not give a damn what anyone had to say because your wife loved it. Lyndsey and I had so many fun trips to the lakes in that van. You were the first person I knew with tattoos, you were so cool for that! You started a family trend. Whenever I needed my toes popped, I knew where to come. You always pretended to hide the part of your ring finger that you lost and it never got old, you always got a good chuckle. I remember the smell of your pipe; I still love that smell even though you gave that up many years ago. You were always quick to fall asleep in your recliner watching one of your westerns. You had the best sense of humor. Especially on Xavier’s first Halloween when I brought him to you dressed up as a girl!

Today, I refuse to shed tears, I think of you with a smile on my face and know that you are back to being the whole and complete Papaw that I got to love for so many years.

You didn’t die just recently,^[SEP] You died some time ago.^[SEP] Although your body stayed a while,^[SEP] And didn’t really know.

For you had got Alzheimer’s,^[SEP] You failed to comprehend.^[SEP] Your body went on living.^[SEP] But your mind had reached its end.

So we’ve already said, “Goodbye”,^[SEP] To the person that we knew.^[SEP] The person that we trully loved,^[SEP] The person that was, “You”.

And so we meet again today,^[SEP] To toast your bodies end.^[SEP] For it was true and faithful,^[SEP] Until right at the end.

And so, when we remember,^[SEP] We’ll think of all the rest.^[SEP] We’ll

concentrate on earlier, And remember all the best.

For in the real scheme of things, Your illness wasn't long.
Compared to all the happiness, You brought your whole life long.

We think of you as yesterday, When you were fit and well. And
when we're asked about you, It's those things that we'll tell.

And so we meet in 'membrance, Of a mind so fit and true. We're
here to pay our last respects, To say that, "We love you".

by Dick Underwood 2010 ©

Love so very much, Crystal ❤️

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