



Donald E. Rankin

November 17, 1927 - December 25, 2024

CROSWELL- Donald E. Rankin, Sr., age 97, of Croswell, passed away on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 at Stonegate Assisted Living in Sandusky. He was born November 17, 1927 in Croswell, son of the late James and Kate Rankin. Don married Sue J. Cummings on June 24, 1950.

He served in the U.S. Army after graduating from Croswell High School. Don was a member of the Croswell American Legion Post #255 for 78 years. He was their oldest living member.

Don was a member of St. Patricks Catholic Church in Croswell, then later of the Ave Maria Parish- St. Denis Catholic Church in Lexington. He was a councilman and also mayor of Croswell for many years. Don retired from Michigan Bell after 44 years.

Don and Sue had sons, Don, Jr. (Chris), Gary (Joy), and Lindsey (Connie). He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Brooke (Mike) Miller, Chad (Carrie) Rankin, Ryan Rankin, Jeremy (Cat) Rankin, Jessica (Dan) Klein, Joel (Kelsey) Rankin, Jesse Green, Brandon (Teddy) Rankin, Lance Rankin, Adam (Nicole) Rankin, and Abby Hope; 22 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren; daughter in law, Nancy Rankin, and 2 sister in laws, Betty Rankin and Valerie Rankin.

He was preceded in death by grandsons, Justin Rankin, and Ben Green, brothers, Carl (Ila), William (Mary), Ted and Jack. Sisters, Lucille Herriman, and Hilda Johnston.

Don was a special man, husband, son, father, uncle, brother, grandfather, and

friend. He was loved and respected by many will be clearly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1-5 P.M. on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at the American Legion in Croswell, for Don and Sue together. Memorials in memory of Don may be made to the Croswell American Legion.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Croswell American Legion Post #255
97 W. Harrington Rd.
Croswell, MI 48422

Tribute Wall

DO

“ So very sorry to learn of Don's passing.

Diane M Olson - January 11, 2025 at 01:08 PM

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“ Sorry to hear about Don. Prayers to the family.

Linda Smith - January 07, 2025 at 08:11 AM

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“ Always a very admirable man. RIP Mr. Rankin.

Wes Radford - January 05, 2025 at 10:40 AM

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“ He was not just a grandfather to us, but a source of wisdom, love, and inspiration. The memories we shared will forever live in our hearts, and his legacy will continue to guide us. We are incredibly grateful for the time we had together, and though his physical presence is no longer with us, his spirit will always remain a part of who we are. We miss him deeply, but I find comfort in knowing that his life was one filled with kindness, strength, and the love he so generously gave. Rest in peace, Grandpa Don. You will never be forgotten.

Rankin Adam - January 03, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear that Donald had passed away. Sending my deepest condolences to the family.

Colleen Binienda (Cummings) - January 03, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *Condolences to his family & friends.*

Desi Duncan - January 02, 2025 at 06:57 PM