



## Raymond P Krantz

July 30, 1941 - December 14, 2014

Raymond P. Krantz of North Tonawanda, passed away unexpectedly, December 14, 2014 at DeGraff Memorial Hospital at the age of 73.

Mr. Krantz was born July 30, 1941 in North Tonawanda, son of that late Ronald and Catherine (nee Leslie) Krantz.

Raymond attended local school and served in the United States Army. He served on the North Tonawanda Paid Fire Department from 1966 until his retirement in 2000, he retired as Captain of Fire Prevention.

Mr. Krantz volunteered at DeGraff Memorial Hospital and DeGraff Adult Daycare a total of 2,223 volunteer hours.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda where he served as an usher, a greeter and was on the fire safety committee, he had also been an elder, an usher, member of fire safety committee and choir member at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Krantz was a member of Sweeney Hose Co. #7 ,and a member of the North Tonawanda Volunteer Fireman's Benevolent Association.

Raymond enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and vacations in Florida with

his children and his beloved grandchildren. He loved his two dogs Bell and Fella.

Beloved husband of Pauline (nee Waild) Krantz; loving father of Cheryl (Mark) Krisnosky, Brenda Fix, Pamela (Dennis) Miller and Jason (Amanda) Krantz; devoted grandfather of eleven and great grandpa of one; brother of Vincent (late Earline), Joseph L. Krantz, Karen (late Jack) Lawrence, James (Bonnie), Thomas (Kimberly), late Ronald Krantz, Marcia (late Arvil) Cook and late Susan McCoy; also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Wednesday 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 PM at the WATTENGEL Funeral Home (New Location) 533 Meadow Dr. N. Tonawanda.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 11:00 AM in St. Paul Lutheran Church, 453 Old Falls Blvd N. Tonawanda. The Rev. Karl W Haeussler and Rev. Ernest Green III will officiate. Burial will be in St. Matthews Lutheran Cemetery, Wheatfield.

Flowers gratefully declined memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ray's Memory.

On line guest registry at [www.Wattengel.com](http://www.Wattengel.com)

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home  
533 Meadow Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
(716) 693-0440

# Tribute Wall

EV

“ *Pauline and family,  
So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. You and the family are in our  
thoughts and prayers.*

Ernie & Jean Vigrass - December 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of such a great man. You are all in my  
thoughts & prayers.*

Jennifer McDonell (Kirst) - December 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Pauline&Family,  
so sorry for your loss  
My prayers are with you,  
I will miss ray's smiley face at Degraff... just know we all are thinking  
of you!*

josie LaMonto - December 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Dear Pauline and family,*

*We were sadden by the loss of Ray. He will be missed by family and  
all who knew him. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.A*

The Addys - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Our sincere condolences to your family. In this time of loss, know  
that your family and friends are praying for you.*

Douglas & Cynthia Waild - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Condolences to Ray's family. Know that Ray made a difference while he was here. He was a great man, fireman and friend.*

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**Jim Loughrey** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *My sincere sympathy to Ray's family. He will always be remember for his smile and generous personality. His contributions to the community on all levels were the true mark of the man. He will be missed but never forgotten.*

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**David Krieman** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss, we really enjoyed knowing Ray. My thoughts and prayers are with your Family.*

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**Marge Kijowski** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ *Cheryl, So sorry for your family's loss.*

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**Mandy Neiswonger (Buchinger)** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Pauline & Family. We are very sorry to hear of your loss of such a great man. We have many memories of Ray & his family from the good times at Skunk Hallow.*

*Your are in our thoughts & prayers.*

*The Gregson Kids Bobby, Betty (Wilke), Roger, Marie (Doane*

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**Marie Gregson Doane** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ So sorry for your loss. Had such pleasure knowing him as the training officer for the ntfcd and working as head usher for him when he was an elder at st Matthews

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**Bill heine** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ sorry I could not make it,

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**mike krantz** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I'll miss you uncle ray you were a wonderful person and great mentor to me over the years and I will miss you dearly. You were more of father/grandpa to me than uncle and was always there to point me in the right direction when needed. i cant express how much it hurts me to lose someone so close but i know that this isnt the last time we will see each other again but until that day comes i will try to stay strong each and everyday as i know you would want me too however know i will never stop thinking of you and will miss you dearly love you always uncle ray always remembered never forgotten RIP.

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**James Grosskopf** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Pauline and family, Our deepest sympathy to all of you! Ray was priceless to me as a cousin and as a friend. It saddens us to read of his passing away. I wish I could be over there for final respects. I have an upcoming surgery date that keeps me away from places right now. Please know I will keep him in prayer as well as all of you! Hugs Ann and Roger Adamek

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**Ann (Smith)Adamek** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ *Pauline and family: We were so very sorry to hear of Ray's passing. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Wayne and Pat (Waild) Thompson** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Ray, my friend I will miss you. Of the people who made a positive impact on my life you ranked right up there with the best of them. You always had a kind word, patient disposition, and a helpful hand to offer. You had a great influence on me when I was growing up and taught me how to help others. I am proud to be able to call you my friend. Things will not be the same without you my brother. God's speed to you sir. Rest in peace.*

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**Brian K. Stephens** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ *First and foremost, please accept my condolences in the loss of Mr. Krantz. Most of the family will not recognize my name but I graduated in 1984 with Cheryl and knew Cheryl's cousin Tom. I am writing this in hopes that it will help the loss...even so slightly. While growing up in N.T., as a young boy I always wanted to be a firefighter. I had witnessed Mr. Krantz in action a few times and at the time I knew he exemplified the career and inspired me to join the ranks of the fire service. Soon after graduating my life took me into the military and then to become a paramedic first and then a firefighter paramedic for the past 30 years collectively. There are a handful of people who have inspired me to carry on a noble calling. Mr. Krantz...even though he never knew it... was one of those men.*

*As I have experienced loss of life numerous times, it is never easy and the heartache is absolutely horrible. My prayers are for the family and friends of Mr. Krantz to relish in his memory and in time the pain will be replaced with over abundance of happiness when you sit and reflect upon his existence. Wishing all of you strength in this time of the utmost heartache. May Mr. Krantz rest in peace.*

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**William Piwtorak** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to each and everyone of you in your time of sorrow.*

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**Brenda Kernen** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathies are with you all. May God bless you and keep you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Jennifer Cassaday** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Pauline and family you are in Shawn and my thoughts and prayers. Please remember the good times to help through your time of need.*  
*Antoinette (Dewiel) Galyen*

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**Antoinette Galyen** - December 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Will miss that smile ! My grandkids, Jayden and Gavin will really miss Mr Krantz. They really loved him. My prayers and thoughts are with you Mrs Krantz and family he was a kind soul.* *Joanne Pagano*

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**Joanne Pagano** - December 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Rays passing. He was such a nice man and I know my late husband, Skip, always spoke so highly of him. Heaven has gained another angel now. May your memories of Ray help to carry you thru this difficult time.*

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**Judy Tyler** - December 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM