



Frederick William Cottrell

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Frederick William Cottrell, age 86, of China Twp., peacefully fell asleep and was welcomed home by his wife, Maraleen on August 14, 2025. Fred was born June 24, 1939 to the late James “Andy” and Margaret Cottrell.

On April 27, 1962, Fred married Maraleen Mae Denslow. She preceded him in death January 12, 2021.

Fred enjoyed telling stories and sharing memories, among his favorites was, as a young boy, walking to the corner grocery with his little wagon in tow, along with his father and coming home with a piece of fudge.

Fred learned the value of hard work at an early age. As a youth he assisted his father digging graves and installing foundations in the Marine City Cemeteries. As time moved forward, Fred worked for a local grocery store and then he had an opportunity to sail the Great Lakes. He sailed for the Columbia Transportation Company on both the Middletown and Holloway freighters. After sailing he gained employment with Western Crude, which led to his final job with Mich Con. Fred retired from Mich Con in 1998 following many years of service.

Fred maintained his home and his yard to perfection. He especially enjoyed mowing his lawn several times a week and recording the dates he mowed on his calendar. Fred also enjoyed planting a vegetable garden each year.

Fred was a devoted husband and always at Maraleen’s side. They would knit items and donate them to local organizations, Maraleen would knit the caps and mittens and Fred would knit the scarves. They were also a perfect match in the kitchen as Maraleen was an expert baker and Fred loved his baked goods and chocolate. In recent years, Fred found quiet entertainment solving puzzle books.

Fred was also a proud grandfather. Among the many good times shared with his “Buddy” Kevin Gerald, Fred always looked forward to their weekly bets during the NFL season. He was the best grandfather a grandson could ask for.



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Fred was also a proud father and is survived by his children, Jeffrey (Lisa) Cottrell and Lisa Hutkowski and grandson, Kevin Gerald Hutkowski Jr.

Per Fred's wishes a private funeral service will be held with interment in Rosehill Cemetery, East China Twp.

Arrangements are by Young Funeral Home, To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com




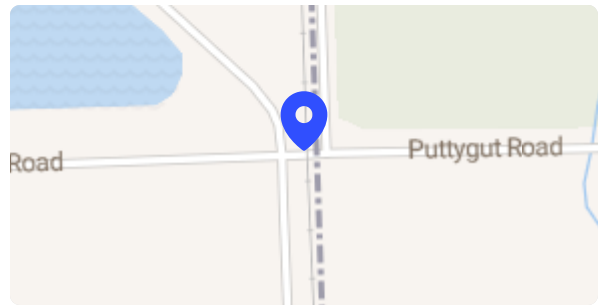
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Cemetery Details

 **Rosehill Cemetery**
Puttygut Rd., East China Twp. MI 48054





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Jody Lynn Sharrow posted:

Jeff and Lisa, I am sorry to hear of your father's passing. Your parents were always kind to me and I enjoyed spending time at your house in our younger years. Praying for your family during this difficult time. Jody Sharrow

August 20 at 3:41 AM



Lisa Hutkowski August 20 at 4:55 AM

Thank you Jody, it was so nice to hear from you.



Norman J Thibodeau posted:

Fred and Maraleen took pride in their home and yard it showed too. He always would have good conversation when I was fortunate enough to meet up with him. He was very proud of his children. His grandson was always a topic of conversation which was of utmost importance. Thoughts prayers with the family. The Thibodeaus

August 17 at 12:51 PM



Lisa Hutkowski August 17 at 4:57 PM

Thank you for your kind words.



Michelle Reichle lit a candle in honor of Frederick.



August 17 at 6:34 AM



The Schalte Family sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Cottrell family.



August 17 at 5:37 AM



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KC

Kathy Clark posted:

We are so sorry for your loss Jeff and Lisa. Keeping you in our prayers. Our Condolences to your entire family. Love you, God bless. 🙏♥Harold & Kathy Clark

August 16 at 5:19 PM

DV

Dave V posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. What a guy!! I met him the day I interviewed at Belle River. He was such a regular guy. One of my favorite people ever, especially for not knowing him that long. Loved when he came in the control room after he retired. I would be crying he had me laughing so hard. ❤️

August 16 at 3:31 PM

DH

Dan Heilman August 17 at 3:47 AM

I always liked Fred and my condolences to Jeff and Lisa and his grandchildren. May he rest in peace, Homer

JC

Jim Cochenour posted:

Our sincerest condolences to your family. So sorry for your loss

August 16 at 2:31 PM

KA

Karren lit a candle in honor of Frederick.

We are very sorry to hear of Fred's passing. Prayers and hugs to the family. Karen and Karl Schneider

August 16 at 2:14 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frederick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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