



## Richard P. Cranston

February 18, 1945 - August 23, 2021

Richard Perry Cranston, age 76, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2021 in Howell, MI. He was born February 18, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan and was one of three children of the late Leonard H Cranston and Margaret M Cranston. Rich was the beloved husband of Pat Cranston (recently deceased) and father to Bruce (Sue) Cranston and Brice (Bobbi) Cranston. He was a grandfather to Kevin (Ashley) Cranston, Steven (Vanessa) Cranston, Veronica Cranston and Robert Cranston and great grandfather to Griffin, Madilyn, Chase and Brooklyn.

Rich was predeceased by his wife; H Patricia Cranston (August 11, 2021) and his two brothers; Leonard G Cranston (August 24 2006) and Arthur V Cranston (September 19 2012).

Rich met Pat in Rome, NY at Griffiss Airforce Base, where they fell in love and got married. They moved to Plymouth, MI for many years where he was a Sign Painter for Wayne County. He loved playing percussion with the Plymouth Community Band and Symphony as well as supporting his sons in their own activities. After retiring, they moved to their home on Sand Lake in National City, MI where Rich continued to follow his passion for music with the Tawas Community Band and various other musical groups. He loved to spend time on the lake, fishing, relaxing and enjoying nature. They both loved having family and friends come to visit at the cottage. In recent years they moved to the Brighton/Howell area to be closer to family.

Rich joined the US Air Force in 1963, was honorably discharged in 1967 and

will be interred at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on September 2, 2021 at 2 pm, where a small outdoor military service will be held.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers, contributions in Rich's memory may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. [www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org](http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org)

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# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard P. Cranston*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Here it is two years later to the date that Rich passed away. Am just learning of his passing. I fondly remember Rich from the old neighborhood in Detroit. Attending Edison Elementary School and playing baseball and football on the school playground. Rich was always positive, jovial, and fun to be around. Everyone enjoyed his company. Sympathies to the family.*

*Respectfully submitted, Homer "Tip" Smathers*

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**Homer Smathers, Jr.** - August 23, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Rich's passing. We've known him & his family for many years & have many fond memories of him in our "guitar group" at church & from "music in the park". So sorry Brice. He & Pat were great people. love Skip & Betty Landini*

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**Betty Landini** - September 18, 2021 at 09:53 AM

JM

“ I am deeply saddened at the loss of my long time friend. Rich and I performed together in many different musical groups, and I was always in awe of his remarkable talents. His professional level of playing abilities made every group he played with better, and all who shared a rehearsal hall with him will fondly remember his quick wit that brought humor to the problems of a difficult piece of music. My family all have fond memories of both Rich, and Pat, as out two daughters both grew up sitting beside Pat in Kellogg Park, as the band performed, since my wife, Wanda was also playing in the band. We will hold our memories of all the great times in our hearts forever.

*John and Wanda Monks*

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**John R. Monks** - August 31, 2021 at 10:08 AM

KB

“ RICHARD, PAT and I we're very good friends. We worked in the same shop together for many years. We even laid the groundwork to start our own business. BENSTON Universal sign company We called it but we didn't fly. Through the years we watched Bruce and Brice become great young men. We will always marvel Richards tenacity the drum set. I will miss my friends and They are forever in my heart. Rest well my friends rest well

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**Keith Benning** - August 30, 2021 at 04:21 PM

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“ *Rich was the beloved kettle drum player for the Our Lady of Good Counsel guitar group of and choirs. His drum roll at the reading of Christ's passion always brought a chill down our spines and a tear to our eyes. We love you Rich and Pat!  
Bill and Pam Swiderek and family*💕💕

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**Pam Swiderek** - August 26, 2021 at 01:28 PM