



## Ronald R. Distlerath

December 22, 1937 - October 9, 2025

Ronald Roy Distlerath, a dedicated family man, passionate outdoorsman, and proud union worker, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the age of 87.

Ron was born on December 22, 1937, in St. Clair, Michigan, to Donald and Alice Distlerath. His life was defined by a strong work ethic and a love for the Great Lakes. As a young man, he was a Merchant Sailor, navigating the vast waters and working on the iron ore ships—a time he often recalled with great pride. He then spent 34 years serving as a skilled Journeyman Painter and Glazer at General Motors, before retiring to enjoy his later years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Alice; his beloved wife of 48 years, Susan; his son, Steve; and his sisters, Donna and Judy.

Ron's greatest joy was his family. He leaves behind his loving children, Julie, Dante, and John. He was a cherished grandfather to several grandchildren, and a favorite uncle to many beloved nieces and nephews.

An avid fisherman and hunter, Ron found solace and great pleasure in the outdoors, teaching his children and grandchildren the importance of patience and respect for nature. He was a dedicated provider, a true friend, and a man whose presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Private family services will take place at a later date.

Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to serve the Distlerath Family