



## Ronald W. Gaines

February 28, 1936 - November 12, 2015

Ronald W. Gaines, 79 of Chebanse passed away November 12, 2015 at Riverside Medical Center. He was born February 28, 1936 in Kankakee to Donald W. and Wilda (Wooleridge) Gaines and was raised in Carmi, IL. Ron served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1959. He married Virginia Schroeder October 22, 2005. Ronald was an avid artist and taught a cartoon class for the Kankakee county park district. He worked at Bunge Foods and retired in 2007. Ron also volunteered for KC-CASA, he was an umpire, a member of Toastmasters and an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan.

Ron is survived by his wife of Chebanse, two daughters and a son in law; Samantha Gaines of St. Petersburg, FL, Melissa (Scott) Mow of Colorado, and a step son Rodney (Thersia) Schroeder of Beecher. Also surviving are 3 grandchildren; Sidney and Gage Mow of Colorado and Matthew Schroeder of El Paso, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Florence Murphy.

Cremation rites were accorded. There will be a memorial visitation from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the Schreffler Funeral Home Kankakee Chapel. The memorial service will begin at 4:00 pm Sunday at the Schreffler Funeral Home Kankakee Chapel. Deacon Leon Fritz will officiate. Please visit [www.schrefflerfuneralhome.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhome.com) to sign Ronald's online guestbook.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald W. Gaines*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Kathryn Miller lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Gaines*



**Kathryn Miller** - January 14, 2023 at 06:35 AM



*Thought of you today about what a wonderful Uncle you were and how your presence in my life will always be in my heart and soul. I love you Uncle Ron.*

**Kathryn Miller** - January 14, 2023 at 06:40 AM



“ *Ron was a great guy. I enjoyed talking to him. So long, Ron. R.I.P.*

**Roger Robinson** - April 26, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Sheryl Guzman- Barbosa lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Gaines*



**Sheryl Guzman- Barbosa** - November 17, 2015 at 07:10 PM



*I've worked at Bunge for over 35 years-knew Ron there . He was a sweet, kind, person. Was a wonderful artist - anything going on at work he would come up with a cartoon for each situation, and they were usually very funny. With deepest sympathy for his family. Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

**Sheryl Guzman- Barbosa** - November 17, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ Just heard of Ron's passing - so sorry we were not there with you Aunt Ginny as you went through this tough time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Ron was a great man and seemed to make you so happy - I know this is going to be a difficult time, please let us know if there is anything we can do to help out.



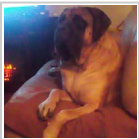
LaDonna Marquette - November 16, 2015 at 09:27 PM

JP

“ Ronnie was my favorite "ex-brother-in-law" (as he jokingly called himself when writing to me) and a dear friend. I feel a big loss that such a sweet man is no longer here to add to the great things we have on Earth. However, at the same time I am comforted that he is no longer in a body that could not keep up with all things he loved to do, nor the fast pace he thrived on. I can smile through my tears knowing he's having great times once again, drawing cartoons, watching his Chicago sports teams, eating pickled pigs feet, and giving presentations in the ToastMasters in heaven!  
He was one of the world's kindest, most gentle and loving people I have ever met. So, it's a very sad loss for all of us here who will miss him immensely, but a fantastic addition to the angels up in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with Ronnie's family, my family, and the many, many friends he leaves behind.

I love you, Ronnie  
God Bless You...  
Joanie Prichard

Joanie Prichard - November 15, 2015 at 06:00 PM



“ I worked with Ron at bunge and he was a wonderful, kind, caring man. My sincerest condolences to his family. I remember the painting/drawing he did called "A RABBIS' NIGHTMARE". It had pigs and other animals that Jewish people don't eat. He actually gave it to one of the rabbis that came to bunge! What a great man who will be missed. God bless you. Sherry Rashenskaskas



Sherry Rashenskaskas - November 15, 2015 at 05:30 PM

KM

“ *My Uncle Ronnie Gaines was the best Uncle ever. He was a wonderful brother to my mother Florence Murphy and a good son to his parents, my grand parents, Donald and Wilda Gaines, a terrific husband to his wife, Jen and the greatest father to his two beautiful daughters, Samantha and Melissa and grand children. Growing up as a child with Uncle Ronnie was always fun and exciting. When Ronnie joined the Army he traveled the world and saw many fabulous places and always sent letters. I remember how excited my mother and I would be when we would receive a letter from Ronnie because he always drew cartoons and pictures on the envelopes about things that happened in our family. He always saw humor in everything. Uncle Ronnie finally got out of the Army and when he came to visit, he brought back his military equipment and gave it to me to play with and to keep. I looked pretty funny with a gas mask head gear on. But my favorite were the boxing gloves. Ronnie was a talented artist. He painted portraits and of the places he'd seen overseas. I always loved Ronnie's paintings. He got me hooked on Baseball as that was his favorite sport. He knew every baseball player on every team as far back as when he was a kid. Every memory I have of Ronnie, (and there's a lot of them), always brings a big smile to my face when I talk about them. He was my hero, my big brother, my second father, my uncle, my everything. Such a positive, happy, intelligent, loving and caring individual that I am honored to have been blessed with to have in my life. Uncle Ronnie's greatest attribute was his 'unconditional' love he gave to me and everyone he loved. You will be so deeply missed Ronnie and thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving your time, your love and understanding and life's lessons to me all these years.*

*We will see each other soon.. I Love You.. Your Niece, Kathryn (Murphy) Miller*



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**Kathryn Miller** - November 15, 2015 at 06:20 AM

JW

“ *JOHN WHITTET lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Gaines*



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**JOHN WHITTET** - November 14, 2015 at 06:16 PM

JW

“WHN I WAS JUST A LITTLE LD I ALWAYS FORGOT HOW TO TIE MY SHOES TILL HE BROUGHT ME ON HIS KNEE AT MY GRANDPARENTS HOUSE BEEN SO MANY YEARS NOT SUR IF I GET THIS RIGHT?AFTER ALL IT WAS MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO? NOW GRAD BOTH THE FOXES BY THIER EARS THE FOXES BEING BOTH STRINGS NOW RUN AROUND THE BARN LET THE FOXES FOLLOW YOU IN THE HOE THEN PULL THIER EARS AND CHOKE THE FOXES AND SEE YOU JUST TIED YOUR SHOES NEVER EVER FORGOT IT AGAIN! I LOVED MY UNCLE RONNIE. A TRUE HONEST LOVING CARING MAN ; AFTER ALL HE CAME FROM 2 GREAT PARENTS DONALD GAINES AND WILDA WOOLDRIDGE MY GRANDPAWS SISTER THEY WAS A HOOT WHEN YOU GOT THEM TOGETHER. FOREVER A NEPHEW ,COUSIN TO THE REST OF THE FAMILY LOVE YOU ALL JOHN WHITTET; BOB AND FREDA'S GRANDSON.

JOHN WHITTET - November 14, 2015 at 06:13 PM

HD

“ Thank you uncle Ronnie for being a great man father and role model. You never judged or downed anyway. You knew how to make people laugh and feel welcome no matter what. I love you and you will always and forever be missed. Keep smiling up in heaven and please guide us and watch over us. Live heather.



heather dickie - November 14, 2015 at 04:46 PM

EM

“ Even though I have only seen him a few times in my life, I have grown up knowing who he was. Ronnie Gaines. A very familiar name in my family. My Dad (Norbert Wagner) always talked about Ronnie Gaines, they were cousins and I feel like he was my Dad's favorite because every time Dad talked about Ronnie he smiled. Dad would be very sad to hear of Ronnie's passing. Dad has dementia and doesn't know the name Ronnie Gaines any longer but I will never forget it. I am so very sorry for your loss and hope you find peace in the knowledge that he was so fondly thought of by so many and will never be forgotten. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Elizabeth [WAGNER] McGee

Elizabeth McGee - November 14, 2015 at 03:18 PM

QR

“ *I hope and pray that God keeps you all during this time. I'm an Old Friend from years ago...*



Quincy Rosenthal - November 14, 2015 at 01:36 PM

MJ

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Melinda Joiner - November 14, 2015 at 08:06 AM

DT

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Daniel Trainor - November 13, 2015 at 10:59 PM

JT

“ *Joe Trainor sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald W. Gaines*



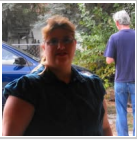
Joe Trainor - November 13, 2015 at 10:52 PM

DT

“ *Daniel Trainor lit a candle in memory of Ronald W. Gaines*



Daniel Trainor - November 13, 2015 at 10:25 PM



“ *we going to miss you uncle ron* ”



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**Tammy Trainor** - November 13, 2015 at 10:16 PM