



Ronald L. "Ron" Guertin

April 12, 1937 - July 1, 2024

Ronald L. "Ron" Guertin, age 87, of Bourbonnais passed away Monday, July 1, 2024 at Miller Healthcare Center in Kankakee. Ron was born April 12, 1937 in Kankakee, the son of William H. & Frances (Hess) Guertin. Ron married Barbara Klafta on November 26, 1960 in Kankakee.

Throughout his 40+ year career as a financial advisor, many hundreds of people were affected positively by his investment advice, most recently at Wells Fargo Financial Services in Bourbonnais. He was most proud of his work as co-founder and director of the annual "Spice of Life" variety show, which was produced each August for nearly 25 years at the BBCHS Auditorium and raised over \$250,000 during that span for Harbor House of Kankakee.

Ron served in the National Guard from 1960-1965. In his spare time he enjoyed poker, basketball, hunting and fishing, as well as watching his beloved Chicago Cubs.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Barbara (Klafta) of Bourbonnais; one son, William J. (Sherri) of Bourbonnais, two daughters, Jennifer (Luther, Jr) Carter of Bradley and Susan Barclay-Navey of Bourbonnais; one brother David (Mary Ann) Guertin of Hillsdale, MI, one sister Carol (Gerry) Bonick of Elgin; ten grandchildren, Kyle (Alexandra) Guertin, Ryan (Alicia) Guertin, Tyler (Haleigh) Guertin, Victoria Werling, Thomas (Jane) of Colorado Springs, CO, Jeannette Carter (Greg Lambert), Sara Carter, Molly (Leroy) Sthay, Mandy Barclay and Maggie Barclay; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, July 7, 2024 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, also at the funeral home. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate the service. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Vitas Hospice or Harbor House.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. State Rte. 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Met Ron on a sugardaddy site years back he helped me financially no questions asked when I was in need I've always wondered what happend to him due to his age god bless.

Mariah C - September 09, 2025 at 10:35 AM

MP

“ Ron was extremely dedicated to producing a great Spice of Life program throughout those many years! Ron loved music and entertainment, and he encouraged so many individuals to share their talents by putting us on the BBCHS stage. It was an honor for me to have been given the opportunity to be a part of those shows, and I truly appreciated Ron's support. Many of us spent time out at Ron and Barb's house rehearsing for Spice and it would be impossible to find a couple as dedicated and warm-hearted as the two of them. Ron was a very good man who brought out the best in all of us. I'm so thankful for the wonderful memories I have of those days! My thoughts and prayers are with Ron's family.

Mick Porter - July 07, 2024 at 05:28 PM

NB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ron. You're in my prayers

Nancy Birr - July 03, 2024 at 12:11 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Ronald L. "Ron" Guertin



Joseph Giacchino - July 02, 2024 at 04:27 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Ronald L. "Ron" Guertin



Christopher Wilcox - July 02, 2024 at 12:14 PM