

Ronald Shumaker

August 14, 1935 - December 30, 2016

Ronald Shumaker, age 81, of Kankakee, died on December 30, 2016 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. Ronald was born on August 14, 1935 to Charles and Myrtle (Farman) Shumaker in Kankakee. He married Roberta “Jane” Haberkorn on February 12, 1955 in Cullom. Roberta died in 1996. He owned and operated Roma Machine Tool & Die in Kankakee for 60 years. He enjoyed a good cigar, being with family, fishing, camping, motorcycling and anything outdoors. He loved his loyal and furry dog companions Joey (died June 2016) and Simon.

He is survived by one son, Daniel Shumaker of St. Anne, IL; one daughter, Julie (Curt Thompson) Keppler of Sycamore, IL; three grandchildren, Dori, Kody and Kaleb; two great-grandchildren, Raideyn and Brylee and long-time girlfriend, Nancy Brunen. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta and his parents.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2016 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel from 9:00 a.m. until the time of Ronald’s memorial service at 12:00 p.m. Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Kankakee will be private and at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Please visit www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com where you can sign Ronald's online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 7. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Shumaker*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *A true gentleman & a very nice man after I got to know him !! I enjoyed dealing with Ron while I was at Belson Steel ! My condolences to the family. He will be missed. Fred Mancuso & family*

fred mancuso - January 12, 2017 at 10:02 PM

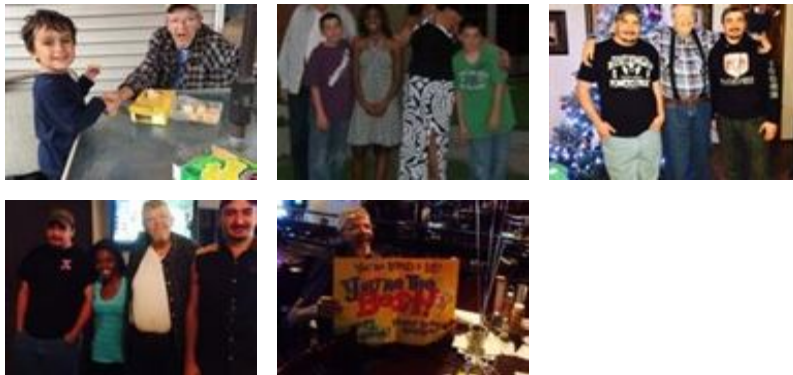


“ *So sorry Julie and Danny*

rita winge - January 07, 2017 at 08:14 AM



“ *90 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Schreffler Funeral Home - January 06, 2017 at 10:02 AM

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“ I am blessed to have known this wonderful man! He was like a second dad to me. I will miss him so much. I'll remember him most for his amazing bear hugs and I'll never forget hearing him say "Hey kid!" every time he saw me!

Jeanne O. - January 04, 2017 at 03:08 PM

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“ Ron and I used to have a blast when he would come into Paperback Reader. I am sure a few people looked at us strangely as we teased each other. We were Mr. and Mrs. Perfect. The "perfect" part varied from day to day. We could each be a "perfect" a* *, a "perfect" B*#^% or a "perfect p*^#@. Whatever we were, we were "PERFECT" at it.

I also spent a lot of time calling him ornery among other names. He was such fun to be around. He was never one to talk about you behind your back. It was to your face loud and clear. You knew where you stood with him. I was ok with that, as I am the same way. (Just not as vocal as Ron).

And we talked about a lot of different things. Camping, spouses, children, grandchildren among a few. He told me of some of the things he had done as a child, or a young man, and I am surprised he lived as long as he had.

Ron was very proud of his children. Not only for what they had become, but also for what they had come through. His grandchildren he used to say, were works in progress. But he loved each and every one of them. Always proud to tell me what they had done, or show pictures of.

Ron was very special to me. I loved him dearly and will miss him greatly!

Paula
Paperback Reader

Paula Goodwin - January 03, 2017 at 07:02 PM

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What a great story Paula...thank you for sharing...it made me smile...and cry at the same time...Ron's daughter Julie

Julie Keppler - January 03, 2017 at 10:02 PM