



Ronald J. St. Pierre

June 30, 1943 - January 4, 2026

Ronald J. St.Pierre aka “Saint” or more lovingly known as “Papa Chops” was born on June 30, 1943 and peacefully passed away in his sleep at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee on Sunday, January 4, 2026. As with most things in life, he passed in his own way and on his own terms. He was born to Dorsey St.Pierre and Ingberg Hedlin in 1963 and grew up on the South side of Kankakee. He married Cheryl Weber from Manteno in 1970 and together they had 2 children Tricia St.Pierre, Bradley IL and Matthew “Chop” St.Pierre (wife Cindy), Manhattan IL. He is preceded in death by his parents (Dorsey and Ingberg), wife (Cheryl), siblings (Myron St.Pierre, Darlene (Mike) Johnson and Lorraine (Richard) Bell), his great niece Kaelynn Fay (#flyhighkae) and grand pups (Max and Doug). He is survived by his children, grand-pups (Wrigley, Remy and Phil), and several “favorite” cousins, nieces, nephews and great and great-great nieces and nephews as well as a large friend group and Facebook followers. He made friends wherever he went and always had a smile on his face and a beer in his hand. His laugh was infectious and could be heard from a mile away. He was always the life of the party, loud, vibrant, spunky, stubborn, opinionated and at times inappropriate (but in a lovable way).

Ronald served in the United States Navy and was a Vietnam Vet. He worked at Roper, Hobart, Jr Short Milling and Bunge before retiring. He enjoyed spending his time socializing, bar hopping, supporting his favorite sports teams (Notre Dame, Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears), spoiling his grand pups with treats, watching countless hours of old TV shows, playing the slots and scratching off lotto tickets. He also enjoyed playing Santa and spreading holiday cheer.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 11-1 p.m. this Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Feel free to support his favorite teams by wearing Notre Dame or Chicago Bears/Cubs colors or gear. There will be plenty of jolly ranchers and fun stories to share.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to River Valley Animal Rescue.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel

1900 W. Court St.

Kankakee, IL 60901

(815) 932-2421

<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Michael Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. St. Pierre*



Michael Mitchell - January 21 at 08:32 PM

SH

“ *Ron went to school with my husband and married my old friend, Cheryl. Although we haven't seen him in years, he was always such a nice guy, happy and enjoyed life. Sorry to hear!*

Sue Hoskins - January 17 at 11:17 AM

KK

“ *Gonna miss you buddy. I remember all the good times and fun we had growing up in Kankakee. See you in heaven and God bless. Kup Kupcikevicius*

Kazys Kup Kupcikevicius - January 10 at 02:04 PM

CS

“ *Sorry to hear of Ron's passing. We met Ron many years ago at the Village Pub. It was always a pleasure visiting with and talking to Ron. He always had a friendly smile on his face and never complained even in some challenging times. Ron gave us a fireman/snowman Christmas statue a few years ago and we put it out for display each Christmas. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron and his entire family. RIP Papa Chops!
Chuck and Art Snyder.*

Charles Snyder - January 10 at 11:01 AM

ET

“ *Ron helped to make our dining room at Butterfield a friendly, welcoming place. He made sure to greet the newcomers. We'll miss his smile.*

Evelyn Torchia - January 08 at 09:08 PM



“ *RIP my friend, you will be missed by many.*



Vicki Sanford-Tousignant - January 06 at 09:25 PM



“ *There's a party welcoming him to heaven! I'm sure all the Hedlins are so happy to see him.*

Amy Dykstra - January 06 at 07:22 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. As I remember Ron you described him perfectly in the obituary. He is now resting and in much need rest.*

Ron VadeBonCoeur - January 06 at 06:35 PM



“ *Scott & Patty Haskins lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. St. Pierre*



Scott & Patty Haskins - January 06 at 04:53 PM



“ *We all were so sad to hear about his passing. He was absolutely amazing! His fantastic personality, and sense of humor will be greatly missed. We loved hanging out with him, whether it was after birthdays or funerals. He always made everyone feel welcome. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this time.*

*Love,
The Marion Family*

Bridget Power Marion - January 06 at 03:56 PM

LS

“ *rip ronnie* ”



Larry Suprenant - January 06 at 11:23 AM

AW

“ *Ashley W. lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. St. Pierre* ”



Ashley W. - January 06 at 10:36 AM