



Ronald F. Wagner

April 17, 1946 - January 15, 2020

Ronald F. Wagner was born on April 17, 1946 to parents Virgil and Maxine Wagner in Kankakee, Illinois. Sadly, he passed peacefully on January 15, 2020 surrounded by his family.

Ron was a 1964 graduate and avid supporter of Bradley Bourbonnais High School. He was a long-time member of the Army National Guard. Ron worked as a supervisor at Kankakee Roper and Gould Battery, where he retired in 2005, and was a lifetime member of the Kankakee Valley Boat Club.

Ron's passions included coaching Bourbonnais Bears Jr. Football, being a Chicago Bears fan, driving his Corvettes, boating, playing cards and supporting his children and grandchildren in athletics and life. He spent his retired winters as a snow bird in Casa Del Sol, Texas.

Ron was preceded in death by his first wife, Carol (Middleton) Wagner, who passed on January 18, 1982. Ron is survived by his current wife, Jeanette J. (Meatte) Wagner whom he married on April 1, 1983. Additionally, Ron is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Fred Rivard of Kankakee, brothers-in-law (and spouses) Ronald Middleton (Karen Peterson), Donald (Lana) Middleton, sister-in-law, Vicki Middleton (Scott) Stevenson, four children, Janine Meatte (Matt) Whitaker of San Diego, CA, Todd (Traci) Wagner of Grant Park, Jodine Meatte Klopp (Mike Leveque) of Bradley, and

Tami Wagner (Brian) Kempen of Kankakee, and seven grandchildren, Justine Lamie (Mitch Deval), Luc Blume (Kaylee Drummer), Camden Wagner, Jude Klopp, Makenna Whitaker, Wilse Whitaker and Jack Klopp.

There will be a visitation on Monday, January 20, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. There will be a funeral on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. Chaplain Dan Horton will be officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to family wishes.

For Ron, the good life was forever changing and challenging. He kept his loved ones close and cherished the memories he had with them.

A special thanks to the wonderful staff at Hospice of Kankakee Valley and the University of Chicago for assisting Ron's family and allowing him to complete his journey at home.

Please sign his guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald F. Wagner*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss karen my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for comfort and peace. God bless you all*



Lisa samuels - January 21, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Wagner family. Ron was and will always be one of the great guys. His sense of humor and his caring personality will always remain in my heart. One super guy he will be missed.*

Jane Faford. Keltner - January 20, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ *Your family has our deepest sympathy at this most difficult time. Sorry.....we are unable to attend the services. Carol and Joe Fritz*

A J Fritz - January 20, 2020 at 05:47 PM

BB

“ Ron we had a great ride from the age of 10. Your home became my home and in later years it became the home to the "Guys". You carried on that tradition past High School to your home especially at reunion time. You were the "go to" guy, I'm lost now with questions or to get updated on what is happening up there. You had Virgil's sense of humor and sense of money and Max's strong will and determination.

I thank you for being my friend and brother all these years. You will be greatly missed by me for years when I "go to pick up the phone to call Ron" something I have done for decades.

You might be amazed at all and I mean ALL of the people showing love for you these couple of days, it is no surprise to me.

*I am proud to have been your friend and brother
Janette, I can say no more than I love you also
Ben Bydalek*

Ben Bydalek - January 20, 2020 at 12:18 PM

CM

“ My Uncle Ron was a good man, he will be missed. His family is in my thoughts.

Chad Middleton - January 18, 2020 at 02:36 PM

SM

“ Basically my second father during high school. His saying I still live by... “Spoil them why you have them because one day they'll be gone.”

scott mcfarland - January 18, 2020 at 01:24 AM

KB

“ Karen and Bob purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Ronald F. Wagner.



Karen and Bob - January 17, 2020 at 08:40 PM

DD

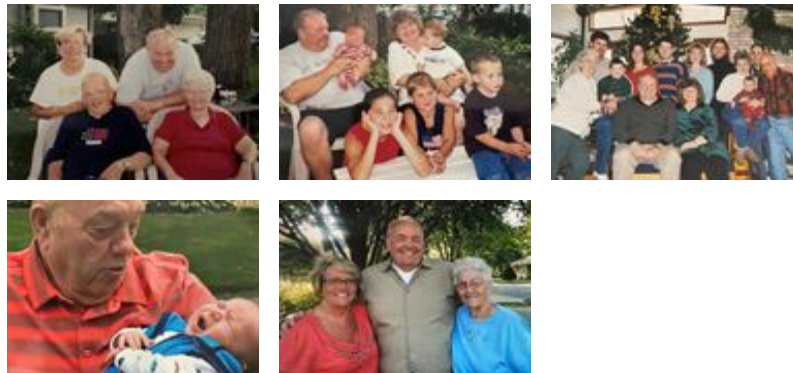
“ Darcy Drummer lit a candle in memory of Ronald F. Wagner



Darcy Drummer - January 17, 2020 at 06:11 PM



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Schreffler Funeral Home - January 17, 2020 at 04:59 PM



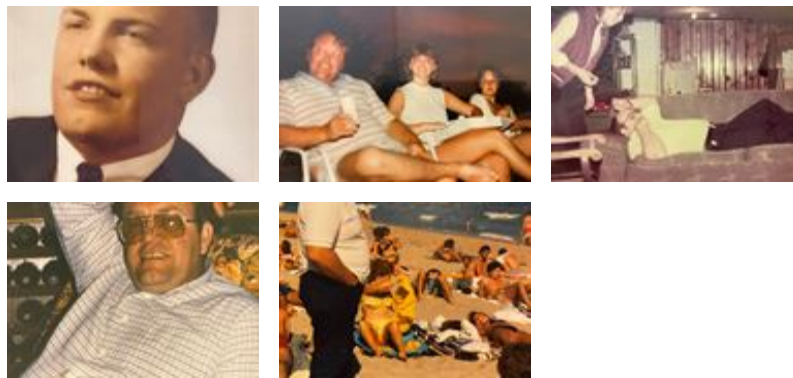
“ *Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Ronald F. Wagner.*



January 17, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schreffler Funeral Home - January 17, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *Ron was a close friend in high school days. We had a lot of fun and good laughs back then. I carry those memories with me and am glad he seemed to live a full life, surrounded by a large family and friends. My condolences to his family.*



Kay Wilder - January 17, 2020 at 03:02 PM

JP

“ *My sympathy to the entire Wagner family. I was Ron's Company Commander in the National Guard. He served well and was respected by his peers. May he rest in peace.*

Jim Puswaskis - January 17, 2020 at 02:37 PM

VS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time!! 🙏🙏*

vickie Stroo - January 17, 2020 at 10:38 AM

RM

“ *Our sympathy and prayers for the family as you grieve this loss. May comfort come knowing Ron is no longer having the physical struggles he kept conquering each day. God has gained a fierce warrior and a fine card player!!
May your memories keep him close in your hearts and those shared stories bring more laughter than tears as the years pass. Rest in peace Ron.*

Rose and Gary Mitchell - January 17, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *Hugs and prayers with the family at this sad time. Ron always had a smile just like the one in the pic. May God's peace and comfort fill the hole in your hearts.*

John and Mary Thomson



Mary Quiroz Thomson - January 16, 2020 at 10:14 PM

RC

“ Our prayers are with Ron & family. My God guide you through the days ahead. Keep your memories close.

Rick and Marla Coy 🙏💜🙏



Rick & Marla Coy - January 16, 2020 at 06:27 PM

RE

“ Anytime I see a photo of Ron's smile I can hear his laugh. I don't think I could ever forget it. His smile and laughter were always super contagious. I will miss him dearly. Sending everyone lots of hugs and love.



Regan - January 16, 2020 at 04:30 PM