



Ronald Franklin Willard

February 26, 1938 - February 5, 2020

Ronald “Ron” Franklin Willard, 81, of Kankakee passed away at his home on February 5, 2020. He was born on February 26, 1938 in Chicago to John and Ruth (Fall) Willard. He married Ella Jean Rice in Ottawa, Illinois on June 6, 1959. He was a chemist analyst for General Foods, avid Cubs fan, loved spending time with his family and an accomplished trombonist. Ronald was very faithful and active at Grace Bible Church volunteering his time towards the administration of the church. The most important thing for him was his relationship and love for God and his word.

Ron is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ella Jean of Kankakee, children, Lori (Les) Johnson of Eureka MO, Merilee (Richard) Kinnersley of Kankakee, Ron Willard Jr. of Greenwood, IN, and Julie (Milton) Marcotte of Hinsdale, IL, eleven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn (Virgil) Lee of Houston, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents and great grandson, Eli Franklin Parli.

There will be a visitation on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and a funeral following at 11:00 a.m. all at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. Rev. Ryan Silhavy will be officiating. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Please sign his guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Franklin Willard*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Hugs and prayers are with you at this sad time. I was saddened to read this too late to express my condolences at the visitation. May God bless you with his peace and comfort.*



Mary Quiroz Thomson - February 10, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Was so saddened to hear of Ron's passing. Ron & I worked together for many year at General Foods. Always looked up to Ron as my mentor, he was such an faithful, kind, & gentle man. He will always be remembered.*



You & your family have my very deepest sympathy.

Thoughts & prayers, Sharon Hoffman

Sharon Hoffman - February 08, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ *Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Franklin Willard.*



February 08, 2020 at 03:08 PM

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“ Love and prayers to my second family. He was an incredible testimony of the consistent studying of the word of God. He will no doubt hear those words from Mathew 25:21, “Well done Thou good and faithful servant...” He was patient and kind and reflected the love of God. He always had a smile and a kind word for me. He stood firm in his faith no matter what the trial or hardship. One way he expressed his love for God was through his music ministry at church. He would spend hours choosing the post and prelude music and the hymns that we would sing making sure that they not only matched the lesson of the day but that every single word was accurate to the word of God. One of my fondest memories is after he found out that my favorite song was George Bev Shea’s version of Ten Thousand Angels, he would sometimes play it at church when it fell on my birthday. He will be missed daily but I am so relieved that he is with our Lord and Savior promoted to a far better place. I look forward to our reunion in heaven.

Ann Wissmiller Johnston - February 07, 2020 at 06:44 AM

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Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless.

Jan Buckley - February 07, 2020 at 10:16 AM