



Ronald L. Williams

October 30, 1941 - July 2, 2021

Ronald L. Williams, 79, of Murphysboro, passed away at his residence in Murphysboro, Illinois, on Friday, July 2, 2021. Ron was born on October 30, 1941, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Oren L. and Ruby Irene (Patterson) Williams. He married the love of his life, Eileen Karch on November 29, 1980 and she survives.

He leaves behind his sister Sandra Wilson; six daughters- Merle Taylor and husband Virgil, Ronda Williams and partner Joe West, Jennifer Earls and husband Tony, Mary Schanzle-Stack and husband Greg, Carolyn Leftridge and husband Brian, and Beth Richardson; ten grandchildren- Ben Gordon, Aaron (Brandy) Taylor, Madison (Phillip) Glodo, Heather Williams, Eben (Francesca) Brooks, Cameron (Charlotte) Tucker, Elisha Richardson, Elexis Richardson, Brady LeGrand, and Josephine Earls; and four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. All of these he loved deeply.

He is preceded in death by his son, Joseph Lee Williams and grandson, Payton Joseph LeGrand.

Ronald was a U.S. Air Force Veteran who served during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also was a member of the Paul Stout American Legion Post # 127.

Ron worked at several places in the area; he was a regional manager for both the former Grandpa John's and the Marion Pepsi Corp; he was an owner of Fredrick J's and City Wide Maintenance; and worked as a manager at Sears in Electronics and Appliances.

Known for his positive outlook and servant heart, he served as a Murphysboro Alderman and then, from 2000 until 2012, as Mayor of Murphysboro. Mr. Williams received the "Citizen of the Year" of Murphysboro in 2013. His desire to serve the community and the fact that he has "never met a stranger" led him to work for many years at the First Bank and Trust of Murphysboro, from where he retired in 2018.

Visitation will be held at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro from 11 am to 1 pm Wednesday with a memorial mass at the church held at 1pm Wednesday. Burial will be at St. Andrew Cemetery with Military Services conducted by the Paul Stout American Legion Post # 127.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Murphysboro Food Pantry or the Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc.

For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald L. Williams*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I remember him always kind and sweet. So sorry for your great loss! I always enjoyed visiting with him. Kim (Woosley) Tarr*

Kim Tarr - July 06, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Ron has and will always hold a special place in my heart. I came to know him when working at Sears. I was pregnant with my first child. He became somewhat of a work father figure. He checked on me regularly making sure I was eating right and walking around as often as possible. Through the years when I'd see him it was always with a smile and a hug.*

Sherry Helton - July 03, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Ron. Ron was a very kind, considerate man and always made time to talk with you, no matter how busy he was; he will really be missed....*
Chris Paul

Christine Paul - July 03, 2021 at 08:08 AM