



Ronald J. Roberts

August 2, 1934 - May 8, 2015

Ronald Joseph Roberts, age 80, of Grand Ledge died on Friday, May 8, 2015 after a long struggle with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Born August 2, 1934, in Ellenville, New York, to Arthur and Blanche Roberts, he attended the University of Missouri - Rolla where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Engineering. He retired from the Michigan Department of Transportation following a successful career as a Civil Engineer in the Route Location Division.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Mary Jean Roberts, his 5 children; Vicki Roberts, Lisa (Russ) Roberts, Dennis (Serafina) Roberts, Michele (Larry) Kwapis, and Jennifer (Jeffrey) Pruitt, his siblings; Pat Thurin, Dawn Roberts, Theresa Bud, and Allan Roberts, his 21 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Ron was preceded in death by his Brother Terry Roberts and his Granddaughter Natalie Steindl.

Visitation will be held at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, 406 N Bridge St, Grand Ledge on Monday May 11th 5pm. A wake service will follow visitation beginning at 7pm. Remarks are welcome.

Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 345 Edwards St, Grand Ledge at 10am with a procession to the Wacousta Cemetery following for interment. All Friends and Family are welcome to return to St. Michael's church for lunch.

Memorial contributions are welcome and should be mailed to the American Lung Association to further efforts for smoking cessation.

Cemetery Details

Wacousta Cemetery

13500 Wacousta Road
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Service

MAY 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY **12**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Jean, our heart goes out to you and your family. We're so blessed to have known Ron with his great voice, laugh and brilliant smile. Know you will always have our support however and whenever you need it. He always be in our hearts and you in our prayers and arms.*

The Sheltons - May 11, 2015 at 08:27 PM

TB

“ *Jean
Please know that we are with you and the kids in our hearts and thoughts.
Ron was always the best big brother to me.
Theresa Budd*

theresa budd - May 11, 2015 at 05:39 PM

RB

“ *Regine Beauboeuf purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald J. Roberts.*



Regine Beauboeuf - May 11, 2015 at 02:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Roberts.*



May 11, 2015 at 01:31 PM

RB

“ To the best supervisor someone can only dream of having. I had the pleasure and privilege to work for Ron for years and that experience has transformed my life. I went from having a job to having a career and this is all thanks to him. I had the pleasure of meeting the family and this made me more of an admirer of such a gentle man with a booming voice and a soft heart. To the martinis and to the productive trips to West Michigan working on numerous freeway projects. What a time!

At his retirement, however, I had to disclose that we ran out of gas on the freeway and neither one of us knew how to use the radio to call for help. This is after we had refused to go to the training organized by MDOT thinking it could not be so hard to just push a button and speak to a microphone. How wrong we were. And since I was wearing heels, Ron was the one who walked along the freeway to Gd Ledge to purchase gas. He took it all in stride. My sympathies to Jeany (he spoke of her all the time at work) and to the children, grand children and great grand children. I am sorry I cannot be at the funeral nor the wake. My best always.

Regine Beauboeuf

Regine Beauboeuf - May 11, 2015 at 01:17 PM

LC

“ We have all lost a wonderful man. He always had a smile on his face even when it was a struggle to breath. Loved that deep strong voice, too. Heaven gained a treasure! PMHC will never be the same and especially G Street! Love to you Jeanie and your entire family.
Lee & Cheryl

lee & cheryl - May 11, 2015 at 08:24 AM

DC

“ I will miss getting my late birthday calls from Ron because he didn't get my card out. Will miss his hearty laugh too.

Denise Curl - May 11, 2015 at 08:00 AM

DA

“ Jeannie and Family - Our hearts go out to all of you. Our Florida family has lost a wonderful family member with a warm smile and upbeat outlook on life. Ronnie will be missed by all. God Bless. Don and Bonnie Amerose

Don & Bonnie Amerose - May 10, 2015 at 09:23 PM

BF

“ Jeanie and family, I will miss Ron's beautiful voice, smile and his ability to peel all the onions we used to put in everything we made for our Shuffle board lunches served during our tournaments. Love and condolences to all of you.
Love and friendship,
Bill and Barbara Fowler D-27

Barbie Fowler - May 10, 2015 at 06:36 PM

PT

“ my brother Ron will be missed very much. We had a healthy and happy childhood, were he was very popular in high school, being the athlete he was. Starred on the soccer team and in almost every sport he participated in. I was two years behind him, and had a lot of hard work to catch up to him, and never did. He made friends with most theachers, especially Mrs. Slater, in the fifth grade, they were life time friends, She often came to visit him when he came home from college, or he visisted her. Jean remember the family trip to Ohio, where he showed his nephews how to dive. We all gasped when he got up on the diving board, but by gum he did the flip, with a big splash. When he was healthy nothing stood in his way. My love in sent to Jean and family. We will all miss him.
Pat Thurin

pat thurin - May 10, 2015 at 12:57 PM

DG

“ Whether with the beautiful and broad smile or the deep gut laugh, Ron could lift spirits instantaneously. He was a treasure. . .reflective and always kind and accepting of others. What celebration to know he can breathe deeply of the surrounds of eternal life.

Dave & Elissa Greenburg - May 10, 2015 at 07:51 AM