



Ronald E. Ballard

December 19, 1940 - December 19, 2010

Ron Ballard, age 70, of Carroll, died early Sunday morning, December 19, 2010 at his residence in Carroll following a brief battle with lung cancer. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott, assisted by Ron's brother-in-law, Deacon Monty Montagne. Lector will be Nancy Ballard. Gift Bearers will be Ron's grandchildren: Nick, Megan, Andy, Kymme, Brandon, Abby, Grace, and Tyler. Eucharistic Ministers will be Joan Thompson and Kathy Montagne. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Ron's brothers and sisters: Dave Ballard, Lee Ballard, Keith Ballard, Joyce Kehe and Sheila Hentges. Casket Bearers will be Ron's sons: Dan Ballard, Mark Ballard, Kurt Ballard; Ron's son-in-law, Kevin Bohac; and Ron's brothers: Bob Ballard and Jim Ballard. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 p.m., Tuesday where there will be a rosary at 4 p.m., followed by a Christian wake service at 7 p.m., led by Deacon Monty Montagne. Online condolences may be left for Ron's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on October 8, 1940, at LeMars, Iowa, Ronald Edward Ballard was the son of Bert and Charlotte (Graff) Ballard. He grew up on a farm near Granville, Iowa and helped his family with their farm operation. Ron attended school in Granville through the 12th grade. Following his schooling he served in the

United States Air Force from 1961 until he was honorably discharged in 1965. Ron returned to Granville and worked at the Granville elevator where he met his wife Jean. He was married to Jean Klein on February 10, 1968 at St. Joseph Church in Granville, Iowa. Following their marriage Ron and Jean moved to Carroll where Ron worked for UPS as a Semi Feeder Driver for over 30 years, retiring in 2003. RB thoroughly enjoyed his retirement years going fishing, going to the casino, socializing at Kerps, but most of all being involved in his children's and his grandchildren's lives. Ron was a member of the UPS Teamsters, Carroll American Legion, Maurice Dunn Post # 7, and St. Lawrence Parish.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Ballard of Carroll; his children: Christy Bohac and her husband Kevin of Carroll, Dan Ballard and his wife Amy of Sioux City, Mark Ballard and his wife Kristi of Overland Park, Kansas, and Kurt Ballard and his wife Brenda of Urbandale; 8 grandchildren: Nick, Megan, Andy, Kym, Brandon, Abby, Grace and Tyler; his sisters and brothers: Joyce (Butch) Kehe of Waverly, Bob (Linda) Ballard of Denison, Dave (Connie) Ballard of Las Vegas, Nevada, Lee (Nancy) Ballard of Omaha, Nebraska, Sheila (George) Hentges of Martinez, Georgia, Keith (Kathy) Ballard of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Jim (Lora) Ballard of Omaha, Nebraska; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Joan Thompson and her friend Paul Timmons of Des Moines, Mary (Lou) Pattan of Wood River, Illinois, and Monty (Kathy) Montagne of Council Bluffs, as well as many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; and a grandson, Bryce Bohac in February 2009.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ We had so many good times with Ronnie when he was stationed at Castle AFB, CA. ~ I will cherish all the memories and I wish to express my deep sorrow for your loss. He came back to see us a few times and unfortunately the last time we didn't get to see him and meet you Jean. Thanks for helping make his life so awesome. Like Judy said earlier, keep in touch and if we ever get to Iowa, we'll look you all up and if any of the Ballard's come to CA we'd love to meet you and our welcome mat is always out. God Bless you all. Love n hugs, Julia

Julia (Maxfield) Heitman - December 28, 2010 at 09:35 PM

JA

“ My heart goes out to you Jean and your family. Ronnie was such a big part of our life, and he will be missed greatly. I hope you will stay in touch, and if you ever get back to California, you and your family are always welcome. Ronnie was like a brother to me and my family. Love and Prayers, The Maxfield Family

Judy (Maxfield) Van Atta - December 27, 2010 at 07:24 PM

RG

“ Jean and family, My deepest sympathy to all of you. Dale really enjoyed his years of working with Ron. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Thinking of you.

Roberta Gergen - December 24, 2010 at 10:54 AM

LK

“ Hi Jean and family,
I wanted to offer my condolences on the death of Uncle Ron. I remember when you lived in Granville after you were first married, and I used to babysit Christy. I always enjoyed visiting with you and Ron, and am sure he will be missed. Our sympathy to your family.

Linda Bunkers Kennedy - December 23, 2010 at 05:22 PM

LK

“ Jean and family,
My condolences to you and your family. I always remember when you and Ron were first married, and lived in Granville, and I used to babysit for Christy. I always enjoyed babysitting for you, and really enjoyed visiting with Uncle Ron. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Bunkers Kennedy - December 23, 2010 at 05:08 PM

BB

“ Christy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Brian Broich - December 23, 2010 at 11:34 AM

RG

“ Jean and family, Our deepest sympathy to all of you. May Ron find peace in heaven this Christmas. Thinking of you.

Randy & Marie Goeden - December 23, 2010 at 10:39 AM

MP

“ Jean I want you to know I have many good memories of your family. Ronnie was my friend and I will miss him. God Bless

Mike & Kathy Plathe - December 22, 2010 at 04:40 PM

HF

“ Jean & Family- We wanted to let you know that we are thinking about you during this difficult time-RB was a wonderful man and will be missed by all who knew him-Please know that your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers!

Heather & Sid Kneifl Family - December 22, 2010 at 12:16 PM

AA

“ Our sincere sympathy to you, Jean, and your entire family. We are good friends of Dave and Connie. Our prayers are with you all.

Allan & Irma Arens - December 22, 2010 at 11:21 AM

JH

“ Jean and family--So sorry to hear about Ron. Our prayers are with you.

June Heinrichs - December 21, 2010 at 10:42 PM

SF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Steven & Janna Foels - December 21, 2010 at 10:41 AM

VI

“ Our sympathies go to your family, Jean. We know he struggled the past few months, but it is never easy. We know you will miss Ronnie, but you have lots of good memories to hold close to you. What a comforting thought to know he will spend Christmas with Jesus! Let your friends and families lift you up with prayers in the times ahead. I am so thankful that you and Ronnie were able to attend the Klein 4th of July gathering at my mom and dad's farm in 2009! God Bless all of you and keep you in his loving care! Vicki and Roger Fritz family

vickifritz - December 21, 2010 at 09:19 AM

AL

“ Today I had heard the news of Ron's passing. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire Ballard Family. Mark, my thoughts are with you and your family in this difficult time. Your dad was always so kind and was adored by many.

Amie (Danner) Littlefield - December 20, 2010 at 06:06 PM

BU

“ Jean and Family,
I'm so sad to hear about the passing of RB. I had so much fun with you guys at the Club House Bar. you guys always treated me so well! Im so sorry for your loss!
Huggs always BUBBLES

Bubbles - December 20, 2010 at 04:29 PM