



Ronald Ray Alson

October 17, 1953 - February 11, 2026

Ronald Ray Alson, age 72, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home, after a three-year battle with cancer on February 11, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on October 17, 1953, in Rensselaer to Raymond and Ellen "Lucille" (nee Ritter) Alson, Ron was a lifelong resident and a proud 1971 graduate of Rensselaer Central High School. His deep roots in the community began in childhood, when he would often ride his bike to watch the Chicago Bears practice during their training camps at Saint Joseph's College. On June 10, 1977, he married his soulmate, Mary Piatt, beginning a beautiful 48-year journey together.

Ron was a dedicated heavy machine operator for IUOE Local 150 for over three decades, earning a lifetime membership for his service. After retirement he dedicated his time to help Fenwick Farms. Beyond his career, Ron was a cornerstone of local youth sports. He didn't just coach games; he helped children grow and learn, using the field and court to teach invaluable life lessons about teamwork and character. While he enjoyed traveling the world with Mary, his favorite destinations were wherever his grandchildren were. He was their biggest fan, traveling near and far to support them in all their endeavors.

A passionate sports fan, Ron spent his free time on the golf course or cheering for the IU Hoosiers, the Chicago Bears, and the White Sox. One of the absolute highlights of his life was attending a game during the 2005 White Sox World Series championship run.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Mary; his children, Megan (John) McDonnell of Colorado Springs, CO, and Garrett (Ashley) Alson of Heath, TX; and his four cherished grandchildren, Kyle, Jake, Izzy, and Drew. He also leaves behind his brothers, Craig (Mona) Alson of Florida and Brad (Kim) Alson of Rensselaer. Cherished bonus son Jatin (Shreya) Patel, and bonus grandchildren Shay and Tayven. Ron was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Fred Alson.

The Alson family would like a special thank you to the Franciscan Health Oncology Department.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Rensselaer Central High School Baseball Lighting Fund.

A celebration of life will be held on a later date, Jackson Funeral Chapel is entrusted with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson*



Myles Beeching - February 19 at 01:33 PM

TS

“ *The Comfort Suites staff purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ronald Ray Alson.*

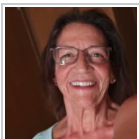


The Comfort Suites staff - February 15 at 02:14 PM

LN

“ *Wishing the family our condolences. Ron will be missed by anyone that knew him. Lou and Vicki*

Louis Nagel - February 15 at 11:29 AM



“ *Sending loving thoughts and prayers to the entire family.*



Barbara Miller - February 14 at 05:16 PM

RT

“ Ron will be greatly missed. Praying for you in your loss. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and bring you His peace.

Ron & Pam Tillett - February 14 at 10:53 AM

GK

“ George & Joan Kanne. Thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. God Bless.



George and Joan Kanne - February 14 at 09:13 AM

NN

“ Mary, sorry to read about Ron's passing. He would always sit behind me in classes. Great guy, enjoyed his sport's. My prayers ❤️
🙏

Nancy Nagel - February 14 at 06:55 AM

LK

“ So sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. We're thinking of you in our thoughts and prayers 🙏



Larry and Judy Koebcke - February 13 at 01:07 PM

DL

“ *The Alson boys and the Linback boys spent endless hours playing sports together growing up either through school activities or just a pick-up game at Brookside Park. So sorry that we share this sorrow now Mary. I hope that Ron, Fred and Bob are all together now in Heaven. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Deb (McIntyre) Linback - February 13 at 12:14 PM

JB

My heart is broken upon learning of Ron's passing. He was a baseball player for Roger at RCHS and they were forever friends, mainly sharing their love of sports. Please accept my condolences to Mary and family.

judy beehler - February 26 at 01:35 AM

RW

“ *Regina Warfel lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson*



Regina Warfel - February 13 at 10:25 AM

LS

Ronnie didn't know a stranger. Rest in peace and prayers to all the family and friends.

Lana Studer - February 13 at 04:06 PM

LL

“ Sending prayers for peace, comfort and sympathy to Mary and the family. I did not know Ron very well but what I knew was his sense of humor and kindness. My late husband Rick went to school with Ron, I saw how Ron was with the other classmates and the crazy stories and fun they all had. The classmates all seemed to be close. My heart goes out to each of you, and my sympathy for the big loss you all feel. God bless you!



Linda Lowry - February 13 at 09:22 AM

MW

“ Mari Blankenship Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson



Mari Blankenship Wolfe - February 13 at 07:43 AM

JO

“ Dearest Mary & family...I am so saddened to hear of your loss. Ron was such a kind & fun guy that never knew a stranger & will be missed by so many. Please know love & prayers are being sent for God's comfort & strength during this difficult time.



Janice Odom - February 13 at 01:55 AM

PK

“ Pat & Sue Kanney lit a candle in memory of
Ronald Ray Alson



Pat & Sue Kanney - February 12 at 09:16 PM

MD

“ Dear Mary....on behalf of mark and Monica dill...know you left an
imprint. Mark talked of your many years of fun and friendship
Now when I look to the stars and wave to mark nightly I will wave to
you too Ron
Love
Monica Mae dill

minuca dill - February 12 at 08:19 PM

DW

“ Dave And Becky Ulm Walter lit a candle in
memory of Ronald Ray Alson



Dave and Becky Ulm Walter - February 12 at 08:15 PM

VR

“ Sorry for your loss. I have a lot of wonderful memories with him as
we were neighbors growing up!! I was always “HAZEL” to him!! We
will miss him at the ball games!! RIP Ron

Vicki Robinson - February 12 at 07:59 PM

LE

“ Lynda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson



Lynda Edwards - February 12 at 06:11 PM

DE

“ In memory of Ronnie!💕



Deb (Rose) Ellis - February 12 at 05:46 PM

JE

Thoughts and Prayers for you all ! I hope Dad , Mom and Ron are having a toast 🍷 right now !

Julie Evers - February 13 at 02:39 PM

BW

“ Brad And Nancy Wuethrich lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson



Brad and Nancy Wuethrich - February 12 at 05:27 PM

MR

“ Farewell to one of my longtime childhood friends. The memories that our family has shared with Ronnie & his family are priceless. Love them forever ❤️



Margo Roberts - February 12 at 05:16 PM

MR

“ Margo Roberts lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson



Margo Roberts - February 12 at 05:10 PM

SS

“ Suzanne Smith lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson



Suzanne Smith - February 12 at 03:59 PM

GB

“ Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson



Gloria Baier - February 12 at 03:36 PM

TF

“ *Todd families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ronald Ray Alson.*



Todd families - February 12 at 03:07 PM

TF

“ *Todd families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Ray Alson.*

Todd families - February 12 at 03:07 PM

GW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Always a pleasure to see you out and about even during the battle with Ron's health.*



Gayla Warran - February 12 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson*



Judy Burvan - February 12 at 02:26 PM

NK

“ *Natasha Koebcke purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ronald Ray Alson.*



Natasha Koebcke - February 12 at 02:21 PM

NM

“ *Mary, Megan & Garrett , so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I hope you can hold your memories close during this difficult time. Nancy Mormann*

nancy mormann - February 12 at 02:03 PM

SH

“ *Bill and I are so sorry to hear about this. Ronnie was a great guy and a staple to this community the Alson family sure has been hit hard lately prayers to you all. Bill & Sherry Holbrook*

Sherry Holbrook - February 12 at 01:57 PM

JB

“ *Dear Mary, Megan and Garrett,
I just read the very sad news about Ron. Please know Mike and I will be thinking of all of you at this very difficult time. I'm guessing Ron and Mikes Dad are catching up and enjoying a beer together!
Hugs to you all. ❤️
Sincerely,
Mike and Janet Brown*

Janet Brown - February 12 at 01:45 PM

SD

*Dear Mary, Megan and Garrett,
Steve and I are so sad to learn of Ronnie's passing. He was truly one of our favorite classmates and will be missed by so many who were lucky enough to call him "Friend". You are in our thoughts and we will be praying for all of you during this difficult time.*

Love, Steve and Sharon Dillon

Sharon Dill - February 12 at 07:33 PM

DS

“ Ron was a great guy and will be missed.

Dave Staddon - February 12 at 01:43 PM

RS

“ Roger & Vicki Steffen lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson



Roger & Vicki Steffen - February 12 at 01:39 PM

GK

“ Greg Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson



Greg Kaufman - February 12 at 01:26 PM

DB

“ *David And Kim Berenda lit a candle in memory of Ronald Ray Alson*



David and Kim Berenda - February 12 at 01:02 PM

BR

Just read the sad news about Ron.....thinking of you Mary

Barb Rhodes

Barb Rhodes - February 12 at 02:52 PM

ML

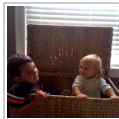
Mary and family, we are so saddened hearing the news of Ron's death. Our prayers of God's comfort and peace be with you. Ron and Marlene Lashbrook

Marlene Lashbrook - February 13 at 09:35 AM

SP

*Mary,
So sorry to hear of your sweet husband's passing.
May you feel the prayers of friends and family during this difficult time.
Sending you hugs. 🙏🏻💙*
Sue Peterson

Sue Peterson - February 17 at 09:20 AM



We were saddened to hear about Ron, we always had good times with them both! Mary you are in our thoughts. Bill & Deb Brown

Bill Brown - February 28 at 05:27 PM