



Ronald Lee Kaufman

September 8, 1937 - April 6, 2020

Ronald Lee Kaufman, age 82, of Rensselaer, passed away Monday, April 6, 2020 in his home. The son of Howard and Ellen (Spall) Kaufman, he was born on September 8, 1937 in Brook, Ind.

Ronald was a lifelong resident of the Rensselaer area. He graduated from Rensselaer Central High School as a member of the Class of 1956. On February 8, 1959, he married Joan Williams, who survives. Ron was a farmer by trade. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Rensselaer and the Masonic Lodge. An avid sport's fan, he followed Purdue basketball and the Chicago Cubs. Nothing brought him more joy than attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, three children, Terry (Bobbi) Kaufman of Rensselaer, Greg (Kim) Kaufman of Rensselaer and Kevin (Judy) Kaufman of Rensselaer. Also, surviving are eight grandchildren, Ryan, Randy, Jodi, Chase, Nathan, Jakob, Karly, and Sarah. His brother, Jim (Ingrid) Kaufman of Palatine, IL also survives. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Ellen Kaufman.

Due to the current pandemic, the family will have private graveside services. Memorial contributions in Ron's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or an organization of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
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Tribute Wall

NR

“ *Nancy And Richard Rhoades lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Nancy and Richard Rhoades - April 10, 2020 at 06:17 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Martha Langley - April 10, 2020 at 06:12 PM

CA

“ *Carol lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



carol - April 10, 2020 at 03:26 PM

CA

Ron was a great friend always had a smile on his face. Never complained about anything, he will be missed.

carol - April 10, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 09, 2020 at 04:11 PM

RS

“ *Roger & Vicki Steffen lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Roger & Vicki Steffen - April 08, 2020 at 10:46 PM

GM

“ *Joan and children, I will miss that smile at Trail Tree, were we met for many years to share life and farming story's. In recent years I could see the pain in his eyes but there was always a smile on his face. Rarely did he talk about his health problems, he was such a trooper a true farmer just like his dad.*

George Miller - April 08, 2020 at 10:42 PM

HL

“ *Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Homer and Theresa Lakin - April 08, 2020 at 09:47 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Mager lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Brenda Mager - April 08, 2020 at 11:40 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Mager sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Brenda Mager - April 08, 2020 at 11:39 AM

BM

so sorry for your loss. Ron was a great man. Sorry I couldn't be there today but my thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Joan and all of my cousins. Hugs for all of you. Love you all

Brenda Mager - April 08, 2020 at 11:47 AM

JB

So sorry to learn of Ron's death. Sending prayers for you and all your family

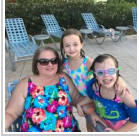
judy beehler - April 08, 2020 at 09:52 PM

JM

“ *Julie McCormack lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Julie McCormack - April 08, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ *One of the finest men I’ve ever met. Enjoyed our times having coffee at Trail Tree many years ago.*
-Ernie Randolph

Tammy Baker - April 07, 2020 at 06:11 PM

JK

“ *my big brother, he was my mentor, my best friend. He was, in some ways, a second Dad. He will be missed*❤️



Jim Kaufman - April 07, 2020 at 05:03 PM

BW

“ *Betty Worden lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Betty Worden - April 07, 2020 at 04:34 PM

RW

“ *Ron was my best friend and classmate. We shared many memories and laughs over the years. God's blessings on you Joan and your family.*
Love, Ron and Janet Wortley

Ron Wortley - April 07, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Kaufman.*



April 07, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *Ron was a great classmate & friend to me. Always enjoyed spending time with him when visiting back to Rensselaer. He'll be missed immensely by all who knew him.*

Ed Ristau

Edward Ristau - April 07, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ *Deric And Mindy Beier lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Deric and Mindy Beier - April 07, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ *Tim & Linda Shide lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Tim & Linda Shide - April 07, 2020 at 12:54 PM

DM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Kaufman Family...Dane and Denae



Dane and Denae Martin - April 07, 2020 at 12:28 PM

AH

“ Angie Holt lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Angie Holt - April 07, 2020 at 10:31 AM

CM

“ Chuck And Jackie Malchow lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Chuck and Jackie Malchow - April 07, 2020 at 10:12 AM

GW

“ Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Glen and Linda Wood - April 07, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JK

“ *Joan & George Kanne lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Joan & George Kanne - April 07, 2020 at 09:40 AM

JO

Joan and family, Our deepest sympathy to you and yours. Ron was such a nice man with that great smile. We always enjoyed our times together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless, Joan and George

Joan - April 07, 2020 at 09:48 AM

RP

RON AND I STARTED THE 1ST GRADE AT SOUTH NEWTON TWP SCHOOL IN THE AUTUMN OF 1943. WE WERE GOOD FRIENDS IN GRADE SCHOOL, GOOD FRIENDS IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND GOOD FRIENDS ALL OUR LIFE. THE ONLY THING BETTER THAN A GOOD FRIEND IS A GREAT FRIEND.

REST IN PEACE GREAT FRIEND, REST IN PEACE

RICHARD POTTS - April 13, 2020 at 09:27 PM

JM

“ *Jim & Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Jim & Sandy Miller - April 07, 2020 at 08:57 AM

JM

“ So Sorry for your loss!

Joe Moore - April 07, 2020 at 08:29 AM

GM

“ Gail Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Gail Mitchell - April 07, 2020 at 08:26 AM

BS

“ Beverly Smith lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Beverly Smith - April 07, 2020 at 07:56 AM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Judy Burvan - April 07, 2020 at 07:08 AM

JE

“ My heart goes out to the entire Kaufman family. RIP Coach.

Jeter - April 07, 2020 at 05:12 AM

FH

“ *A great classmate and a really nice gentleman* ”

fred hamacher - April 06, 2020 at 11:03 PM

KK

“ *i love you grandpa* ”



Karly Kaufman - April 06, 2020 at 10:59 PM

LF

“ *Lori Fellmy lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman* ”



lori fellmy - April 06, 2020 at 10:30 PM

DH

“ *I am so sad to hear this. My thoughts and prayers for all of his family.* ”



Donna Hickman - April 06, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ *Christal Kaufman lit a candle in memory of
Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Christal Kaufman - April 06, 2020 at 09:33 PM



I could have never asked for a greater father in law.....

Christal Kaufman - April 06, 2020 at 09:31 PM

WB

“ *With our deepest sympathy...
Wilbur & Lolly Bruce*



Wilbur & Lolly Bruce - April 06, 2020 at 09:14 PM

ML

“ *This saddens me so. I got to know Ron while
working at the grain elevator. Even thou I
went to school with his sons I thought the
world of him. He was one of those great guys.
My deepest sympathy to the family. God has
an angel.*



mark and angie lawrence - April 06, 2020 at 09:09 PM

KC

“ Sympathy to the family during this time of loss.



kendell culp - April 06, 2020 at 08:39 PM

DH

“ Dale & Kim Hitchcock lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Dale & Kim Hitchcock - April 06, 2020 at 08:21 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy to all the Kaufman family. Some my warmest memories are all the times we spent at the ball field when Ron was are coach. I'll never forget them.

John Claussen - April 06, 2020 at 08:19 PM

MO

“ Such a wonderful man! I met him and his family MANY years ago waiting tables. My heart goes out to his wife and whole family. Blessings to all & may God give you peace and comfort through this time.

michelle oliver - April 06, 2020 at 07:44 PM

TB

“ My heart goes out to the entire Kaufman family...lots of love & prayers sent your way 💔 😊

Tammy Bottoms - April 06, 2020 at 07:34 PM

GB

“ Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Gloria Baier - April 06, 2020 at 07:23 PM

GB

Prayers always. With deepest sympathy.

Gloria Baier - April 06, 2020 at 07:24 PM

LK

“ Larry&Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Larry&Judy Koebcke - April 06, 2020 at 07:00 PM

PS

“ Paula Schleman lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Paula Schleman - April 06, 2020 at 06:51 PM

SL

“ *Joan and family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



Sharon Lewis and Phil Lewis - April 06, 2020 at 06:38 PM

TS

“ *Tammy Salrin lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman* ”



Tammy Salrin - April 06, 2020 at 06:05 PM

GW

“ *Gayla Warran lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman* ”



Gayla Warran - April 06, 2020 at 05:49 PM

ST

“ *Susie Tolleson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman* ”



Susie Tolleson - April 06, 2020 at 05:47 PM

CH

“ *Joan and family our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time...Love and Hugs Chris and Cheryl*

Cheryl Helderle - April 06, 2020 at 05:33 PM

GF

“ *So sorry for your families loss. Many prayers for you all 🙏🙏*



Glenda Nagel and family - April 06, 2020 at 05:03 PM

MM

“ *Joan and Family,
You have our deepest sympathy for the passing of Ron. May God blessing you in this time.
Marcia and Haley Mathew and Violet Cloud.*

Marcia Mathew - April 06, 2020 at 04:58 PM

JS

“ *Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Judy Siegrist - April 06, 2020 at 04:45 PM

GK

“Gregory Kaufman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Gregory Kaufman - April 06, 2020 at 04:13 PM

KP

“Kyle Pfladderer lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Kyle Pfladderer - April 06, 2020 at 04:13 PM

KK

“Kim Kaufman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Kim Kaufman - April 06, 2020 at 04:13 PM

GK

“Gregory Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman



Gregory Kaufman - April 06, 2020 at 04:12 PM

KK

“ *Kim Kaufman lit a candle in memory of
Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Kim Kaufman - April 06, 2020 at 04:11 PM

JD

“ *Jennifer L Dewees lit a candle in memory of
Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Jennifer L Dewees - April 06, 2020 at 04:11 PM

DH

“ *Denny & Susie Healey lit a candle in memory
of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Denny & Susie Healey - April 06, 2020 at 03:55 PM

DS

Thoughts and Prayers to Joan and family

Denny & Susie - April 06, 2020 at 03:57 PM

PW

“ *Phil & Noelle Weishaar lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Kaufman*



Phil & Noelle Weishaar - April 06, 2020 at 03:37 PM

PW

We are so sorry to hear this. Ron was always kind to us. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family.

Phil & Noelle Weishaar - April 06, 2020 at 03:38 PM