



Ronald Joseph Smelko

March 19, 1941 - April 9, 2012

Ronald Joseph Smelko, age 71, passed away April 9, 2012 at Autumn Hills Healthcare, DeMotte, Indiana. Ron was born March 19, 1941, in Gary, Indiana, the son of the late Theodore Smelko and Theresa M. (Blood) Smelko. He attended Emerson High School in Gary. Ron lived in New Chicago, Hobart, Brook and DeMotte, Indiana. He was retired from U.S. Steel where he had been employed for 21 years. A member of the catholic faith, Ron was a life member of the Knights of Columbus Council #12149. His marriage was to Josephine Ann Viator who preceded him in death on April 11, 1995. Ron is survived by his honorary daughter, Cynthia Clark of Rensselaer, honorary granddaughters, Danielle Clark and Shawn Clark, and two brothers, Michael Smelko and Richard (Mary) Moreland of Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a brother, Theodore Smelko, Jr. Memorials may be made to Autumn Hills Healthcare & Rehab, 10352 N. 600 E., DeMotte, IN 46310.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Joseph Smelko



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ my family a few doors down from your family. 432 Maryland street. I remember he would make a sound of a train whistle, my sister and I would be so excited when he did it.

Alton Blalock - June 19, 2021 at 02:53 PM

DS

“ Ronald was my uncle, wish are family were closer...

Daniel J. Smelko - March 01, 2014 at 11:13 PM

MK

“ I just found out about Ron's passing. He was such a great person. He always had a smile on his face and a funny story to share. I always looked forward to going to work when I knew he was there. I am deeply sorry for your loss Cindy, Danielle, and Shawn. He always said such wonderful things about you and thought the world of you. My heart goes out to you. Please take care and God bless you and your family

Sincerely,
Maurene (Mo)

Maurene Kunz-Bartley - December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We Love You and Miss You Dearly. You will always live in our hearts and prayers. Family does not always mean you have to be related to be family, you called us your family and you are apart of our family. We will cherish the memories we have of you forever.

We Love you Ron-Grandpa



Cindy, Danielle, Shawn - April 14, 2012 at 07:59 AM

CS

Cindy, Danielle, Shawn

Cindy Danielle Shawn - April 14, 2012 at 08:01 AM

MH

“ Ron always had a smiling face for everyone. I will miss him when I visit my father.

Marilyn Hart - April 12, 2012 at 08:05 PM

NJ

“ *Ron always brightened my day when I went to visit him. Researching his family in Thayer & Shelby made for some fun findings for both of us. I will miss him deeply. - Nancy @ The Roselawn Library*

Nancy Jeftazek - April 11, 2012 at 03:58 PM