



Ronald T. Westerlund

November 24, 1934 - February 7, 2015

Ronald “Ron” T. Westerlund, age 80 of DeMotte, IN passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Hospice Franciscan Communities in Crown Point, IN. Ron was born November 24, 1934 in Chicago, IL, the son of Walter and Catherine (Wegrzyn) Westerlund.

Ron was a graduate of Bowen High School, class of 1953 and served his country proudly in the US Navy. On April 4, 1970, in Chicago, he married the love of his life, Pamela “Pam” (Pell) and with that union, they had two children. Ron worked as a steel worker for 31 years and in 1984 he retired from USS South Works Steel Company. He had a love of horses and a family tradition that they shared was attending races at the Balmoral Race Track. Ron enjoyed fishing with his family and spending time with his grandchildren.

Ron leaves behind his wife of 45 years, Pamela; children Kurt Westerlund of Calumet City, IL and Kara Westerlund of Las Vegas, NV; always a daughter in-law, Melissa (Randy) Kiaunis of Hobart, IN; grandchildren, Sarah Kiaunis, Kasey and Trey Westerlund, Mariah, Luke and Cade Logue, Eric Janaica, Pamela and Pearl Westerlund; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins; brothers, Larry Westerlund of Lake in the Hills, IL and Charles Westerlund of LaGrange, IL; sister, Carol (Herb) Westerlund-Ziegeldorf of Rogers Park, IL; sister-in-law, Paula Pell of Delphi, IN.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws; two sisters, Shirley Westerlund and Susan Westerlund; one brother; Richard Westerlund; brother-in-law, Bob Pell.

Friends may visit the family on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 3:00 - 8:00 PM at the Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte, IN. A time of visitation will also be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Faith Lutheran Church in DeMotte. A funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 AM with Pastor Jared Raebel officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Franciscan Community Services Hospice Care or the Faith Lutheran Church, DeMotte, IN.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Visitation

FEB 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
1700 S. Halleck St.
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-3730

Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald T. Westerlund*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 12, 2015 at 08:27 AM

LC

“ *Love, Christie, Jim and Carter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ronald T. Westerlund.*



Love, Christie, Jim and Carter - February 11, 2015 at 12:01 PM

CL

“ *Pam and children,
I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Christina Leouses - February 11, 2015 at 09:13 AM

LL

“ Pam, Kurt, Kara and family,
You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband, father
and grandfather. Praying that God will give you the strength you
need to get through these days.
I had the privilege to get to know you when Kurt and Kara were my
students at Lincoln, as well as your grandchildren that attended
Lincoln.
Keeping you in my prayers.

Leann Lange

Leann Lange - February 10, 2015 at 09:10 PM

MF

“ Maureen Flynn Farrell purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Ronald T. Westerlund.



Maureen Flynn Farrell - February 10, 2015 at 09:03 PM

JS

“ Pam & family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy and heart felt prayers are with you all. Ron was a great man, he will be missed. May God wraps his arms around you & comforts you at this time of sorrow and always. We love you . Mike Pell/brother-in-law & Jo Pell/sister-in-law

1 John, Chapter 4:16

"We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him."

May you rest in peace Ron!

Josephine Pell sister-in-law - February 10, 2015 at 08:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald T. Westerlund.



February 10, 2015 at 01:39 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 10, 2015 at 10:01 AM