



Ron Mettetal

May 19, 1949 - January 6, 2024

Mettetal, Ronnie, age 74, of Canton, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly at home on January 6, 2024.

Ron was born on May 19, 1949, to Eli and Elma (Burkhardt) in Detroit, Michigan. After Ron graduated from Thurston High School in Redford in 1967, he went to work for the family business, Mettetal Greenhouse, until his retirement in 2009. In 1980, Ron married the love of his life, Karen Simpson. Ron was an avid golfer, bowler and fisherman over the years. Ron also enjoyed traveling up north, watching local sports teams and spending time with his friends and family. Ron was predeceased by his wife Karen Mettetal, his parents Eli and Elma Mettetal, his brother Danny Mettetal, and his brother-in-law James Magraw. He is survived by his daughter Heather Mettetal-Barlow (Gary Oliveira), grandson Connor Barlow, granddaughter Mackenzie Barlow, sisters Terry (the late James) Magraw, and Vickie (Gary) Hulbert, mother-in-law Susan Simpson, sisters-in-law Marni (Mario) Tomei and LeAnne Simpson (Steve), and best friends Dave and Roni McCrumb, as well as many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be held at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home on Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. with a brief service at 6:30 p.m. A private burial will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
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Memorial Service

JAN 18. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ So very sorry for your loss! Ron was such a kind, funny and wonderful man (such a great story teller). I have some of the best memories spent with he and Karen and treasure the time with both of them. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time!



Carol Thompson - January 08, 2024 at 09:14 AM

MM

Mac and I shared many a summer vacation at Dave and Roni's and came to know and love Ron there. He spoke so dearly about his beloved wife and the great times spent with family and friends at Raber Bay. We are planning to make our 66th annual trip up there and will miss having Ron there in our gang. We will have a time of memorial and sharing memories of the good times. We will miss you Ron. Mary Ann and Mac McDaniels

Mary Ann McDaniels - January 09, 2024 at 10:42 PM

HM

These pictures are some of my FAVES, Carol. Thank you for sharing them, and for your message of support. My dad always spoke so fondly of you!!

Mary Ann, being up in Raber Bay was his favorite place to be the last several years, and I'm grateful to ALL of you who made him feel so loved, especially since losing Karen.

Heather Mettetal-Barlow - January 10, 2024 at 02:11 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort to his family and friends. I graduated with Ron.

Donna Tucker Bone - January 07, 2024 at 09:51 PM

HM

Thank you so much for taking the time to send condolences, Donna. Go Eagles!

Heather Mettetal-Barlow - January 10, 2024 at 02:12 PM

EC

“ so sorry for your loss now he and tb are together again love working for the family for fifteen years many moons ago love and prayers to you all

E Jean Craft - January 07, 2024 at 07:09 PM

HM

Jean, this really means a lot. I have many wonderful memories from my time at the greenhouse, too. Hope you are doing well.

Heather Mettetal-Barlow - January 10, 2024 at 02:13 PM

MG

“ Dear Heather, Connor, MacKenzie and Gary, my Deepest Sympathy to each of you. Sending Love and Caring to each especially Heather, Aunt Mary

Mary Goheen - January 07, 2024 at 04:43 PM

HM

Thank you so much, Aunt Mary. We love you. XOXOX

Heather Mettetal-Barlow - January 10, 2024 at 02:13 PM