



## Ronald E. Witte

July 16, 1931 - February 1, 2025

Ronald E. Witte, age 93, of Plymouth, formerly of Dearborn, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Born on July 16, 1931, in Hamler, Ohio, to Christine (née Schwiebert) and Alfred E. Witte, Ron graduated from high school in Hamler in 1947. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years, earning the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. Following his military service, he pursued his education at the Detroit Institute of Technology, graduating in 1964.

Ron built a distinguished career, working for Continental Aviation (1959–1963), Fruehauf Corporation (1963–1965), and Ford Motor Company, where he remained until his retirement in 1981. His passion for adventure and new experiences led him to spend two years in Australia after retirement and accept several assignments in China.

An avid fisherman, Ron found great joy in time spent on the water. He was a proud member of the Metro West Steelheaders Fishing Club, and earned his Master Angler Award while in Australia. Ron was also an active member of the American Legion.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn (née Binell) Witte; his children

Sandee, Mark W., Ron Jr., Mike, Kathy, Patty, Bobbie, Robyn, Laurie, Paul, and Mark B.; preceded in death by daughter Shari. He was a proud grandfather of twenty-one and great-grandfather of two. He was also a loving brother to his four sisters and four brothers.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation on Thursday, February 6, from 4 PM to 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 7, at 11 AM, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions in Ron's honor may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorials Processing, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Ron will always be remembered by his family, friends, colleagues, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His legacy of service, love of family and fishing, his kindness and generosity, and his adventurous spirit will be cherished always.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ a blessing to know and have for memory. every family should have a "ron" in it. blessings of His peace to carolyn & families. grama dolores, tammy & dave

tammy sizemore - February 13, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald E. Witte.

February 07, 2025 at 08:59 AM

AU

“ 1 file added to the album Fishing Club



Audrie - February 06, 2025 at 09:33 PM

AU

“ 1 file added to the album Ron



Audrie - February 06, 2025 at 09:28 PM

BO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Bob Olari** - February 06, 2025 at 06:33 PM

MK

“ Carolyn- I believe you were my baby sitter at one time. If not you I know your brother watched over me as I was your neighbor on Snow Ave in Dearborn. Didn't know you were married to Ron until we were at a company function. Ron was the best. Knowing him for all my years at Ford (32) and after. Went ice fishing and to the race track with Ray Rosati. Infact I owned a part of a horse with Ron. Not sure what part, but it wasn't the head, as the horse never made it to a finish line. Miss my old buddy... - Mark Krench

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**Mark A Krench** - February 06, 2025 at 11:54 AM

MM

“ I worked with Ron at Ford OPEO for several years, and always considered him to be one of the most gentlemanly and pleasant of all coworkers. He was a real man's man! Great guy, surely to be missed! Good rest his soul!  
Marv Marentette

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**Marv Marentette** - February 05, 2025 at 09:46 PM

DS

“ I was Ron's last boss at Ford Motor Co. He was a special person and a great engineer. After he retired, I was working for Ford of China and Ron came out of retirement to go to China for me. I couldn't think of a better person for the assignment. I was forever indebted to him. When he finally called it quits at Ford, we would try to squeeze a lunch in at least once a year in between all his fishing trips. He would always update me on Carolyn and the family. He loved "Daytona" chicken wings at Hooters. I will miss our luncheons. RIP my dear friend. Wǒ huì xiǎngniàn nǐ de, wǒ de péngyǒu. Zàijìàn



Dan Schneble - February 05, 2025 at 05:27 PM

JB

“ Janet Browne and Linda Browne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald E. Witte.

Janet Browne and Linda Browne - February 05, 2025 at 02:54 PM

JB

“ Janet Browne and Linda Browne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ronald E. Witte.



Janet Browne and Linda Browne - February 05, 2025 at 02:54 PM

KP

“ Kimberly P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald E. Witte.

Kimberly P. - February 05, 2025 at 06:36 AM

DW

“ RIP Ronnie, we will miss you Mate, Gone fishing. We love you Don&Robyn Australia 🇺🇸



Don & Robyn Williamson - February 05, 2025 at 12:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald E. Witte.

February 04, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Witte.



February 04, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald E. Witte.

February 04, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Witte.*



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February 04, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ *8 files added to the album Ron*



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**Laurie** - February 04, 2025 at 12:14 PM

JO

“ Ron was my good friend and "fishing buddy" over a several year period. I had the distinct pleasure of going on a number of annual spring fishing trips up north to Durkee Lake with Ron and Dr. Tom Chapel. We enjoyed trading fishing stories and other good conversations while driving up north and back. The get-togethers with the fishing gang were always fun. There are many fond memories of stream and lake fishing adventures with Ron and Tom and exchanging our favorite lures. As a testament to his fishing "prowess", at times Ron easily outfished me two to one, especially on the trout stream. Ron was a real gentleman and I'm lucky to have had him as a friend. I will always picture him with his friendly smile and a fishing pole in hand. My sincere condolences to his large family and many friends. Jim Oldfield

Jim Oldfield - February 04, 2025 at 10:17 AM

CV

“ Camille V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald E. Witte.

Camille V. - February 03, 2025 at 10:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald E. Witte.

February 03, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Witte.



February 03, 2025 at 09:10 PM

BP

“ *Ron and my dad were friends for their entire careers at Ford. I remember as a young kid, swimming at Ron's and his yellow Mustang.*

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**Bob Price** - February 03, 2025 at 08:44 PM