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Ronald Herbert Rukstad, 69, was called home on November 1, 2016, with his family by his side. Ron was born February 10, 1947, in Watertown, S. D. to Burdette and Dorothy Rukstad. He graduated from Northern State College in Aberdeen, S. D. where he received his teaching degree. He taught for one year before joining the Air Force where he served his country during the Vietnam War. Upon completion of his service he entered into the senior living industry where he was an Executive Director for many years before becoming a top level management specialist. He would go on to form Monarch Management Services which he later sold to CRSA. While at CRSA he took on the Management responsibilities as an Executive Vice President of Operations. He successfully managed and operated over 46 communities in 22 states. His passion for providing quality care for all those he had the honor to serve is what made him successful in his career. What made him successful in life was the adoring love he possessed for his wife of 49 years, Joni. Their relationship was the foundation of who they were and who their children are today. Ron believed that love is our greatest gift and we not only have the ability to demonstrate it every day but the responsibility to do so. Every note or letter he ever wrote to his beloved was signed "Forever and Always". He was the highest quality of a man and an example to all those who knew him. If asked what were his passions, it's simple, his faith, where he proudly served his church, The Catholic Church of the Incarnation as a Eucharistic Minister and his family. Mr. Rukstad is survived by his mother, Dorothy Rukstad; 1 sister, Jan Price; 1 brother, Greg Rukstad; 2 sons and their spouses, Jeff and Jennifer Rukstad and Kevin and Melissa Rukstad; 3 daughters and their spouses, Lori and Steve Cohen, Michelle and Von Priggel, and Jennifer Rukstad; and his amazing wife, Joni Rukstad along with their 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Burdette Rukstad. He was the greatest man any of us knew and ever will know. So we now say to our son, brother, father, papa and



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husband that “You will be with us forever and always”. The family will receive friends from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturday, November 5 followed by a Memorial Mass at The Catholic Church of the Incarnation. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to The Village at Germantown Foundation or The Woman’s Exchange of Memphis. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis TN 38119. (901) 767-8930.

“Celebrating Life....Behind the Stone Wall.”



Tribute Wall

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SH

Shannon posted:

I have been thinking of you often Uncle Ron. I will forever cherish the memories we had together. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you guys so much.

November 29 at 1:07 PM

WK

William Kenley posted:

Ron was a great man. He was such an honorable and professional leader. His depth and character made all those around him better. Personally, Ron was much more than a colleague. He was a friend, a mentor, and a confidante. Joni and family, please know I am praying for you. May God's love surround you, comfort you, and give you strength. William Kenley

November 5 at 4:21 AM

LV

Larry Vanderpoel posted:

Joni we are thinking of you today and your family. So many years have gone by so quickly but we have never forgotten those days we shared good times with you. Al and Eileen called us with your sad news. We send our condolences as well. Reading the obituary of a wonderful husband and father leaves a very fond memory in our hearts as well. There are no comforting words at such a time as this but know we are with you and hope to connect again. Kathy and Larry VanderPoel

November 5 at 4:19 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 4 at 5:22 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 4 at 3:22 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 4 at 6:43 AM



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DC

Dianne Cangemi posted:

So very sorry....our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.Tom and Dianne Cangemi

November 4 at 5:16 AM

KM

Kevin And Diana Moroney posted:

Kevin and Diana Moroney purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 3 at 4:21 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 3 at 3:26 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 3 at 2:21 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 3 at 1:38 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 3 at 12:56 PM



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VS

Vicki Sherrard posted:

Ron Rukstad was an exceptional man that very few people ever come across in their lifetime. We were fortunate enough to call him friend. May he have eternal peace for the love he shared with us all. Bill & Vicki Sherrard

November 3 at 10:06 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 3 at 5:50 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 2 at 4:10 PM

BC

Brad And Jennifer Cole posted:

Brad and Jennifer Cole purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 2 at 4:04 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 2 at 3:20 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 2 at 2:15 PM



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MP

Memorial Park posted:

Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Herbert Rukstad.

November 2 at 12:05 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Rukstad.

November 2 at 7:58 AM

PF

Pfl posted:

I am very sorry to hear of your loss. The lost of a loved one grieves the heart and words are never enough to take away the pain. However, our Heavenly Father knows your grief. As a loving and caring Father, He will be there to comfort and sooth your "broken-heart and crushed spirit". (Psalm 34:18). May you find comfort and hope in God's promise of a day when you will reunite with your loved one again. (Isaiah 26:19). My sincere condolences to the family.

November 2 at 7:52 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Rukstad.

November 2 at 7:44 AM

DU

Diana Uilk posted:

Deepest sympathy to Joni and all the family. Memories of Ron are of a gentle spirit and a man who deeply loved his family. Our prayers are with you as you face this grief journey. Leon and Diana Uilk

November 2 at 6:58 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Rukstad.

November 2 at 6:45 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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