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Big Rapids - Ronald A. Schumacher, 75, of Big Rapids, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 22, 2023, at his home in Green Township surrounded by loving family members.

He was born May 10, 1948, in Ferndale, the son of Alfred and Geraldine (Green) Schumacher, and graduated from Reed City High School in 1966. Ron then served his country during the Vietnam War in the U. S. Army.

Following his honorable discharge, Ron returned to the area, and worked for Cousineau Gravel for several years. He went on to earn his B.S. Degree in Environmental Health from Ferris State College, and worked for District Health Department #10 for over 20 years, retiring as Environmental Health Director. Ron served the Wheatland Music Organization as their sanitation infrastructure consultant, and was a member of the State of Michigan and local Emergency Management Teams. He was also a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and the Reed City Masonic Lodge. He was involved in the Mecosta County 4H Horse program and loved supporting his daughters and grandchildren in all of their sports and recreational activities. Ron made the annual trip for the Memphis in May World BBQ Competition (with much success!), and loved vacationing in Cozumel with family. An avid hunter and fisherman, Ron also enjoyed a good game of volleyball, and working on Jeeps was also a passion.

Ron is survived by his three daughters, Heather Schumacher (Vito Pugliese), Emily (Joshua) Theunick, and Rachel (Dustin) Vodry; four beloved grandchildren, Elsa Mae, Callie, Coralynn, and Kade; his former wife Elaine Cousineau; his brother John (Kaye); two sisters, Bonnie (Bill) Fewox, and Connie (Ron) Schwass; and several nieces and nephews. Ron was also preceded in death by his parents and brothers Tom and Lonnie.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at St. Peter's Lutheran



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Church in Big Rapids, with Pastor Tyson Benz officiating. Private burial will be in the Curtice Cemetery. Ron's family will greet friends at the Mohnke Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 30, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and after 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions in his name may be made for St. Peter's Lutheran Church or the Wheatland Music Organization at wheatlandmusic.org. Share a memory or express condolences at mohnkefuneralhome.com.



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KG

Kelly Garner posted:

Emily, So sorry for your loss. There are so many of us that have lost our Dads far too soon! Sending you a hug and wishes for peace and healing. ❤️ Love, Kelly (Sims) Garner

June 1 at 8:00 PM

TC

Tracey Church lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

My condolences to the family. Sending love and prayers 🙏

May 30 at 8:00 PM



TF

Tim Franck posted:

So many memories from the gravel pits! From the Fourth of July's (and fireworks), sand volleyball, pulling pork for the barbecues, two tracking on the way out to the pits, talks on the porch at home until the wee hours, working on the vehicles in the

May 28 at 8:00 PM

KC

Kevin Cushway posted:

Ron was my neighbor and I worked with him at the BR Township Water Plant in the past. Always friendly and smiling and driving his old red Jeep Truck by my place. My condolences to the family.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

DG

David Gorham posted:

I was Just thinking about you the other day while we were collecting wood while we were camping. I thank you for all that you did for me and Laurie! We love you!

May 25 at 8:00 PM

WL

Walt Lutzke lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

I'm very sorry to hear of Ron's death. I saw him regularly at St. Peter's Sunday services and he always had a smile and pleasant greeting. I'm praying that the promise of eternal life through his faith in Jesus comforts you now and always.

May 25 at 8:00 PM





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Tracy Hatchew posted:

Emily, Heather & Family - I'm so very sad to hear of your fathers passing. He was such a fun, unique guy. I have fond memories of hanging with him when we were kids. (Florida trip 30+ years ago)
Peace be with you all.

May 23 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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