



Ronald L. Castonia

August 5, 1932 - December 6, 2021

Ronald Lee Castonia aged 89 of Ludington passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021 surrounded by his family. Ron was born on August 5, 1932 in Ludington, the son of Edward L. and Angeline J. (Luskin) Castonia and graduated from St. Simon High School in 1951. He answered the call of his country and proudly served with the United States Army - Medical Corp during the Korean Conflict at the 21st Station Hospital in Korea. Upon his discharge from service, Ron returned home to Ludington and married Yvonne L. Listing on November 9, 1957 at St. Simon Catholic Church. They celebrated 61 years by each other's side until Yvonne preceded him in death on February 13, 2019. Ron was also preceded in death by his daughter Karen Meyer in 1988; his great-granddaughter Alexis Castonia in 2013; his brothers Louie, George, Leo, Earl, and Roger Castonia; and his sister Yvonne Michael.

Ron began working for Klug & Smith Construction where one of their projects was building the Harbison-Walker Refractory. At the conclusion of the construction, Ron became the first person hired to work for Harbison-Walker where he served as an Electrician and Supervisor until his retirement in 1997. Ron also furthered his education, earning an Associate's Degree from West Shore Community College in 1979. An avid hunter and fisherman, Ron could hardly wait for the respective seasons to open and spent countless hours on the waterways around Mason County and Canada, and rarely missed an opening day during deer season, even trying to make it out one last time this year. While fishing near Wawa in Canada, Ron had the good fortune to catch a record setting Sturgeon for Ontario. When not enjoying the waters or woods, Ron could usually be found enjoying the outdoors gardening or putting around on his beloved Allis-Chalmers tractor.

Ron will be greatly missed by his children Diane (Tony) Zack, Linda (Paul) Northrop, Pamela (Bill) Bannon, Kevin (Suzanna) Castonia, and Brian (Kim) Castonia; his grandchildren Alex Zack (fiancée Jamie Bowman), Jozi (Bobby) Peters, Megan Northrop (Peter Henning), Melissa Northrop, Rick (Kristina) Clifton, Lesa (Casey Bowman) Castonia, Adam (Jessica) Castonia, Kelly Virgo (fiancé John Culligan), Shawn (Holly) Virgo, and Joey Castonia; his great-grandchildren Maria, Kaitlyn, Brace, Krista, Karzin,

Ellie, Addison, Makena, Emmett, and Mason; his brothers Norbert (Jeanne) Castonia, and Dennis Castonia; and his sister Roselyn Sadler; along with numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Ron at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 11 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer with Rev. Daniel DePew as celebrant. (Due to a severe allergy in her family, those attending are kindly asked to refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes). (Due to a severe allergy in her family, those attending are kindly asked to refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes). Burial will take place in the spring at St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may visit with Ron's family on Saturday morning from 10:00 am until time of Mass at St. Mary's Church. Those who wish to remember Ron with a memorial donation are asked to please consider Caritas Food Pantry at St. Mary's Church, or Hospice of Michigan.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

1000 South Custer Road
Custer, MI 49405

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
85 South Madison Street
Custer, MI 49405

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Georgia Makowicki lit a candle in memory of Ronald L. Castonia*



Georgia Makowicki - February 12, 2023 at 02:52 AM

RM

“ *This is Rosanna Gall Miller. I haven't checked the obituaries for Ludington in months. I was so shocked to see one for Ron this morning. He accidentally called me about 2 moths ago. We had a long and cheerful conversation. I am so thankful for his "accident". I was in Ron and Yvonne's wedding. They are in my memories and I loved both of them very much. I live in NC so I won't be at the service today in body but I will be in spirit. You were blessed with God fearing and loving parents. I will miss knowing they are in Ludington but am blessed to know they are together and with the Lord.*



rosanna Gall Carte Miller - December 11, 2021 at 07:43 AM

MK

“ *Ronnie was one of my dad's (Richard Kucaj) best friends. I can't begin to count the number of evenings I would listen to them talk about deer hunting, fishing, beagles and family. He always had a smile. The sound of he and my father's laughter would fill our home and brought such joy. When my father developed cancer, he was always helping and visiting us. When my father died, it was Ronnie who took my sister and I out in his canoe to spread my father's ashes at his favorite fishing hole. He was a wonderful, wonderful man and I am so thankful for the gift of having him in our lives.*

*My deepest condolences;
Meagen Kucaj*

Meagen Kucaj - December 08, 2021 at 07:17 PM

KG

“ *Ron was always the happiest person to be around and I so enjoyed being in his company while working with him at the food pantry or while "causing trouble" in the back of church! He and his beautiful smile with be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to you and your entire family. Kelly Glover*

Kelly Glover - December 07, 2021 at 08:42 PM