



Ronald Edward Kovar

April 4, 1946 - August 27, 2022

Ronald Edward Kovar age 76 passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022 after an amazing full life of humbly serving those around him.

Born April 4, 1946, in Ludington, Michigan to Elizabeth (Shorts) Kovar and Raymond Kovar, Ron spent his younger years in Fountain, Michigan with his loving siblings Kareen (Jack) Trembl, Cathy (Bruce) Budzynski and Richard (Ginger) Kovar.

He graduated from Mason County Eastern Schools in 1964 and pursued a career of teaching after graduating from Central Michigan University in 1968. Being a math teacher at O.J. DeJonge Middle School for over 30 years was his career but bringing math alive to others was his passion. He could often be found helping students during every lunch hour and into the evenings. Ron was involved in Mathcounts Competition for many years. His students and family said that when asked a math question he would never give the answers, but help you to understand the process, like he did in life.

Traveling with his nieces and nephews early on gave him the desire to seek the world around him and travel.

Ron's life was completed the day he married the love of his life Paula (Garland) Quinlan in 1979, which is when their beautiful adventure began. In

the first six months of the marriage, Paula went back to school to complete her nursing degree, as he cared for the four children at home while Paula lived in Big Rapids during the week.

Ron had his hands full sharing in the lives of his six stepchildren: Michael Quinlan (Reda Eckerman) deceased of Oregon, Colleen Bearup (Scott) of Michigan, James 'Peter' Quinlan of Missouri, Phillip Quinlan (Donna) of Michigan, Sean Quinlan (Kelley) of Iowa, and Sile Holm Jenson (Kent) of Denmark. He took pride in being "G-PA", to numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was adored by many close family members.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents and brother, sister-in-law Sally Kovar, nephew Mike Treml, nephew Steve Stickney, stepson Michael Quinlan, and son-in-law Dale Rinkevicz.

Ron and Paula enjoyed traveling together, especially after they retired. They had many traveling adventures around the U.S and beyond, living a life full of wonder and a thirst for knowledge, and had several wonderful visits with their dear friends Kitty and Charles Hagerman.

Ron genuinely cared about people and was involved in many organizations benefiting his own community and country through the act of volunteer work. He served as a local volunteer for fire relief and 9/11 in New York City, was co-chair of the Red Cross Blood Drives, board member and president of the Mason County Historical Committee, member of the Mason County Credit Union and MEA Negotiator of contracts for Ludington teachers.

His hobbies and interests included birding, going to Olympic Track and Field Trials in Oregon and family activities. He was an avid reader and whenever he left the house, he had a book in case he had time to read. Ron's family and friends will remember him as a beautiful gift and a reminder of what humility

and servanthood looks like. His thoughtfulness and insight will carry on in the pages of all those he has impacted.

Funeral services will be held for Ron at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 3 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Ludington. Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Friday evening, September 2 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the church, and on Saturday morning from 10:00 am until time of services. Those who wish to remember Ron with a memorial donation are asked to please consider O.J. DeJonge Mathcounts , or a charity of the donor's choice. The ceremony on Saturday will be livestreamed and available for viewing via the Emanuel Lutheran Church Facebook page.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church
501 East Danaher Street
Ludington, MI 49431

Funeral Ceremony

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Edward Kovar*



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - September 02, 2022 at 12:04 PM

EK

What a beautiful tribute for Ron. May he Rest In Peace. Thank you for posting!

Elsie Keson - September 05, 2022 at 02:12 PM

JS

“ Who is Ron Kover? This picture of Grampa Ron and Grandma Paula at our wedding in 2014 says it all. It was never about Grampa Ron, it was always about Grandma Paula first and foremost. He is always the man right there by her side at every moment no matter the situation, the place or the time. His joy was being the perfect husband, the perfect father, the perfect grandpa, the perfect great grampa, the perfect friend and the perfect human being everyone in this world should want to be. His dry humor was hard not to laugh at. I asked him one time what music he listened to and he calmly replied CNN. I chuckled and he says "what you never heard of the band." Grampa Ron was so supportive I would look up in the stands when coaching basketball and there sat Grandpa Ron. Grandpa Ron cared for and love everyone as if they were family. If I could use one word to describe Grampa Ron it would be "Honor." He honored his queen Grandma Paula no matter what, he honored his family, friends, country and anyone else he would come in contact with. Grampa Ron was too humble to except the fact that everyone honored him just as much. Grampa Ron you will forever hold a spot in my heart as the person everyone in this world can learn from and strive to be the perfect example of a true loving "man built for others" as you were. Thank you for being Grandpa Ron Kover !!



Jamie Sikon - September 03, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ronald Edward Kovar.



September 02, 2022 at 09:48 PM



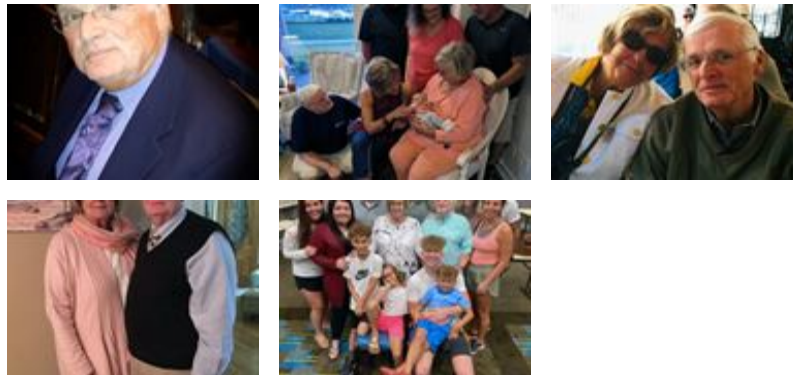
“ Paula I am so sorry for your loss you and Ron had such a great life together I had no idea he was this sick please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers Love Sharon.



Sharon Rokosky - September 01, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - September 01, 2022 at 05:16 PM

AB

“ Ron was the support for my "Power Team Friend", Paula. When Paula would have friends at her beautiful home, Ron was there to help with the decorations and kitchen help. That way, Paula could socialize with her guests. I would think to myself, "How lucky Paula is; to have a kind, supportive mate." Ron, "Thank you", for always having Paula's back! You both were a true, "Team." Ron, in my book, you will always be respected and appreciated. Rest in Peace. Alexis Gestes-Bradow, One of the Birthday Club Members. Scottville.

alexis I bradow - September 01, 2022 at 10:19 AM

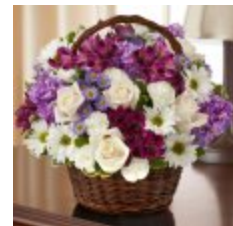
MN

“ Ron was my mentor for many years when I first started teaching in Ludington. His wisdom and friendship were priceless. Ron had a way of putting any situation into realistic perspective. He was a calming force during stormy times and a driving force through difficult times. I always appreciated the use of his dry sense of humor and how it used to remind me not to take myself too seriously. Ron will be greatly missed, but his positive impact on my life as an educator and a person continues, just as it continues in the lives of all his colleagues and students. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Thank you Ron. - Mike Nichols

Mike Nichols - September 01, 2022 at 12:15 AM



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August 31, 2022 at 09:40 AM

BW

“ *Ron was such a kind and selfless man. Bill White*

Bill White - August 31, 2022 at 09:23 AM

ER

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss Paula, May the Lord Comfort you and your family*

Edna M Rosenberg - August 30, 2022 at 10:25 PM

SM

“ *1 file added to the album Kovar, Ron*



Sharon McCumber - August 30, 2022 at 10:19 PM

SM

Ron was a great supporter of the MCE Alumni Reunion Events.

Sharon McCumber - August 31, 2022 at 09:13 AM

 Chris Weinert

“ *My condolences to Paula and family. Ron always seemed to be a very kind man.*

Chris Weinert - August 30, 2022 at 06:09 PM

CM

“ *Ron was a great person and a valued friend. Played golf together for many years and in many places...*

charles Miller - August 30, 2022 at 05:26 PM

CM

“ Ron was an exceptional man. He was a great friend and a major contributor to community improvement. He was a major organizer and contributor of the American Red Cross and worked many disaster programs around the country.

Charles Miller - August 30, 2022 at 05:22 PM

SK

“ Mr. Kovar was an absolutely wonderful guy.

Steven Knudsen - August 30, 2022 at 04:40 PM

AM

“ When I was a new teacher, Ron was the voice of reason for me! When we found ourselves in difficult or stressful situations at work, he would say, "We need to put I before E (Intelligence before Emotion)." As it happens, we share the same birthday. Ron enjoyed telling the kids that, and then adding with a math teacher twinkle in his eye, "That means we're the same age, right?" Then, of course, he'd turn it into a math problem for them to solve. I have so much gratitude for Ron and the years we taught together at OJ. He was a gift to us all. My heart goes out to you, Paula, and your whole family.

Amy Marsh - August 30, 2022 at 12:47 PM

MH

“ Paula & family... what an amazing man we've lost. His kindness & compassion was extraordinary. I remember how helpful & insightful he was when I first started teaching. He will be missed. Prayers & special thoughts to you during this difficult time.

Margene Hankwitz - August 30, 2022 at 11:49 AM

RE

“ When I call up my memories of Ron, I have to smile - remembering him sitting in the mall, surrounded by bags and packages, with his book in hand - patiently waiting to carry everything to the car when the shopping was done.....

He was always so supportive of his wife and family, quietly helping out whenever he was needed, willing to go the “extra mile” to make sure things ran smoothly and everyone was taken care of. He truly was a gentleman, in every sense of the word.

Ron will be sorely missed, but his influence in the lives of his family and friends will live on. In the words of Longfellow - “He spake well who said that graves are the footprints of angels.” Look forward to the day when we are all reunited with our angels...

Sending love and prayers to all - Reda

Reda Eckerman - August 30, 2022 at 11:45 AM

RS

“ Dear Paula and Family....Sending our deepest condolences to you and family. May God wrap His loving arms around each of you and give you peace and comfort. Ron was a pretty swell guy and will be missed by all who knew him.

RIP Ron 🙏💔 With Our Deepest Sympathy,
Rog and Robin



Robin Stoddard - August 29, 2022 at 01:14 PM