

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

RONALD D FOSSE

NOVEMBER 30, 1940 - OCTOBER 21, 2019



Ronald Dean Fosse, 78, passed away Monday, October 21, 2019 at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa surrounded by his family. A gathering of friends and family will be an hour prior to the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Thursday October 24, at Bethesda Lutheran Church 1517 Northwestern Ave. Ames, Iowa. Burial will take place at Roland Cemetery.

Ron was a loving father, husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to everyone. He is survived by his wife Betty (Shumate) of 37 years, five daughters, Kathy Uthe of Roland; Karla Cohen of Zearing; Karen (Steve) Handrich of New Berlin, WI; Step- daughters Megan (Tim) Hoppe and Shana Lee (Kim Larson) of Brainerd, MN;

eight grandchildren, four great- grandchildren and many other relatives.

Ron was born with his identical twin, Robert, on November 30, 1940, in Garden City to Alfred and Clarice (Peterson) Fosse. He grew up in Roland where he graduated in 1958 from Roland High School. He married Ellen Curley on November 11, 1960 and then married Betty Shumate on March 9, 1984. Ron and Betty lived in Roland until they moved to Ames in 1988. Ron spent his past ten years wintering in Arizona.

Ron loved being active and enjoyed all sports. He liked wagering a friendly family bet on Indy and NASCAR racing, cheering for the MN Vikings, and supporting the Iowa State Cyclones and Iowa Hawkeyes. He was an avid pickle ball player in Arizona and Iowa and medaled in the Iowa Games. Ron was employed by the Iowa Department of Transportation in Advanced Planning from 1967 until he retired in 2002. During retirement he worked many years at the Iowa State Center. He was a member of Arcadia Masonic Lodge 249 AF and AM. Active in the Cyclone Unit Za Ga Zig Shrine, The Story County Shrine Club, Ames York Rite and Scottish Rite of Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Marlene Piel, older brother Hollis, his twin Bob and his grandson Justin Uthe.

The family asks that donations be made to a charity that touches your heart in lieu of flowers to honor Ron's memory.

A special thanks to the wonderful Staff at Mary Greeley Medical Center and McFarland Clinic for their wonderful care.

Online condolences may be directed to: www.grandonfuneralandcremationcare.com

TRIBUTES

Samil Sermet wrote on Nov 6, 2019:

"Please accept my condolences on the passing of Ron. I worked in the Office of Advanced Planning briefly and got to know Ron. He was a very kind, friendly, and helpful person. After his retirement I saw him a few times at the Iowa Center. Before my DOT days I had worked in Fort Dodge at the Kallin Johnson Monument company and had a few conversations with Ron about monuments. He was very thoughtful of buying his family monument while alive. May God rest his soul."

Tom and Rita Parrish wrote on Oct 23, 2019:

"Betty, We were greatly saddened to learn of Ron's passing. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Tom and Rita Parrish"

Kris Wilson wrote on Oct 23, 2019:

"I'm blessed and honored to have known Ron. He helped teach me the great game of pickleball along w/ some other folks in Ames. He mentored me through a few tournaments, he brought me up when I was down. So grateful for all he has done. My thoughts and prayers to the family. - Kris Wilson"

Ida Johnson wrote on Oct 23, 2019:

"Ron brought pickleball from Arizona to Ames, which is enjoyed by so many in Ames. He got lines painted on the city tennis courts, taught clinics and OLLI classes and was a great teacher, sportsman and promoter of pickleball. We are very indebted to his willingness to help us learn to play. Ida & Al Johnson and many other players. "

Dixie Mosher wrote on Oct 23, 2019:

"Prayers and sympathy to your family! So enjoyed playing pickleball with both Rons in Ames! He was truly a gentleman and we had many matches of Az vs Ia as I winter in Az too. He will be missed by so many! "

Jackie Smith wrote on Oct 22, 2019:

"Prayers and Sympathy to your family. Ron Smith and Ron Fosse are the two men responsible for getting pickle ball started in Ames. They both loved playing and played as partners. Getting the Ames recreation services to allow them time at the City Hall gym and marking tennis courts for

pickle ball so others in the area could play. What a fun memory. Our love and sympathy to your family Jackie and Ron Smith"

Shela Jacobsen wrote on Oct 22, 2019:

"Kathy, we are all so sorry here at OXEN to hear of your father's passing. God is taking care of him now and he will look down each and every day and smile at you and keep you safe. Treasure all your memories of him and hold them close to your heart. Please give our sympathies to your entire family. We have made a donation to the food pantry there at Bethesda Lutheran Church in his memory. God Bless you all, your family at OXEN Technology"

Sally Zimmerman wrote on Oct 21, 2019:

"Dear Betty, I am saddened to learn of your loss of Ron. He was a lovely man. I got to know him through our church affiliation at Sun Life. He is a man that I always described as a gentleman and a gentle man. May he Rest In Peace now and may God's peace that surpasses all understanding envelope you now and in the days ahead. Sally Zimmerman from Sun Life. "

Gay Lou & W. Jay Brown wrote on Oct 21, 2019:

"Betty, We are so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Gay Lou & W. Jay Brown"
