



Ronald E. North

October 7, 1935 - July 9, 2017

Ronald E. North, age 81, of La Fontaine, joined his Lord, family, and friends in Heaven at 8:25 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2017 at his home.

Ron was loved by many. He had a true zest for life and believed in family above all. He had a heart of gold and wouldn't hesitate to give a helping hand. He could be a little cranky, but he could also come back with a joke or funny saying and light up the room. He was well known as "Rapid Ron" during his racing days. He held track records at Baer Field Raceway for many years. Ron is surrounded by a lot of love but not as much as he gave to all of us. There is a big hole in our hearts as we will miss him dearly, but...we will fill that hole with the many awesome memories.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2017 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. A memorial service will immediately follow at 7 p.m. Friday at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Worlie Newsome Jr. officiating.

Preferred memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Ron was born October 7, 1935 in Huntington, the son of Roy E. and Lucille (Creager) North. He married Inge H. Gaertig on November 28, 1986 in

Florida. Ron worked in Tool and Die at General Motors in Marion and was a member of American Legion Post #7 in Huntington. He enjoyed auto racing and car collecting. He loved to bowl and was an avid fan of Huntington's EJ Tackett.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Inge H. North of La Fontaine; three daughters - Rhonda (Jerry) Martin of Huntington, Donna (Andy) Purviance of Carlsbad, California, and Heidi (Bert) Galvan of Huntington; four sons - Kenneth (Marianne) North of Punta Gorda, Florida, Karl (Theresa) Harte of Winston, Georgia, Klaus (Chris) Harte of Marion, and Kurt (Lynn) Harte of Kingston Springs, Tennessee; three brothers - Thomas (Peg) North of Roanoke, Donald (Jolene) North of Gwinn, Michigan, and James A. North of Huntington; two sisters - Judy D. North of Fort Wayne and Vonnie Hoover of Huntington; 16 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Larry R. North, John W. North, and Gary L. North, and his first wife, LaVada L. (Stremming) North.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald E. North



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - July 12, 2017 at 04:57 PM



Really well done!!!

Michelle Plumhoff - July 13, 2017 at 10:30 PM



I will always remember seeing Ron wearing overalls.....

Rick Vance - July 14, 2017 at 07:19 AM



He was a fantastic guy, I will miss him a ton!

Ami Waters - July 14, 2017 at 03:26 PM



Ron was a great guy, I enjoyed our talks..

Bill Burns - August 03, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss . Meeting Ron at the bowling alley, he was a fighter!
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Cheryl Morris

cheryl morris - August 03, 2017 at 06:21 PM

AM

“ I'm so so sorry to hear about Ron's passing. I just found out today - had I known I would have visited. I have nothing but fond memories of "the old man" and am so saddened to hear of his passing. Praying for peace for his family during this difficult time. His infectious smile will be missed, very much I'm sure, by the many who loved him.

Amy Maples - July 22, 2017 at 06:05 PM

JW

“ Jim And Marty Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. North



Jim and Marty Westbrook - July 17, 2017 at 04:48 PM



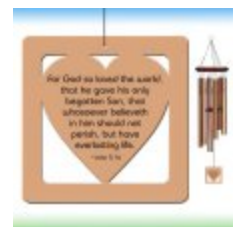
“ I've known Ron since his racing days at Winchester Speedway. I just heard of his passing, he will be greatly missed. I've enjoyed swapping hot rod racing stories over the last 30 years.

My Deepest Sympathy
Nelson Stoltz

Carol Gause Stoltz - July 16, 2017 at 03:52 PM

MJ

“ Mitch and Joei purchased the Heart Wind Chime - Bronze for the family of Ronald E. North.



Mitch and Joei - July 16, 2017 at 12:42 PM

JJ

“ *To the North Family,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Ron was one of a kind and
will be greatly missed. Janet Jackson*

Janet Jackson - July 16, 2017 at 09:43 AM

RJ

“ *A special tribute to Ron North. Ron absolutely loved collecting cars
and was known for his one owner Super Bird!*

Please click on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAivnJWXTv0>

Ray Johnson - July 15, 2017 at 12:08 PM

JK

“ *North Family: You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult
time, Jon and Janice Kellam*

Jon and Janice Kellam - July 14, 2017 at 04:12 PM

BE

“ *Beckler Power Equipment lit a candle in
memory of Ronald E. North*



Beckler Power Equipment - July 14, 2017 at 09:15 AM

SL

“ Donna and Rhonda, So sorry for your loss. Your dad (and mom) were always very nice to me since we met in junior high and it was always nice to see him at the annual "gigs". Both of you and your families are in Melissa's and my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Scott Lockwood

Scott Lockwood - July 14, 2017 at 09:02 AM

RS

“ Ron Shockome lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. North



Ron Shockome - July 13, 2017 at 09:29 PM

RM

“ Rhonda And Jerry Martin lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. North



Rhonda and Jerry Martin - July 13, 2017 at 06:45 PM

RM

We will always love you!! The best dad anyone could ever have.

Rhonda and Jerry Martin - July 13, 2017 at 06:47 PM

PF

“ *Parrett Family lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. North*



Parrett Family - July 13, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ronald E. North.*



July 13, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Ronald E. North.*



July 13, 2017 at 09:38 AM

TN

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



tom north - July 13, 2017 at 09:03 AM

RN

“ Rex And Nancy lit a candle in memory of
Ronald E. North



Rex and Nancy - July 12, 2017 at 10:13 PM

LS

“ God's speed old friend.
Larry & Joyce Snider

Larry Snider - July 12, 2017 at 09:22 PM

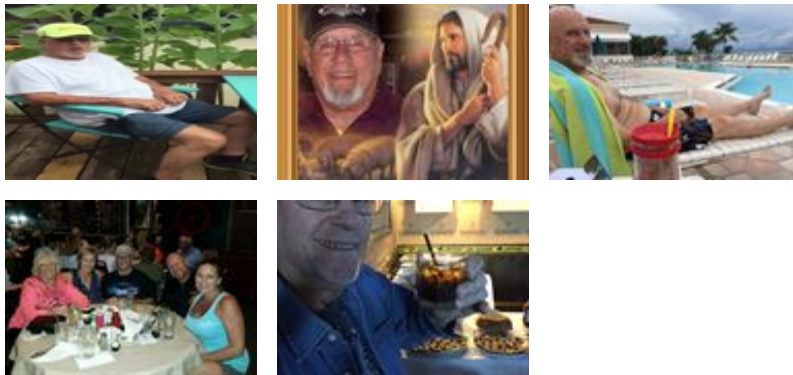


“ Sorry for your loss. I new Ron the racer always liked Ron.
Met him years ago at Baerfield Speedway.Great guy!
Rick King Fort Wayne,IN

Rhonda Carpenter King - July 12, 2017 at 06:32 PM

Bl

“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - July 12, 2017 at 04:56 PM

EZ

“ Ed Zimmerman purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ronald E. North.



Ed Zimmerman - July 12, 2017 at 03:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald E. North.



July 12, 2017 at 01:02 PM

LL

“ Love from Bryan, Laurel, Alex & Keenan Luciani purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald E. North.



Love from Bryan, Laurel, Alex & Keenan Luciani - July 12, 2017 at 12:31 PM

GD

“ Gary Brinneman and Scott & Lori Dreamer purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ronald E. North.



Gary Brinneman and Scott & Lori Dreamer - July 12, 2017 at 11:24 AM

DN

“ Don and Joleen North purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ronald E. North.



Don and Joleen North - July 12, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald E. North.



July 12, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald E. North.



July 12, 2017 at 09:44 AM

CP

“ Cheryl (Stevens) Pogorelc lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. North



Cheryl (Stevens) Pogorelc - July 12, 2017 at 08:19 AM



“ *My condolences Donna just found out today so sorry for your loss he was a great dad, Daniel Sebag*

Daniel Sebag - July 12, 2017 at 04:41 AM

BG

“ *I will truly miss Ron. He was like a brother. He worked for me at GM, was an excellent worker and no one could eat hot peppers like him. you fought a great battle.*

Bruce Goodwin - July 11, 2017 at 08:34 PM

KH

“ *Our condolences are with your family. My favorite memory of Ron is how he would stop in and say hi, tell our daughter (@ that time she was just little maybe 5).. I'm your oldest cousin and just grin. Rest in peace my friend. Kim and JimHethcote*

Kim Hethcote - July 11, 2017 at 04:45 PM

WH

“ *Wendy Harter lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. North*



Wendy Harter - July 11, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald E. North.*



July 11, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ *Ronny worked hard and played hard. And like most of the North boys he liked to go fast. Ill always remember him racing around the track.*

His infectious smile will be missed. My condolences to the family.

Bob and Nette Stahl and family - July 11, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ *Rex Ziegler lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. North*



Rex Ziegler - July 11, 2017 at 08:03 AM



“ *So very sorry for your lost, Ron was truly a pleasure to have known.*

Rick Vance - July 11, 2017 at 12:25 AM

 Rick
Vance

“ *Rick Vance lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. North*



Rick Vance - July 10, 2017 at 06:24 PM

TN

Tom North he was my brother and my best friend

tom north - July 12, 2017 at 05:39 AM

RT

“ *I remember him on his motorcycle when I was a little girl growing up, he would ride by with a dog riding with him!!!! Will miss him such a nice guy...*

Robin Taylor - July 10, 2017 at 05:15 PM

PS

“ *My thoughts are with the family as they go through this tough time in their lives. Ron was a very cool guy anyone that met him liked him,*

paul stoltz - July 10, 2017 at 04:58 PM