



Ronald Smith Sr.

November 25, 2012

Funeral services for Ronald Smith Sr were held Friday, November 30, 2012 at Slininger-Rossow Funeral Home in Jefferson. Rev. David Schroeder of Abundant Life Ministries officiated.

Ron was born on January 16, 1943 and passed away unexpectedly November 25, 2012 at the age of 69 years.

Ron was united in marriage to Patricia Rafter on January 18, 1964 in Philadelphia, PA. They have been married 48 years. Together they are the parents of three children: Ronald Jr., Tracy, and Mark.

After serving in the United States Army, Ron worked at Mid-State Steel in Boone, IA for 41 years as a fabricator. He retired in 2007. He enjoyed many years of building and racing mini sprint, stock, and drag cars with his son, Ron Jr.

Ron's motto in life was, "measure twice and cut once."

After his retirement, Ron enjoyed taking various trips with his wife Pat, playing with his dog Spike, woodworking, attending the many events in his granddaughter's lives, and the many special moments he experienced as a great-grandfather. Ron's daily passion was

researching his genealogy. He worked the family tree back to 1817. His greatest accomplishment during this process was reconnecting with his sister, Darlene Bessler, after 42 years.

Left to cherish his memory is his beloved wife, Patricia; son, Ron Jr. (Julie) Smith of Scranton, IA; daughter, Tracy (Mike) Bettey of Satsuma, FL; son, Mark (Lisa) Smith of Sutherland, IA; sister, Darlene (Bill) Bessler of Sewell, NJ; eight granddaughters: Chaise (Justin Larson) Smith, Carolyn (Stephen Hinkle) Bettey, Brittney (Nathen) Machovec, Codee (Bert) Madden, Brandi Bettey, Christina Smith, Rachel Bettey, Grace Smith; five great granddaughters, Lindsey Hinkle, Hailey Larson, Audrina Madden, Aimee Rose Hinkle, Alexis Larson, and two more due in 2013; many nieces, grand nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ron was admired and loved by his family and he will be greatly missed!

Comments



“ So many memories as we grew up together. Too many years we were apart, because of one person. You deserved a better life. You worked hard and you are a good person. You had so much strength to put up with what you did. I will never forget all the things you told me. You are always there when I need you, I know you know what I am talking about. Miss you a lot. Love you always, your sister Darlene

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