



Ronald W. Messerli

February 3, 1937 - May 12, 2018

Ronald W. "Bubba" Messerli, age 81 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, May 12, 2018, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, February 03, 1937, in Highland, IL, the son of Oliver C. and Olivia E. (nee Mollet) Messerli.

On Saturday, May 11, 1968, he married Nancy A. Messerli (nee Jovanovic) at Caseyville, IL, by Rev. Arby Hosto.

He was a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ, Grantfork, IL; former member of Highland Jaycees.

Ronald was born in Highland, IL; lived in Steelville, IL. He graduated from Steelville High School in 1955. He served with the U.S. Army with duty in France and Germany, from June 1, 1960 to May 31, 1962. After his military service, he lived in St. Louis and moved to Highland in 1969. He was very active in the Highland community. He was a Youth Sponsor at church for a number of years and Sports Booster at Highland High School. He played softball in the over 40 league until his mid 50's; played golf; and was an avid bowler at High Top, Poplar Junction and Grantfork Bowl. Ron retired from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, St. Louis, MO. He was very sport orientate and enjoying watching the St. Louis Cardinals, New York Yankees, St. Louis

Blues, St. Louis Rams, and NASCAR. He enjoyed growing plants and flowers in his garden. He liked to play cards, Sudoku and dice games with his family. He loved his grandchildren and children and enjoyed watching them at their activities.

Survivors include:

Wife - Nancy A. Messerli, (nee Jovanovic), Highland, IL

Son - Ronald D. Messerli, Greenville, IL

Son - Dennis C. (Fiancee Shannon Davidson) Messerli, Stuart, FL

Daughter - Lisa J. (Damon) Niewold, Clyde, NC

Grandchild - Lane G. Messerli, Greenville, IL

Grandchild - Sydney I. Messerli, Springfield, MO

Grandchild - Paige O. Messerli, Cape Girardeau, MO

Grandchild - Reese C. Messerli, Greenville, IL

Grandchild - Jordyn E. Niewold, Clyde, NC

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Oliver C. "Ollie" Messerli - Died 12/12/1983

Mother - Olivia Edna Messerli, nee Mollet - Died 3/06/2006

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Friday, May 18, 2018, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 18, 2018, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL, with Rev. Tim A. Darmour-Paul officiating.

Interment will be at Grantfork United Church of Christ Cemetery in Grantfork, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to H.I.S. K.I.D.S. or Grantfork United Church of Christ.

Previous Events

Evening Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland

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Tribute Wall

WD

“ *Fondly remembering our years in grade school and high school, and the motorcycle rides we enjoyed with Bill Fiene and Don Schaack in Southern Illinois. You have my sympathy.*
Wayland Downen

Wayland Downen - June 14, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Messerli.*



May 14, 2018 at 07:04 PM

GD

“ *Sorry and shocked to hear of Ron's passing. I worked with Ron at the Corps for many years and played golf with him throughout that time. He was always good-natured and personable and I always enjoyed my time with him. My sympathies to his family.*

Gary Dyhouse

GARY R DYHOUSE - May 14, 2018 at 04:16 PM

PK

“ *Very sorry to learn of Ron's passing...he was such a big part of the Army Corps of Engineers St Louis District for many years...softball, bowling etc etc as well as his work. i worked with Ron and wife Nancy. he'll certainly be missed by so many of his fellow retirees relatives and other friends.*

Paul Kornberger

PAUL KORNBERGER - May 14, 2018 at 02:44 PM

MR

“ *Nancy.....My deepest sympathy. I know it's tough going right now, but try to think only of the great times you shared. I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Marge Robbins

Margaret Robbins - May 14, 2018 at 02:39 PM

KM

“ *I will always be grateful to Ron for choosing me to work in the Regulatory office at the U.S. Army Corps of engineers. Because of him, I got to use my college degree in a Federal setting, and more importantly, I met my husband of almost 27 years now, Bill Meldrum - who played golf with Ron for many years.*

Nancy, My heart goes out to you and yours. Ron was a good man and a good boss.

Karen Schaffer Meldrum

Karen Meldrum - May 14, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Messerli.*



May 13, 2018 at 12:35 PM



“ *We were sorry to hear of Ron's passing and send our sincere sympathy to his family. We were friends of Ron when he lived in Steeleville and also met him in Chester when he was here on a Corp project. He was also a groomsman in our wedding in 1957. We enjoyed many good times together. Betty & Roland Wagner, Chester, IL*

Betty Wagner - May 13, 2018 at 08:41 AM