



Ronald W. Naylor

March 6, 1948 - April 25, 2024

Ronald W. Naylor, age 76 of Troy, IL, died Thursday, April 25, 2024, at Aspen Creek Memory Care in Troy, IL.

He was born on Saturday, March 6, 1948, in Highland, IL, the son of Joseph and Verna (nee Wille) Naylor.

On Saturday, August 26, 1972, he married Christy L. Naylor nee Willmann, in Mount Vernon, IL, who survives.

He was a member of United Steel Workers Union and NASCAR, ARCA & USAC.

Ron was born in Highland, IL and grew up in Troy, IL. He was confirmed at Friedens United Church of Christ, Troy, and graduated from Triad High School in 1966. He retired from the Purchasing Dept. of Granite City Steel (National Steel) after 33 years of service. After retirement he worked for the city of Highland in several departments. Ron and Christy lived in Highland for over 38 years, then moved to Troy, IL (his home town) in 2008. Ron enjoyed working in his yard, watching the St. Louis Cardinals and NASCAR. He was a season ticket holder at Gateway racetrack and attended races at Springfield and Du Quoin racetracks for 50 years. He enjoyed meeting with his former classmates and liked to vacation in the Smoky Mountains and other national

parks. But most of all he loved to attend sporting and school events of his children and grandchildren. In 2021 he was diagnosed with Dementia and fought this disease with dignity, with Christy being his fulltime caregiver in their home. After almost three years, his health declined and he was a resident at Aspen Creek Memory Care in Troy for the last four months.

Survivors include:

Wife - Christy L. Naylor, nee Willmann, Troy, IL
Son - Rodney W. (Patti) Naylor, Springfield, IL
Son - Michael A. (Susan) Naylor, Troy, IL
Grandchild - Reiss A. Naylor, Decatur, IL
Grandchild - H. Wade Naylor, Springfield, IL
Grandchild - Jackson T. Naylor (Twin), Troy, IL
Grandchild - Jacob M. Naylor (Twin), Troy, IL
Grandchild - Peyton A. Naylor, Springfield, IL
Brother - Richard G. (Sharon) Naylor, Cleveland, OH
Brother - Joseph T. "Joe" Naylor, Collinsville, IL
Sister - Henrietta Orlando, Saint Ann, MO
Brother-In-Law - Richard Willmann, Florida
Nieces and Nephews - Several.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Joseph H. Naylor - Died 5/29/1981
Mother - Verna A. Naylor (nee Wille) - Died 10/27/2003
Father-In-Law - Glenn "Dick" Willmann - Died 5/14/2014
Mother-In-Law - Evelyn Willmann (nee Gelly) - Died 6/21/2022
Brother-In-Law - Leo Orlando - Died 2012.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. Dr. Tim Harrison, Pastor, Friedens United Church of Christ, Troy, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Highland City Cemetery

12301 Koepfli Lane
Highland, IL 62249

Tribute Wall

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“ Our condolences and deepest sympathy to Christy and family. We always enjoyed seeing and visiting with Ron while on his walks throughout the Meadowbrooke neighborhood. We also moved to Troy to be closer to our daughter and grandchildren. Ron was one of nicest individuals we had the privilege of knowing. May God's love comfort you all and give you peace in your time of loss and grieving.
David and Pat Edgar

David and Pat Edgar - April 29, 2024 at 12:13 PM

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“ The Orlando Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald W. Naylor.



The Orlando Family - April 29, 2024 at 10:31 AM

FS

“ So sorry to hear this, Ron was truly one of the nicest guys I had the pleasure to meet. Rodney and Mike, I am so sorry for your loss.

Frank Stillwagon - April 27, 2024 at 07:28 PM

GT

“ Ron was a good kid.

Gary Charles Trent - April 27, 2024 at 06:40 PM

KG

“ Ron will always be remembered for his very kind deliveries of food to Lovejoy Library Circulation Dept at end of the semesters for a large group of student & staff workers. My heartfelt condolences to the entire family and especially Christy, my fellow co-worker and friend. Karen G.

Karen G. - April 27, 2024 at 04:12 PM

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“ Ron and I were classmates through grade school and high school. Ron was always well behaved, a kind, helpful, decent student ready to help at the drop of a hat and also a well respected athlete. He was good through and through, always. Ron was good to his family, friends, and everyone he passed or met. I know Christy and his family will miss Ron. I am thankful Ron's at peace. Cherish the memories and take care of each other. God bless all.

Sue Watson Callahan - April 26, 2024 at 07:11 PM