



Ronald "Ron" James Reed

January 16, 1943 - August 12, 2014

Ronald "Ron" J. Reed, age 71 of Albia, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, surrounded by his family.

Ron was born January 16, 1943, in Albia, Iowa to Tobe and Elsie (Carlson) Reed. He graduated from Albia High School in 1961. He married Sharon Ann Maddison on June 27, 1964 in Albia, and to this union, 2 children, Cynthia (Cindy) Ann and Bryan James, were born.

Ron worked at the Albia Hy-Vee for 12 years. He served 6 years in the Iowa National Guard in the Engineering Company. Ron and Sharon farmed for nearly 50 years in Monroe County, and for 43 years owned and operated a dump truck business and during that time, he hauled rock, sand, asphalt and ag lime.

Ron served for 10 years on the Eddyville and Eddyville-Blakesburg school board. He also served on the Tri-County Development Corporation, which was formed after Cargill and Heartland Lysine were built in Eddyville. Ron served as past president and long standing board member on both the Monroe County Fair Board and the Monroe County Extension Council, as vice chairman on the 1st Monroe County Land Commission in 1982, was a 4-H leader for 15 years as well as a Monroe County 4-H sheep superintendent, served on the Monroe County Assessor's Board, and was currently the

President of Service Chapel Cemetery Board of Trustees. Ron was a member of the First Christian Church in Albia, as well as a member of the Southern Iowa Vintage Tractor Club, the Monroe County Farm Bureau, the Iowa/Monroe County Cattlemen's Association, and the American Legion. Along with farming and driving dump trucks, Ron enjoyed following NASCAR races, his children, and now his grandchildren's activities which include sporting events, and watching cattle shows and other livestock shows at both the Monroe County Fair and the Iowa State Fair.

Through the years Ron received some great recognition for all of his involvement and hard work in Monroe County. He received many awards, including, Award of Merit for the Eddyville-Blakesburg Community School District Board of Directors 1985-1995, Pleasant Pacers 4-H Club Appreciation (15 years), Iowa Master Corn Growers Contest (1972, 1999, and 2004), was inducted into Monroe County Farm Bureau Ag Hall of Fame in 2010, received the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation Achievement Award in 2013, and will be recognized for the Local Water Protection Program Award from the Iowa Finance Authority and Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship on September 3, 2014.

Ron is survived by his wife, Sharon; his two children, Cindy (Mike) Shull and Bryan (Amber) Reed both of Albia; 4 grandchildren, Colton Shull and Jayce, Brayden and Ashlyn Reed; 4 brothers, Ray (Pat) Reed, David Reed, Terry (Carol) Reed and Randy (Penny) Reed; a sister-in-law, Jo'An Reed, a brother-in-law, Dale (Janet) Maddison; and an aunt, Ruth Keegel. Ron is also survived by many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tobe and Elsie Reed; an infant brother and a brother, Robert (Bob) Reed; a sister, Nellie M. Reed Osborn and her husband, Ramon Osborn; his grandparents; several aunts and uncles; and a great nephew.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 18, 2014, at the First Christian Church in Albia, with Lynda Carlson officiating, burial will follow services at Service Chapel Cemetery in rural Monroe County.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m., Sunday, August 17, 2014, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Ron's family present 4-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church in Albia or the Monroe County Fair.

Tribute Wall



“ Ronald "Ron" James Reed

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Sharon and family, our sincerest sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian and Gina Crall - Albia, IA - August 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sharon & the entire Reed family,

I have many happy memories of our yearly visits to Iowa to visit family. I still remember Ron singing "Peggy Sue" to me when I was a kid. My dad so enjoyed catching up with his cousins and fishing and frog hunting with them.

We were so thankful that Ron and his brothers drove straight through for my dad's funeral and served as pall bearers. My mom and I were so touched.

I am sending my love, and I shall continue to lift you all in prayer.

Love, Peggy

Peggy Chitwood Dickerson - Newark, DE - Cousin - August 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sharon and the family.

Mike and Patti See - August 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I'm so sad. I can still hear him calling me Suzie in my mind. I will treasure my memories of him, always.

Suzanne - Friend - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Sharon so sorry. I had just heard the news that Ron was in the hospital. my father also had (French polio). I am so sorry that Ron lost. His battle. Prayers for you and the family in these difficult days.

Linda Rowley Mann - Sun city, AZ - Friend - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Cindy & Family,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Ron. He was so nice to our family when we were growing up in Eddyville. He always helped make things fun. He will truly be missed and my prayers to you all are sent from Georgia.

God Bless

Christina Shafer - Atlanta, GA - Friend - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

D6

“ Sharon and family, Sorry to hear about Ron. Prayers for you all.

Diane & Phil Whitson

Diane Whitson - Albia, IA - class of 61' - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ So sorry for your loss Ray and Pat and your family. Prayers

Janie Chidester - IL - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Sharon....I am so sorry to learn of Ron's passing. He was such a nice person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, at this time of great loss and sadness in your lives. God Bless.

Karen Dicks - Ottumwa, IA - Friend - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ So sorry for your loss. God Bless you family.

Randy & Marla Bronson - friends - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. So sorry for your loss.

Roger and Jennifer

Roger, Jennifer Lathen & family - Fremont, IA - Family & Friends - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mike, Cindy, and Colton,
Big hugs go out to all of you. Sorry sorry to hear of Ron's passing.
Thoughts and prayers coming your way!

Mary Veenstra - Oskaloosa, IA - Friend to Cindy and Mike - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Sharon, So sorry to hear about Ron. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

Susan Smart Jackson - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Sharon and Family ,sorry to hear about Ron he was a good man You and your family our in my thoughts and prayers.

ED MCGINN - Quincy, IL - friend - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sharon, Bryan and Cindy and families. Alan and I are keeping all of you in our prayers. We did so enjoyed Ron at church and was so sorry to hear of his illness and now his passing. He always enjoyed the children at church. Although, your 50th anniversary has to be bittersweet, you and Ron are a great testimony of Christian love and marriage and loving parents and grandparents. May God grant you peace at this time. Love Alan and Susan Ammons

Susan Ammons - Albia , IA - friend - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM