



Ronald Keenan

December 9, 1933 - June 14, 2019

Ronald Joseph Keenan was born December 9th, 1933 in Fonda Iowa and passed away June 14th, 2019 in Des Moines Iowa.

Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. and KC Rosary at 7:30 p.m. all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund for a hearing-impaired system at St. Mary's will be established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Ron grew up on a farm Northwest of Fonda. His younger years were full of hard work and adventures. He loved to tell stories about life on the farm, skating on the dredge with his sister, great neighbors, grading the road in front of their farm and the best dog any boy could have had, "Blackie". When he was in high school, his family moved into Storm Lake and Ron graduated from Storm Lake St Mary's in 1952.

His career as a plumbing and heating specialist really started as a teenager when he was exposed to summer jobs at the canning factory, local machine shop, Clough Auto Parts and the construction of a wooden elevator at the

corner of Lake Avenue and E Milwaukee. Ron even spent three years in the Army National Guard as a mechanic. He learned from those jobs that he wanted to work with his hands but not doing the same thing everyday. His Keenan Plumbing and Heating business was out of the back of his parents home décor store on Erie Street for many years. This passion for making people's lives better was turned into a successful business that was shared with his son Mike and continues on today. Together they took care of more customers than you can count and those customers love the relationships they built. It was more than fixing a leaky faucet or installing a new air conditioner, it was about always fixing what could be repaired, taking care of them, and treating them right.

In the late 1970s he bought a vacant lot between Flindt Drive and Dorinda Street where over the course of 2 years he built his home on top of a shop that allowed him to create "the shortest commute in town". He was very proud of the home he created and Coleen was excited to get a new place with views of the lake. They lived together there for the balance of their 55 years together. He was loved by his neighbors and was fortunate to live there until he passed away.

Ron had a deep love for family and he started his own on June 25th, 1955 by marrying the love of his life, Coleen Gard from Early. They met at the Cobblestone Ballroom where Coleen was sporting a black eye. That didn't stop Ron from falling head over heels for this beautiful young woman. Together they raised 5 children, and their lives were filled with hard work and adventure. Even when the kids were young, family vacations were important. They continued their love of travel after becoming empty nesters, by taking a cruise and visiting East, West and Gulf coasts. Ron took his last solo road trip to the West coast just a couple of years ago. Extended family was important to them and they loved getting together with both Ron and Coleen's families. Cards at the farm in Early or Sunday morning brunch at Grandma Keenan's

were always a hit. Ron's sister Joyce even ended up marrying Coleen's brother Ed to create a special set of cousins that were at every family get together.

Those left to cherish Ron's memory include his children; Mike and Edna Keenan, Tim and Gloria Keenan, Michelle and Rob Smith, Nancy Christensen, John and Karen Keenan. Grandchildren; Sherry and Blake Titterington, Shallee Keenan and Tom Davis, Kelly and John Peters, Joel and Kellie Keenan, Alyssa Keenan and Mike Oh, Holly Keenan, Malcolm Smith, Jake Smith, Keenan Porter, Cole Keenan, Vivian Keenan, Owen Keenan. Great-grandchildren; Brody Titterington, Zachary Titterington, Heidi Peters, Kurtis Peters, Jordan, Clyde, Jude, Maddie, Sophia, Trenton, Alayla and Liam.

Ron was preceded in death by his wife, Coleen Keenan; parents, Chris and Ethel Keenan; sisters, Dorothy Smith Berg and Joyce Gard; parents-in-law, Ed and Vivian Gard; sister-in-law, Karen Zettl; and brothers-in-law, Ed Gard and Don Gard.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Vigil Service

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Rosary

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Funeral Mass

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ I'm so sorry I am just now hearing. I would have come to give Ron the honor he showed for so many. I met Ron most recently at my Uncle Ed's service. He seemed such a kind man, I wish I had known him better. My deepest sympathies on your loss.

Sara Burnside Ransford

Sara Ransford - June 21, 2019 at 11:48 AM



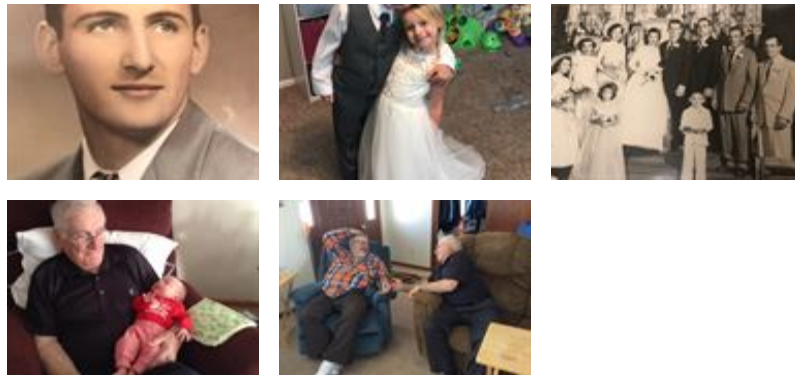
“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Ronald Keenan.*



June 20, 2019 at 08:18 AM



“ *133 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 19, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 19, 2019 at 10:58 AM

MM

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Ron's family. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Marda Sitzmann Mayhan

Marda Sitzmann Mayhan - June 18, 2019 at 06:59 PM

DM

“ Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Ronald Keenan



Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten - June 18, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Ronald Keenan.



June 18, 2019 at 10:05 AM

RR

“ Blessings on the Keenan families during this time of loss.



Ronda Sitzmann Roby - June 18, 2019 at 09:16 AM

DM

“ Debby Miller lit a candle in memory of Ronald Keenan



Debby Miller - June 17, 2019 at 09:58 PM

DH

“ My deepest sympathy to the Keenan family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Doris Harvey - June 17, 2019 at 12:19 PM

TC

“ I just talked to Ron a week ago.....gave me that big smile of his and his eyes twinkled ...such a kind man....always thinking of others. We will miss him. God bless Ron Keenan.

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - June 17, 2019 at 11:20 AM

RZ

“ Chris was always very kind to me and Karen. Always had a soft heart.

Bob Zettl

Robert Zettl - June 16, 2019 at 11:04 PM

DL

“ Ron has been a life long friend of our family and we will miss him so much but truly know that Heaven Gained . We never had anything fixed that we didn't have to have coffee & treats before he left . Gone but never forgotten ! Sending Many Prayers , Much ❤️ & Angel Hugs To Your Family . 🙏🙏❤️



Dave & Patti Lange - June 16, 2019 at 06:56 PM

PS

“ Our sympathies to the Keenan family!



Phil & Jane Smith - June 16, 2019 at 03:33 PM

BL

“ Bud And Sandy Lichter lit a candle in memory of Ronald Keenan



Bud and Sandy Lichter - June 16, 2019 at 08:19 AM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Ronald Keenan*



John/Connie Demers - June 15, 2019 at 03:22 PM

JC

“ *Jeff And Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Ronald Keenan*



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - June 15, 2019 at 12:27 PM

PA

“ *Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Keenan*



Peg Anderson - June 15, 2019 at 11:29 AM

PF

“ *Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Ronald Keenan*



Peg Flynn - June 14, 2019 at 10:47 PM

TL

“ To the Family of Ron Keenan, you have my symathy, We lost a good One. You were so lucky too have Ron, for a father, & grandfather, too Ron, " family came first". He will be greatly missed by both family and the community.

Tootie Lullmann

Tootie Lullmann - June 14, 2019 at 10:29 PM

PG

“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF RON KEENAN. HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE NEIGHBORS TO US FOR MANY YEARS ON ONEIDA ST. WHEN KIDS WERE LITTLE. NOW HE IS WITH COLLEEN. PRAYERS & PEACE TO HIM AND HIS FAMILY.

LOVE & PRAYERS, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - June 14, 2019 at 06:58 PM