



Ronald Anthony Darden

March 25, 2014

Ronald Anthony Darden passed into the hands of the Lord on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at his home in Cape Girardeau after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Goggins, Georgia, to John Thomas Darden and Eva "Georgia" Burbank, Ron grew up in Wood River, Illinois, and graduated from Roxana High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1966 and a master's degree in 1973, both at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois. During his professional career, he worked in government service from the local to federal levels, and received numerous awards for distinctive service in planning and conservation services across many areas of the states of Illinois and Missouri. His survivors include his loving wife Kathleen (Walch), adopted mother Anna Margaret Walch, of Carlinville, IL; sister, Tommie Jean Myers of Wood River; brother, David Darden of Ocoee, TN; one niece, Jeanine Kelly-DeVer of Alton, IL; nephews, Michael Anthony Kelly of Wood River, IL and John Kelly now of Leonardtown, MD. Ron was preceded in death by two unborn children, his parents and stepfather, Max Rethorn, infant twin Donald; brother, John; sister, Diane Bajar. A memorial mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., April 1, 2014 at Old St. Vincent's Church in Cape Girardeau with Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations to Southeast Hospice in Ron's memory for their loving and nurturing care in his final days would be appreciated, 10 Doctors Park, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ We were sorry to hear of Ron's death. Please accept our sympathy and we will say a special prayer thinking of you and Ron. Ray & Beverly

Ray & Beverly Herman - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ My condolences to Ron's wife and family. I knew Ron through NRCS and he was a great person. So sorry for your loss and I will keep you in my prayers.

Sue Teson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Kathleen, I am sorry to hear of Ron's passing. Ron was a great boss to work for and also a good friend. Jack Lewis

Jack Lewis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ SO SO SORRY KATHLEEN. May GOD BLESS YOU.

Shirley Gregory - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Kathleen, Patty and I send our condolences to you with Ron's passing into Heaven. Your & his faith in the Lord will carry you through. Cousin Ed & Patty Wernsing

Ed & Pat Wernsing - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Knew Ron from when he worked in Springfield in the 80's. My sympathy and prayers are with you.* ”

Cindy Moon - January 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM