



Ronald L. Werner

May 13, 1940 - August 24, 2024

Ronald L. Werner, lifelong resident of Cape Girardeau, passed away peacefully, Saturday, August 24, 2024, at Jackson Manor in Jackson. Ron was born May 13, 1940, in Cape Girardeau, to the late Alvin and Freida Werner.

After high school, Ron enlisted in the Army on May 5, 1958, and did his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood where he was an SR Medical Aid man in the 140th Infantry, Grade SP5 E5. After completing his service on May 4, 1961, he joined the Army National Guard and was Honorably discharged on April 30, 1962.

Ron first worked with his father at Werner's Market on Broadway; his favorite "breakfast" was a Braunschweiger sandwich with green onions! He went to business school and continued working in the grocery business until he obtained his real estate license in the 1970's; which he did until retirement.

Ron loved hunting and fishing from deer, turkey, dove, quail, crappie, bluegill and even frog gigging, any season he was ready to go! Ron always loved the outdoors and lived in his home for over 52 years, surrounded by the woods and a lake. He loved feeding his birds, trying to trap that pesky coon, and taking his four-wheeler to check his wildlife cams and putting out salt licks for the deer. His hunting buddies will sorely miss him. One of Ron's favorite pastimes was sitting in his swing on the deck just watching the critters. He

often said it was the best gift he ever received.

Ron had so many special friends that he had known for decades. His dearest friend, Larry Haertling, and he even shared the nursery together, having been born 4 days apart. He often joked that he was glad he wasn't as "old" as Larry. They remained lifelong friends, and were in the same Army Infantry, until his final day on this earth.

He will be deeply missed by so many. He was very social and considered everyone a friend. He loved piddling around the house and going to visit friends (often giving them fresh pecans from our groves) and running errands. Ron was a wonderful and loving husband, the best father a girl could want to daughters Deborah (Robert) Bessette and Kimberly (Doug) Brown. He cherished his beloved grandchildren Aric (Jessica) Holzbauer and Morgan (Zach) Orrell all from Cape Girardeau. His great-granddaughter, Kaylee Orrell, was the apple of his eye. His death has been gut wrenching to all of those who so dearly loved him. Besides his children, grandchildren and great granddaughter, he leaves behind a half-brother, Rick Werner; a sister-in-law, Barb (the late Dr. Robert) Werner, all of Cape Girardeau; and sister-in-law, Nancy (Jack) Donovan of Wyoming. Additionally, he leaves behind a nephew, Randall (Emily) Werner of Houston, Texas; niece, Tracy Werner of Phoenix, Arizona; cousins and many, many friends.

In addition to his wife of 58 years, Ron was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother, Betty Werner, brother and sister-in law, Dr. Robert (Dora May) Werner, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many childhood friends. We know he is enjoying a glorious reunion with his Lord and Saviour and his many, many family members and childhood friends.

The family wishes to thank from the bottom of their hearts, the very special staff at Jackson Manor, who treated him with love, kindness, and respect,

including a special resident, Connie, who talked to him and kept him company. They also wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the special people of Elara Caring Hospice, who gave him a peaceful and pain-free passing. They will be forever grateful to all of you.

A memorial service for both he and his beloved wife, Janet, who passed during COVID, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 4 at Ford and Son's Mount Auburn Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. followed by a short service given by Pastor Jacob May from Christ Lutheran Church in Gordonville.

Since there will be no burial, please, no flowers. Plants if you wish, or preferably donations to the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, National Kidney Foundation, or charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

SEP 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Ron’s family and friends, I extend my most sincere condolences. Ron and I were childhood friends that were brought together by the close friendship of our parents. Ron’s father and mother, Alvin and Freida Werner, were best man and bride’s maid at my parent’s wedding. Groceries from Werner’s Grocery Store were delivered on a regular basis to my parent’s home. After we graduated from Central High School in 1958, Ron and I went in separate directions. But, I’ve always had good memories of the times when we were together and deeply valued our friendship. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.

Dan Golightly

Cary, NC

Dan Golightly - September 01, 2024 at 11:31 AM

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“ I’ve known Ron since I was a little girl. I was also fortunate to spend quality time with him at Jackson Manor. I will never forget how many straws he chewed to nothing. My Condolences go to his family and friends. Connie Hardy

Connie Hardy - August 28, 2024 at 10:37 PM