



Ron Speidel

January 9, 1952 - May 14, 2025

Ronnie J. Speidel was born January 9, 1952, in St. Louis, MO, to Clinton and Mayme Speidel of Desoto, MO. He attended school in the Desoto School District graduating in 1970.

In 1974 he earned a B.S. in Education from Southeast Missouri State University. While attending the university he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and played football. In 1976 he graduated from the St. Louis Police Academy and went on to serve Jefferson County in law enforcement for close to thirty years. He worked as a deputy sheriff in many capacities but most proudly serving as the county's first canine handler and trainer. In addition, he taught for several years at the Jefferson County Police Academy. His last position was serving as Chief of Police for the City of Desoto.

He married Brenda Howe in 1987 and they shared 38 beautiful years together traveling and camping in their Airstream. He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting and fly fishing. Ron was a critical thinker always thinking outside the box, playing chess and immersing himself in books. He enjoyed ten bonus years after being diagnosed and surviving cancer through participation in a clinical trial of immunotherapy. Ron was dedicated to learning about and educating patients to the benefits of immunotherapy. His most treasured moment was being able to finally meet in person Dr. Jim Allison, Poet Laureate of 2018. Dr. Allison was responsible for developing the drug

that allowed Ron to have those bonus years. He owed a debt of gratitude to Dr. Allison as well as Dr. J.J. Gao of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Further, during reoccurrence much gratitude is given to Dr. Mark Meadors and Dr. Michael Naughton and the rest of the St. Francis Medical Center team who cared for him.

Ron was predeceased by his parents and sister.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda; brother in law, Michael (Sherrie); nieces, Laura Gamble (Tommy), and Lindsey Deerfield. Also, sister in law, Cheryl (Chip) Camp; great niece and nephew, Vera and Oliver; as well as several cousins. Very important to him were the numerous friends in his Airstream community of travelers who shared his wanderlust and quest to see what was on the other side of the mountain or river.

Private services will be held and arrangements will be coordinated by Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or MD Anderson James P. Allison Institute at gifts.mdanderson.org.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

TP

“ *The Landing Point RV Park purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ron Speidel.*



The Landing Point RV Park - June 26, 2025 at 09:01 AM

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“ *The Landing Point RV Park planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ron Speidel.*

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JG

“ *Dear Mrs. Speidel,*

I am deeply sorry for your loss! Please accept my deepest condolences and my sincere gratitude for the trust you placed in me and my colleagues throughout your husband's care. Despite the challenges of a metastatic cancer diagnosis, he faced it with remarkable strength, courage, and determination—achieving an extraordinary ten years of complete remission. Such a journey would not have been possible without your unwavering love, dedicated care, and steadfast support. I hope that, in time, the pain of this loss will be eased by the many beautiful memories of a truly exceptional man—one who was cherished by his family, admired by his friends, and respected by his community. JJ Gao

JJ Gao - June 14, 2025 at 01:32 PM

DG

“ God Bless "Spider". Teammate, Mo Zeta SPE Brother, and friend in college.
a good man - I am sorry for this loss - God Bless.

David Goncher - May 23, 2025 at 08:19 AM

SW

“ Shawn and Shane Wolf purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Ron Speidel.



Shawn and Shane Wolf - May 21, 2025 at 08:33 PM

SW

“ Shawn and Shane Wolf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ron Speidel.

Shawn and Shane Wolf - May 21, 2025 at 08:33 PM

LF

“ Brenda, we are so sorry that you have lost your beloved husband. When great people pass I always feel like a legend has passed and with them the great stories of their life. Ron was one of those great people. We will miss him forever.

Linda Fitch - May 21, 2025 at 01:36 PM

CS

“ Brenda, I am so sorry on the loss of your beloved husband, Ron. I wish I could have met him. My thoughts and prayers are with u. Big hugs. Would love to catch up with you one of these days. Your ND classmate-Chris (Hahn) Sirimatuross

Chris Sirimatuross - May 20, 2025 at 06:04 PM

TG

“ *Rest In Peace Ron...thoughts and prayers to you and Brenda...*



Tommy Gamble - May 19, 2025 at 08:04 PM

BS

“ *Brenda, Annie, Gary and family- my heart goes out to all of you. I truly enjoyed my visits with Ron at the bookstore over the years. He was such a genuinely good and caring guy. What a life lived-packed with many adventures and travels, but also so much kindness and helping others. Many thoughts and prayers sent your way. Becky*

Becky Stull - May 19, 2025 at 02:09 PM