



Ronald James "Ron" Hartz

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Ronald J. "Ron" Hartz was a family man – a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. The 71-year-old of Mount Dora, Florida, passed away April 19, 2016, after a short battle with cancer with that family by his side.

Ron and his wife Esther enjoyed amazing adventures together to many parts of the world. One of his favorite destinations was paradise in the Cayman Islands. In addition to travel, Ron

enjoyed reading and was an avid Chicago Bears fan.

Ron, born in Bureau Township, Illinois, to the late Dale and Lois (Meikle) Hartz, moved to Mount Dora from Sterling, Illinois, in 2012. He was a United States Air Force Veteran serving during the Vietnam War. Ron was also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mount Dora and owned Schuneman Insurance Agency of Sterling for 27 years.

Volunteering was an important part of life for Ron. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Lake County Golden Triangle, was on the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army in Sterling, on the Board of Lake County Connections and the Board of New Visions for Independence of Lake County. Family and friends fondly remember Ron for his sense of humor, great wit and practical jokes. He is survived and will be dearly missed by his loving wife Esther. They were married for 48 years. Also surviving are his children Lisa Hartz of Sterling and Tad (Barb) Hartz of Prattville, Alabama; his grandson Ron Hartz II of Prattville; siblings Lela Kraber and Jerry (Linda) Hartz both of Dixon, Illinois, and Nancy Hartz of Amboy, Illinois.

A gathering of friends and family will be held on May 21st from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. with a Celebration of Life service immediately following at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sterling. A memorial will be established. You may share your own special



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Events


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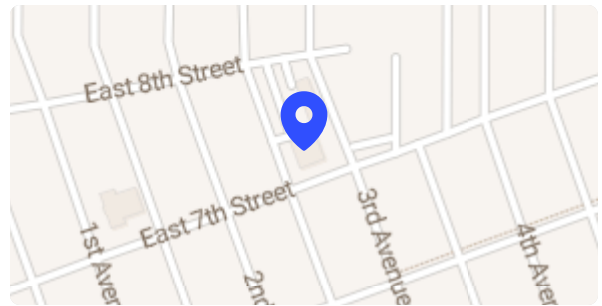
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Memorial Service


 **Saturday**, May 21, 2016

 11:00 AM CT

 **St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church**
703 Third Avenue, Sterling IL 61081



Cemetery Details

 **Manlius Cemetery**
Manlius IL





Tribute Wall

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DS

Diane Saunders posted:

Ronnie will be missed. I am so thankful I saw him in September when he was home. My thoughts and Prayers go out to all of the family and friends. Diane

May 6 at 3:10 AM

JR

Jennifer Rojop lit a candle in honor of Ronald.



May 5 at 7:26 AM

MM

Mary Martin posted:

Ron was a great family man and a great Rotarian. His sense of humor and jokes were unmatched. Esther and family are in my thoughts and prayers. We will all miss him. Mary Martin, Sterling, IL

April 28 at 6:35 AM



Daisy Daisy posted:

Prayers going out towards Esther, Tad and Lisa. I remember my mom sharing wonderful stories about your family and you visiting my mom in the hospital. You will be missed.. R.I.P

April 27 at 11:09 AM

GB

Gina Browning lit a candle in honor of Ronald.



April 27 at 3:53 AM

LW

Les And Janet Westlake posted:

Ron was a very unique person. He always kept us on our toes at Rotary. His passion for New Independence for the Blind made us want to be involved. His love for Esther and his family set an example for others. We will miss him so much.

April 26 at 4:38 PM



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DS

Doris M Smith lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

April 26 at 2:21 PM



TO

Tommyjones posted:

Thinking of your Family at the time of this loss.

April 26 at 8:27 AM

EE

Evelyn Eisenberg lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

April 23 at 6:42 PM



Cindy Boyenga lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

April 23 at 1:44 PM



LF

Larry Fulfs posted:

I can remember playing on the St. John's softball team with Ron way back when. What a great guy! Larry Fulfs

April 23 at 8:41 AM

DM

Dave Murray posted:

I was shocked to learn of Ron's health issues and his untimely death, Esther. I send my condolences and blessings to you and your children. Bob Hill explained the tragic problems Ron had with cancer and treatment. I am sorry and share your grief. From experience I know the pain of loss but I also know that good memories and the help of the Lord will help sustain you. The sun does continue to come up each day although life is not as much fun without your spouse. I'll keep you in my prayers. God's blessings to you and your family.

April 23 at 5:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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