



Ronald B. Belanger

November 15, 1936 - February 11, 2021

Ronald B. Belanger, Age 84, resident of Sterling Heights, passed away on Thursday, February 11, 2021, in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Born on November 15, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Ernest and Marie (nee Belisle) Belanger. Ron enjoyed spending time traveling, gardening, inventing and fixing things, sporting events and especially enjoyed the company of his grandchildren. Beloved husband of the late Mary Lee Belanger (nee McGraw). Loving father of Susan (John) Tempelaere, Ken (The late Mary) Belanger, Carolyn (John) Muha, Linda (John) Chappelle, Mary Kay (Jim) Koski, Claudine Andre, and Lisa (Steve) DePauw. Proud grandfather of Carrie Koski, Amy Chappelle, Brian Muha, Bethany Tempelaere-Erickson, Cristie (Rob) Sarah, Kelly Chappelle, Emily Tempelaere, Noelle Parker, Kaylee Koski, Matti (Jordan) Chappelle Reilly, Eric Tempelaere, Lexi Andre, Evelyn Andre, Gavin (Erica) DePauw, Theresa Belanger, Julia Andre, Olivia Andre, Claudia Andre, Griffin DePauw, Kortney Koski, Lauren Andre, Gradin DePauw, and the late Matthew Tempelaere.

Dearest great-grandfather of Alaina, Harper, Leona, and Monroe.

Dear brother of Mary Lou Dorr, Celine Belanger, Phyllis (the late Bill) Bass, Greg Belanger, and the late Donna Belanger, Thomas Belanger. Dear brother-in-law of Nancy Belanger.

**Due to COVID-19, and in accordance with CDC recommendations and the Governor's Executive Orders, please be advised that the funeral home is

limited to 25 people in the visitation/service room at any given time, please be mindful of your time at the funeral home as there may be others that may be waiting to pay their respects. Also, masks are required to enter the building***

Visitation at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica Tuesday, February 16 from 2-8 pm

Instate Wednesday, February 17 10:30 am at St. Matthias Catholic Church
12311 19 Mile Road, Sterling Heights until time of mass 11:00 am

Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery Holly, Michigan

Family request donations to Alzheimer's Association 25200 Telegraph ~Suite
100 Greater Michigan Chapter, Southfield, MI, 48033

Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Instate At Church

FEB **17**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
12311 19 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Ronald B. Belanger* ”



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - February 17, 2021 at 02:25 PM

“ Posting for Aunt Celine:

Deeply sorry not to be there in person, the weather, the Covid and my recent dental surgery keeping me away. Reading people's memories and condolences just make me realize the full life Ron and Lee lived. I would ride from Royal Oak when he left for work to babysit everyone of the seven even including the youngest, Lisa who I remember taking to the children's museum and Detroit art institute for children's theater, she might have been five, a sweet little doll. What I observed about Ron is his hard work as a provider. He was my dad's partner in the restaurants both on Lafayette and at 12 Mile and Main, Royal Oak, a business that although very rewarding required major preparation including employees at the ready for any number of guests arriving. Catering was the other whether in-house or away. My sister's Donna and Mary Lou and Phyllis and brothers Tom and Greg all had our turns working too. Donna and Tom have sadly passed. Phyllis has been in Oregon for 30 years plus and Greg is on the west coast of Michigan. Mary Lou and I are in Howell aging gracefully in our seventies. We all watched the "B" House grow from a small dining room across from Kresge's and Montgomery Ward's where incidentally mom Marie also played a role baking pies which dad then delivered... To the Belanger House supper club including cocktail lounge with dance floor live music a pizza parlor with a delivery fleet and a banquet facility. Ron eventually had his own catering business in Berkley (where he met Lee years and years before). He also was a landlord for a while to other businesses. Well done brother Ron. Our dad Ernie also lived to see his dream before passing in 67, so very hard-working as well. So/ it warms my heart to read about Ron's life away from work, a true family man, patriarch of what I now call a tribe, lovingly. Sending giant hugs to you all, rest in peace big brother. Big Love from Aunt, great aunt and even great great aunt Celine.

chappelle.linda - February 18, 2021 at 08:23 AM

“ This is from Ron's sister, Phyllis Bass.

Ron was 14 when I was born, so I don't have many memories of him before he went into the service. He got married to a wonderful woman, Lee. When they started having babies, I was 8 years old & already an Auntie! I used to babysit with my sister Celine & we fell in love with his kids, all 7 of them! I have lots of fond memories of jump rope, hide & seek, red rover, red rover, red light-green light etc. I remember the swing set, the above ground swimming pool, the backyard ice rink that Ron made, big family gatherings, bird feeders, squirrel feeders, lots of flowers & small vegetable garden, compost pile, memorabilia from all their fun trips, rides on the boat, going to Lee's grandma's cottage...endless memories. Ronnie & I would have chats in the car to & from my time babysitting. He was pretty easy to talk to. I moved away from Michigan when I was 23 & he sold me his Plymouth Fury for \$500 & made me pay him \$50 a month...always the businessman! When I would come back for a visit from California & then later, from Oregon where I set up roots with my late husband, Bill, I would often stay at his house with my kids Ryan & Tim & sometimes Bill would join us. We always felt @ home there. I remember Ronnie always giving our mom a corsage for special holidays. He was thoughtful that way. I will always cherish our phone conversations, his jokes & that he wasn't afraid to shed a few tears in my presence. He was a hard worker, loved his wife, his kids, his grandkids & his great grandkids. I will miss you Ron, but I will see you once again in that beautiful place called heaven. Love, Phyllis

chappelle.linda - February 18, 2021 at 07:53 AM

CA

“ My fondest memories from when we I was young were the many trips to Canada, sometimes by boat, camping with cousins. My dad would take us to Bobolo Island and cedar pointe, boat rides to our cottage on Harsens Island. We shared a love of boxing and as an adult, I went with my dad to many fight nights at The Palace. My parents went on many family vacations with me and my girls, you could see how proud they were of our family. The best vacation we went on had to be Mackinac island, my mom's favorite movie was The Grand Hotel and be that's where we stayed. They also came to mostb of my girls soccer games and having 6 girls... That number is a big number. Although we had are differences after my divorce, those circumstancesit don't outweigh the others. RIP dad

Claudine Andre - February 16, 2021 at 09:40 AM

CD

“ *Retro Christmas from the 70's*
Gotta love the outfits ..mom looking pretty stylish



Carolyn , Daughter - February 15, 2021 at 06:43 PM

CD

“ More vacation photos , Ft Myers trip , couple Caribbean and Alaskan cruises with my parents and Mexico



Carolyn , Daughter - February 15, 2021 at 06:40 PM

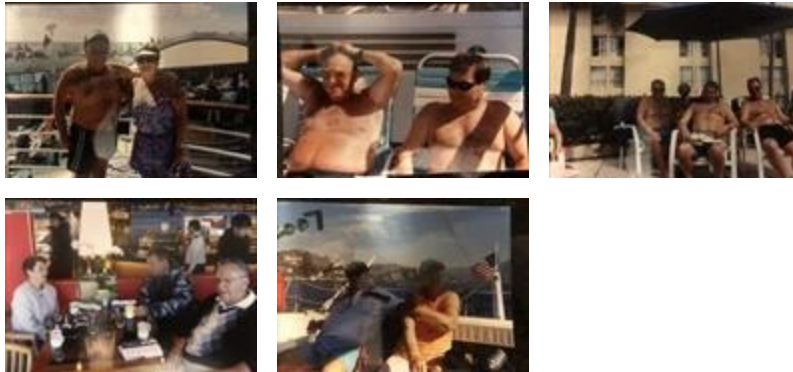
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They sure enjoyed going places with you!

Claudine Andre - February 16, 2021 at 10:08 AM

CD

“ More vacation photos of quality time with my patents



Carolyn , Daughter - February 15, 2021 at 05:24 PM

SD

“ My Mother and Father would always go on vacation with my Husband John and I . Sometimes with our 2 children . We went on a cruise together with 2 kids around 2002 then just the 4 of us went to Mexico , then on an Alaskan Cruise , several trips to traverse city wine tasting , many trips on our Boat. Great to have the Happy Memories. We had always planned to go to Ireland together , my moms dream .



Sweet Caroline , Daughter - February 15, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald B. Belanger.



February 15, 2021 at 02:07 PM

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chappelle.linda - February 13, 2021 at 03:40 PM

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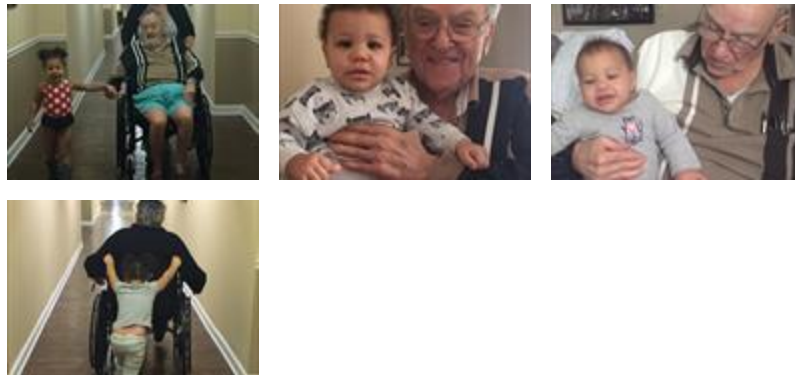
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It was great to have all 4 great grand parents together! :)

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RM

Good bye MR.B. it was wonderful knowing you and your amazing wife for so many years. I'm blessed to be part of your family

Robert Muha - February 14, 2021 at 05:16 AM

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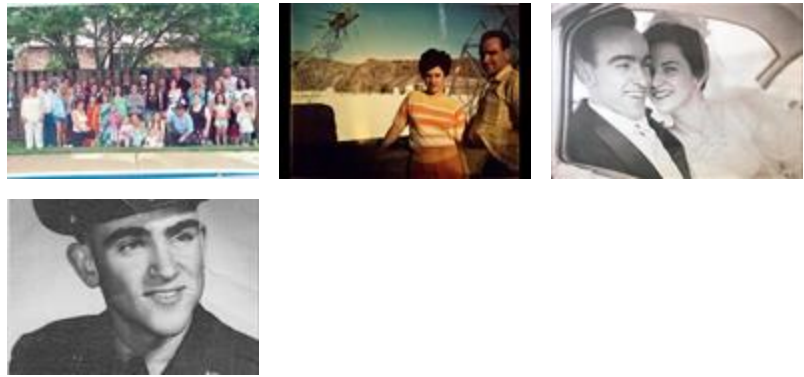
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chappelle.linda - February 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM

ST

“ My earliest memories, the bedroom he made in mom and his 1st little house in the attic, he put the stairway entrance in a closet. He had made me a wooden kitchen set, sink and cupboards, fridge and stove and put them in that attic room. I can remember at 3 getting up in the night to play with them after I was put to bed. Lining the 1st 4 -5 of us up to help us brush our teeth, at 5, 4,3,2,& 1yr olds. His singing parts of songs now and then especially when driving in the car. If I was sitting next to him as he drove he would squeeze my leg and tickle me. One song I cant spell “O Sole Mio”. I loved his woodworking projects, the smell of fresh sawn wood, and playing with the saw dust. I loved that he was a handy-person & problem solver and that I inherited that. I thought he looked Like Elvis Presley when I was growing up. Family was important to him, taking us to visiting our grandparents, Aunts Uncles, & cousins. Always calling his far away siblings on holidays. Taking us swimming at Walled Lake. Taking us to the cottage on Harsen's Island, & Blue Horizons, Bob Lo Island, Bell Isle, and more. All the family home movies he took, and having to wait until he was ready with the camera before we all filed down the steps to open our Christmas presents, find our Easter baskets and the eggs etc.. Taking us out to eat at the Belanger house as well as other restaurants. What a feat! Our shared passion for Family Tree research. Working with him at the Belanger House and on their catering parties. Him getting a boat on Lake St. Clair and learning to pull water skiers behind it 😊 I waited patiently many a times till he learned. Framing my set of 3 paintings I painted in junior high school and hanging them in the Lounge at the Belanger House Restaurant. Taking me shopping to pick out a frame for the painting I painted for John, it was so much fun to see how different it looked in each frame I tried it in. He bought the one I liked the best. The time when I was 19 give or take, he asked me to go for a walk at Dodge park and we walked in silence. Still meant a lot to me but wish we talked. When John and my 1st son was still born and he said “this is our families 1st tragedy.” But really the 1st was when he left us. I prayed he come back and he did. The time he did talk with me about when his dad died and he was out on a boat and did not know about it till much

latter, it really bothered him. The time he took me with him to court involving his mom and her 2nd husband, I saw his tears for his mom. The 2 or 3 times he told me he loved me (when he was brave enough thanks to drinking.) When John asked him if he could marry me, and my dad said to me John had a good heart, yes. When John and I got back from our one month Honeymoon in Belgium and when I walked in their door he was sitting in the far corner of the living room and leaped from his chair to come give me a hug, his actions louder than words that day. I love you dad, I sure hope you accepted forgiveness of God and found Gods love for you, mercy, grace, and peace of God before you died. I wanted to share him with you before you died. Hopefully someone did, even an angel. I hope to see you again in glory forgiven, healed spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically.

Susan Tempelaere - February 13, 2021 at 08:58 AM

BF

“ So many memories growing up with all of the Belangers, heart felt sympathy to all of you. Mr.& Mrs. Belanger were my second set of parents, being Mary Kays friend for over 57 years now. They always welcomed all the kids of the neighborhood. They both will hold a special place in my heart and I am forever grateful for both of them.

Bonnie Ferrence - February 12, 2021 at 10:07 PM

BF

Just realized i inadvertently stated years... 54 years would be correct..

Bonnie Ferrence - February 13, 2021 at 10:38 AM

JB

“ Many great memories of Ron and Lee, couldn't ask for better neighbors. They were the first ones to come over when me and Vince moved in. RIP Ron

Judith Bielecki - February 12, 2021 at 08:16 PM