



Ronald "Ron" Dries

February 12, 1947 - February 17, 2024

Ronald "Ron" Dries, a cherished husband, devoted father, beloved brother, and dedicated animal lover, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2024. He leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion and generosity that will forever be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him. Ron was born on February 12, 1947 to Esther Dries who he shared a strong bond with throughout his life. Ron started working for Grand Trunk Rail Road in 1965 and worked 42 years until he retired in 2007. He was a beloved husband to Judith Barrington and together they built a home filled with love and laughter. As a father, Ron was a source of unwavering support and guidance to his daughters, Karen Barrington and the late Susan Barrington. His love for them knew no bounds and his memory will continue to be cherished by his surviving daughter, Karen. Ron was a dear brother to Betty Jean Patterson and his late brothers, Jack Dries and Melvin Dries. Ron's affection extended beyond his immediate family to his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great great-nieces and nephews whom he adored dearly. His presence brought joy and comfort to their lives, leaving an indelible mark on each of them. Ron was an advocate for animals, embodying a deep-seated love and compassion for all creatures. His dedication to animal welfare was evident in his volunteer work and generous donations to animal rescues. He found immense joy in caring for his miniature greyhound and Boston terrier, treating them as cherished members of his family. A lover of nature, Ron found solace in feeding the wildlife, particularly the squirrels that frequented

his home. His appreciation for the beauty of the natural world was evident in every gesture of kindness he extended to its inhabitants. Ron's meticulous nature and organizational skills were admired by all who knew him. He took pride in maintaining order and efficiency in every aspect of his life, a testament to his disciplined and methodical approach. In addition to his altruistic pursuits, Ron cherished moments of leisure spent with loved ones. He delighted in lunches shared with friends and treasured the opportunity to bond with his great-niece Leah during manicure and pedicure sessions. Ron's passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew him, but his spirit will continue to shine brightly through the countless lives he touched. His legacy of love, kindness and compassion will live on, a beacon of light in the lives of those he leaves behind. A celebration of Ron's life will be held at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. (3Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica. Dates and Times are currently pending. Donations can be made to Making Miracles Animal Rescue www.sanilacscoopers.org OR mailing address: P.O. Box 180155, Utica, Michigan 48318. Please share a memory with his family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I met Ron and his dog about 2017. I did a few minor repairs at his home. It was always a pleasure to see him. The birds loved his home there always bird seed available. I will not forget his pleasant personality.

Roger Wohlgemuth - March 09, 2025 at 01:19 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to Ron's family and friends. I've been his mailman for the past 5 years and he was one of the nicest people I've met. Ron was "The Candyman" on my route. He always had some sort of awesome chocolates he was always passing to me or some other goodies. I stopped by to check on him when I was on vacation during the cold spell in January and dropped off some coconut soda because he slipped me some coconut almonds and said how much he liked coconut. I'm gonna miss him. Ron was an awesome person.
Neil, The Mailman

Neil Lollar - February 29, 2024 at 03:00 PM

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“ Ron was probably the most generous man I know. But I enjoyed talking with him. We may not have always agreed with one another, but we could converse about almost anything. He was easy to talk with and be around. I will miss our Costco shopping for sure; and our brunches. I am certainly going to miss Ron!!!!

Kathy - February 27, 2024 at 02:59 PM

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“ *Brother dear...Ron was the best brother anyone could have. Love him dearly and will miss him forever.*
Betts.

Betty Patterson - February 24, 2024 at 04:54 PM

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“ *Ron was a wonderful cousin and close to us all! Wish him a fine journey home!! love cousin Carol*

Carol Youngblood - February 20, 2024 at 11:41 AM