



Ronald Weidemann

November 1, 1948 - November 13, 2018

Ron Weidemann, passed away after a brief battle with cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer). He was born in Detroit and was a lifelong resident of Michigan. His greatest joy in life was his family. He met his bride, Mary, on a blind date. They wed after a whirlwind engagement and enjoyed 44 years together.

He loved being a Dad to his two girls, Shannon and Amy. Spending time together as a family was really important to him. They made many happy memories together camping at Otsego Lake and vacationing at Walt Disney World. He fully embraced being a dad to girls and volunteered with their Girl Scout troop. He taught them to be kind and always treat others as you want to be treated.

He also loved spending time with his grandchildren, playing with them and agreeing to participate in their crazy schemes. His grandchildren would have sleepovers at his house and they would keep him up late into the night. He loved to travel with them, going on camping adventures, and exploring Disney World and Great Wolf Lodge. He considered being a Grandpa the greatest job in the world.

He was very handy and there were not many home improvement jobs that he wouldn't tackle. He spent many hours renovating his homes. Once his

daughters were married and had homes of their own, he spent many more hours renovating their homes with his sons-in-law, who he thought of as his own sons.

He began working as a custodian for Utica Community Schools in 1969 at Collins Elementary School. He also spent many years at Heritage Junior High and Schwarzkoff Elementary School. He then moved into operations taking charge of the district's warehouse and finishing his career in 2002 as Director of Operations and Security.

After retirement, Ron and Mary spent their winters in Frostproof, Florida. He spent his time renovating his house, singing karaoke, visiting the beaches, reading, and soaking up the Florida sunshine. He loved to spend time with his Lily Lake family playing cards, calling bingo and golfing. They would also spend time with Theresa and James Horne exploring the Sarasota area, with many stops to Yoder's Restaurant. One of his favorite places to visit was the silica sand of Siesta Key.

He is loved and missed by his family, and will continue to be loved for years to come.

Ron is survived by his wife Mary (Russell), daughters Shannon (Jim Haslett) Weidemann and Amy (Jon) Platz, grandchildren Gwen, Evan, Austin, and Mason, his brother Alan (Judy) Weidemann, his sister Judy (Rich) Popowiecki, sisters-in-law Shirley (Brian) Davis and Theresa (James) Horne, and brother-in-law Harry (Diane) Russell, and his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Arnold and Lucille (Voss) Weidemann, his parents-in-law Shirley and Mae (Kibodeaux) Russell and brother-in-law Joseph Russell.

A memorial gathering will take place on Friday, November 16, from 2:00 p.m.

until time of memorial service at 7:00 p.m., at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI 48067.

Memorials appreciated to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation <https://cholangiocarcinoma.org/> and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society <https://www.lls.org/>.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ *Ron was a good guy and great to work with. I enjoyed his friendship and working with him during my years at UCS. We retired the same year. Prayers to Ron’s family. Another UCS family member gone.* ”

Dave Turrel - February 17, 2021 at 05:58 PM

GS

“ *Ron was A Good Man and a pleasure to work with.* ”

Gail Schulte - June 19, 2020 at 12:42 PM



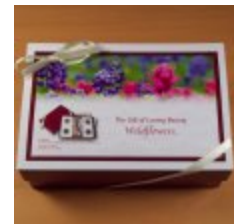
“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ronald Weidemann.* ”



November 18, 2018 at 01:33 PM

PC

“ *Pavlik clan purchased the Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden for the family of Ronald Weidemann.* ”



Pavlik clan - November 16, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Weidemann.*



November 15, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Weidemann.*



November 15, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ *I am a former Collins teacher and came to the school when it was brand new. Ron was always a kind and friendly man. He brightened up the school with his friendly smile and positive attitude. May good memories of him bring you peace.*

Mary Ann Messano-Gadula

Mary Ann Messano-Gadula - November 15, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ *Jeff, Donna, Ivey, Daiton, Logan purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ronald Weidemann.*



Jeff, Donna, Ivey, Daiton, Logan - November 15, 2018 at 02:40 PM

GT

“ *Mary and Family- I won't be coming to the funeral home, but just wanted to tell you I'm thinking and praying for your family at this time. Never thought we both would lose our husbands so close. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU! Much love, Gerri Techel,*

Gerri Techel - November 15, 2018 at 02:04 PM

FC

“ *From Cliff, Patrizia, Fiona, Cosima, and Cedric purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Weidemann.*



From Cliff, Patrizia, Fiona, Cosima, and Cedric - November 15, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Weidemann.*



November 15, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Weidemann.*



November 15, 2018 at 10:19 AM

LT

“ Ron was a wonderful person. Always had a smile and brought sunshine into the room. Always a gentleman and so great to work with. Condolences to his family.

Linda Theut - November 15, 2018 at 07:29 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ronald Weidemann.



November 14, 2018 at 08:31 PM

DD

“ Mary and family, I am deeply hurt to hear of the passing of your husband, Ron, your dad and grandfather and my dear friend. Please accept my condolences. What fond memories to cherish of very special times together. Praying for the family. Love Elaine Draper

Dona Elaine Draper - November 14, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Weidemann.



November 14, 2018 at 04:30 PM

MR

“ I am very sorry to hear about Ron's passing. I had the pleasure of working in the same office with him. He was a wonderful business professional and always a gentleman. My condolences to his family.

Michele Roeck

Michele Roeck - November 14, 2018 at 03:33 PM

CB

“ We met Ron and Mary around 2003 when we moved to Richmond. Got acquainted with them when we joined a euchre club together. He was very handy and help my husband do drywall when it came time to finish our basement. We especially remember when they would have their granddaughter Gwen over and she would wave to us while we were in our garage..

*Sincerely,
Al and Chris Briner*

Christine briner - November 14, 2018 at 03:01 PM

DL

“ Lily Lake residents have lost a wonderful neighbor. Jane and I would pass Ron and Mary on our daily walks. Always a pleasure to talk to and be around. Prayers to Mary and family. He will be missed!

Dick & Jane Leisses - November 14, 2018 at 01:06 PM

DT

“ So very sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I enjoyed working with him and always liked his positive attitude and friendly smile. We both retired from UCS the same year and enjoyed talking about our retirement. Prayers and comfort to Ron's family. Dave Turrel

Dave/Brigitte Turrel - November 14, 2018 at 11:41 AM

BH

“ Dear Family,

Ron's positive attitude and wonderful smile made him such a joy to know and work with!

I was always pleased to see him at board meetings. He was a very special person!

I am blessed to have known Ron. My condolences to all of you.

Sincerely,

Becky Higbie

UCS Board 86-97

Becky Higbie - November 14, 2018 at 11:01 AM

NR

Our granddaughters will greatly miss sneaking over for their Mr. Ron visits. He was great with them. Thank you. RIP.

Nancy Rimsa - November 14, 2018 at 11:07 AM

PM

“ Dear Mary and Family,

I knew Ron here at Lily Lake for just a couple of years but considered he and Mary good friends. Ron was a great guy with a beautiful smile; always willing to help with whatever.

He and Mary were visiting with us on our patio when I spotted a “sea monster” in the pond! I was pretty relieved when Ron saw it, too; so that my husband Bob and Mary didn’t think that I was nuts. Lol ! Turned out to be an anhinga bird (snake bird). We enjoy a chuckle together.

And, our dear fur baby Emma loved Ron and Mary. And, I think that they loved her, too. She would go running when she spotted them on one of their twice daily walks or when they we’re reading on their patio.

It is difficult to realize that he has gone on. I will miss him greatly. My hugs and prayers to Mary and the Family.

*With sympathy,
Paula Mohler*

Paula Mohler - November 14, 2018 at 10:49 AM

GS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear that Ron has passed away. I knew him for many years at Utica Community Schools, first at Heritage and then at the Administration Building. He was one of the good guys.*

Gail Schulte

Gail Schulte - November 14, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Weidemann.* ”



November 14, 2018 at 08:12 AM