



Ronald Eugene Fornowski

April 23, 1936 - September 11, 2020

Born in to this world on April 23rd 1936 in Chicago, Illinois to Eugene and Elsie (Kroeber) Fornowski. Loving Husband to Charlotte (Peretto) Fornowski. Caring Father to Cheryl (Brian) Bloom, Susan (Scott) Benda, and Patricia (Bill) Robinson. Adoring Grandfather to Allison (Benda) Snyder, Lauren (Benda) Hoffman, and Elyssa Fornowski.

He is known to his family and friends as Ron. Ron grew up in Chicago enjoying ice skating and roller skating at the “Swank” and spending his summers at Glen Lake with his aunt and uncle. Ron’s passion was working with cars. He and his friends would show off their “souped up” vehicles to each other, car shows, and street races. In Ron’s down time he was infatuated with the history channel, in particular WWII and the Hitler regime.

Ron attended Marquette University for 2 years, at which time he decided to leave college and follow in his Father’s footsteps to become a journeyman plumber. In 1956 Ron met his wife to be, Charlotte, who he married in 1958. They spent their honeymoon in Up North Michigan, Glen Lake; not knowing that the area would eventually become their home. While raising their 3 young daughters, every summer there was time spent up at the lake. When Ron inherited the family cottage on Glen Lake, he and his wife made plans to build a year-round home where they would retire. After many hard-working years Ron took over the family business as the owner of Complete Plumbing until his retirement in 2001.

As their daughters were married and had children of their own, they continued the tradition of coming to Glen Lake. Lauren and Elyssa made their first visit to Glen Lake at 2 and 5 weeks respectively and have been spending summers and winters up at the lake ever since. Allison, Lauren, and Elyssa were happiest when their grandfather took them out on the water. The whole day was spent tubing, skiing, anchoring the boat to swim, and teaching his granddaughters how to drive the boat.

Ron battled with a progressive chronic illness for the last 15 years of his life, but was smiling. Throughout those 15 years Ron stayed motivated to be the best husband, father, and grandfather he could be. His battle was over when he was called home on

September, 11th. His family and friends will miss him dearly.

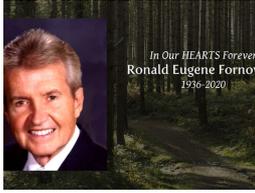
Mass of Christian Burial will take place 11AM, Friday, Sept. 18 at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church of Empire. Visitation begins at 10AM. Following Mass Ron will be laid to rest in St. Philip's Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Parkinson's Research Foundation, <https://parkinsonhope.org/>, or to the Glen Lake Association, <https://www.glenlakeassociation.org/donate-now/>.

Ron and his family are in the care of Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. You may visit his tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 18 at 07:54 AM



“ Char and family: Earl and I are so sorry to hear about Ron's passing. He was the greatest neighbor we could have. He will be missed. Hope to see you soon. Earl and Jean Spencer

Earl and Jean Spencer - September 17 at 11:09 AM



“ Dear Char, Cheryl, Susan, Patricia and your darling grandkids,

Gil and I are so sad to hear that Ron lost his battle with Parkinson's. We have so many fond memories for happy times together: Football parties with Ron in his cowboy boots as bartender and Char with a fabulous buffet spread; the infamous Wok on the water with you and your boat all decked out!; and the Happy birthday parties at Ron's favorite pizza place in FL (now our favorite, too!) You are all in our hearts during this sad time. We will miss his great smile and sense of humor! What a great husband, dad, granddad and friend he was!
Betsy & Gil Webb

Betsy Webb - September 16 at 11:39 AM



“ Ron was a great friend. We will miss him! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Char and his family!

Kathy and Terry Navin - September 15 at 10:14 AM



“ 8 files added to the album Cheryl





Cheryl Fornowski - September 14 at 11:03 PM



“ Love these, look at that happy smile!

Betsy Webb - September 16 at 11:40 AM



“ Char,
May God rest his soul...I have asked that a Mass be said at Notre Dame for him. Brighter note: I will always remember one of his funny comments "If you can afford to eat at Arts, you can afford to eat anywhere" Peace be with you.

Bob Kuras

Bob Kuras - September 17 at 09:18 AM



“ Nancy Lebich lit a candle in memory of Ronald Eugene Fornowski



Nancy Lebich - September 14 at 10:46 PM



“ Thank you Nancy for thinking of me and keeping me and my family in your prayers! I am Blessed to call you my friend!

Cheryl Fornowski - September 15 at 08:24 PM



“ La Tasha Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Eugene Fornowski



La Tasha Jackson - September 14 at 09:31 PM



“ Cheryl, so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I will always remember our conversations of him, how you cherished; loved him and most importantly how great of a man he was. My sincere condolence to you and your family. As the days go on, please know I'm here every step of the way.

LaTasha Jackson - September 14 at 09:36 PM



“ Cheryl, Brian and family. I am so sorry about the loss of your father. My heartfelt condolences and prayers. I'm here if you need anything. Nancy Lebich

Nancy Lebich - September 14 at 10:48 PM



“ Thank you Tasha for your thoughts and love. You are truly a wonderful Blessing in my life as my friend!

Cheryl Fornowski - September 15 at 08:24 PM



“ We will miss Ron. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Larry and Anne Krawczak

Larry and Anne Krawczak - September 14 at 06:16 PM



“ Thank you Larry and Anne for your prayers. It is hard to believe he is not with us anymore. Our family is Blessed to have you as friends!

Cheryl Fornowski - September 15 at 08:24 PM



“ Our hearts are sad to loose Ron. He was a good friend & a gentleman. Wonderful memories- our dinners & socials- his smile & his love for his family & friends. He will be missed.

Harold & Elaine Green - September 16 at 05:30 PM