



Ronald "Ron" Fred Fite

November 4, 1936 - August 26, 2015

Ronald (Ron) gained immortality with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 26. He was born November 4, 1936, in Barton County, Missouri, to Fred and Annice (Heiskell) Fite. He married Myrna Jean Medlin on November 22, 1957, in Lamar, Missouri. Ron earned BA and MA degrees at Central Bible College in Springfield, MO and a Masters in Teaching English and a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University.

Upon moving to Michigan, he pastored the Allegan Assembly of God Church, later becoming a teacher and school administrator with Allegan Public Schools for 15 years. He moved to Traverse City in 1981, accepting a position as Associate Superintendent with Traverse City Area Public Schools until he retired in 1995.

Ron was a member of Living Hope Church and enjoyed doing volunteer work for the church in many and various capacities. One of his greatest joys was time spent with his children and grandchildren.

Ron is survived by his wife, Myrna, daughter, Rhonda J. (Dan) White, son, Martin (Tobbe) Fite, sisters: Lois (Bill) Ogle of Reeds, MO, Loretta (Bob) Hines of Milo, MO. Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Justin White, Connor White, Kelsey White, Michael Fite, Kyle Fite, Amber Winowiecki and Courtney Longton, and five great-grandchildren.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Charles Fite, and a sister, Naomi (Fite) Heckadon.

There will be a celebration of Ron's life held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at East Bay Calvary Church, 2225 East Hammond Road, Traverse City, Michigan. Pastor Carey Waldie will officiate.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to the Living Hope Church Building Fund, 3050 South Airport Road West, Traverse City, Michigan 49684.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Ron's family at <http://www.reyn>

olds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

SEP **Celebration of Life** **11:00AM**
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East Bay Calvary Church
2225 Hammond Road East, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

Comments



“ It was truly a pleasure working with Ron at TCAPS. I respected Ron so much for his professionalism and for his special sense of humor. That humor was particularly evident when we compared our deer hunting exploits!

God Bless,
Suzie Williams

Suzie Williams - September 03, 2015 at 07:27 PM



“ Even though we have not seen Ron in many years, it was my pleasure to work with him and to have known him in our days at Allegan Our sympathy to all the family , he was a wonderful human being. Cathy and Tom Bishop
2019 Crystal Dr
Frankfort, Mi 49635

Tom Bishop - September 01, 2015 at 08:14 PM



“ From the members at Sands Creek

Ron Fite became a member in the mid-1980s of the sands creek conservation club and in that time
His contributions and dedication to the club was extraordinary.
In his time Ron has had many roles with the club Field coordinator ,club treasurer in every Roll Ron has held the club has been the benefactor
as you might imagine over the years we have been blessed to have shared the property with our family's and in some ways they have become our extended family with all family's we will not always agree with each other but Ron was always a calming factor.

from the club to the Fite family we would like to thank you for being a part of our lives it has been an honor to have had Ron as part of the sands creek family

Sands creek conservation club

Edwin Isaacson - August 31, 2015 at 06:12 AM



“ Dear Fite Family,
We will be praying for you to experience the help and comfort of the Holy Spirit. My wife Sandra and I went to college at the same time as Ron.

May the Lord give you strength and His blessings during this time of your lives.

Carl and Sandra Halquist

Carl Halquist - August 30, 2015 at 01:13 PM



“ Dear Fite Family,
Know for a certainty that my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Mr. Fite was a kind and humble man whose professionalism graced the lives of many. How incredibly fortunate I was to have known him and to have had the privilege of teaching his grandchildren...In the words of John Barrie, “God gave us memory that we may have roses in December...”

Diane Kenel-Truelove - August 30, 2015 at 08:31 AM



“ Although our visits over the years since we both left Allegan have been few, it was always great to get together on various occasions with the total Allegan Five and talk over old times and "check out" just how much older each of us was getting. If ever there was a role model (and he was) of a devout Christian it was Ron. That shining light was with him all the years that I was fortunate enough to have known him. There is no doubt in my mind that the first words the good Lord said to him was, "well done, good and faithful servant." Myrna, Rhonda, Marty, my condolences to you and the family. I will truly miss my friend Ron.

Tom Perry, Carleton, MI

Tom Perry - August 29, 2015 at 08:01 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Ron at TCAPS. My condolences to the family, especially to Connor and Kelsey.

Carol Roehrich - August 29, 2015 at 07:16 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Ron through both TCAPS and as the Key Club Advisor at West High. His positive outlook and warmth came through in every aspect of his work with both adults and kids. He will be missed.
Chris Esper

Chris Esper - August 29, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ Dear Myrna, Rhonda, Marty & families,
We are thinking of each of you, remembering you in our prayers and sending our love. Every time I think of Ron, I smile, because he always had a smile. Great memories of working with him at TCAPS.

Betsy & Maurie Allen - August 29, 2015 at 07:04 AM



“ Myrna, Rhonda, Marty:
Sue and I are truly saddened at Ron's passing. We conversed on the phone a few weeks ago and he portrayed a man at peace with himself, with his God, and I could "hear" the smile on his face that he always had and that we both enjoyed our conversation. Ron & I met in Allegan and when I moved to Mio and he moved to T.C., we still stayed in touch. At one time, we were the "Allegan Five" (Bob Peckham, Ken Santer, Ron Fite, Tom Perry and me) and for a some years we'd get together annually. Now, Ken, Bob and Ron are gone and there's a big hole or emptiness in saying "Allegan Five". Our prayers have been and will continue to be with you all. Truly, our deepest sympathy is offered to your family. Ron was a special person who always had a positive outlook and made people feel good. He will be missed greatly.
- Sue & Bruce Rank in Kalamazoo

Bruce Rank - August 28, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ Ron was a friendly, giving and personable guy that will be missed. I recall a time in Allegan when Ron enlisted help to roof his house and my husband Ken was part of the crew. The work started and the rain arrived at the same time. Ken's job was to take the shingles from the basement, up the stairs, around the house and up the ladder. Ron and the crew made jokes about it much later. We always appreciated Ron's sense of humor, smiling face and his caring ways. Arlene Santer

Arlene Santer - August 28, 2015 at 07:48 PM



“ Dear Myrna, Ronda, Dan, Connor and Kelsey. So, sorry to hear about your Husband, Father and Grandfather. He was a very wonderful man who will be very missed. God Bless to you all. Love , Aunt Elaine

Elaine Madigan - September 01, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ You were a wonderful Brother! I have a lot of wonderful memories. You are already missed.

Your sister,
Love You!

Loretta

Ronnette A Wilson - August 28, 2015 at 11:28 AM



“ I was blessed to have him as a Father in Law, he showed such kindness, wisdom, guidance and love. He always answered any and all questions I may of had. I could come to him day or night with an issue and he always had a smile that could light up a room. If not for him and Myrna I would not be attending Living Hope or for that fact a Church in general. I will always remember his words of advice, funny jokes and his Christmas Story reading of Jesus birth every Christmas before we could open gifts I will miss him dearly, but am blessed to see, feel and experience something angelic when he passed and I was by his side. I will see him again and I know as Myrna says his bright blue eyes and big smile will be there waiting to greet me!!!!

Tobbe Fite - August 28, 2015 at 06:41 AM



“ It was an honor to meet Ron and Myrna 16 years ago at Living Hope Assembly of God. Ron was always so encouraging. He became someone I looked up to and admired. He was there for me when I needed advice, big or small. I have so many good memories of Ron. He was smart, loving, charming, witty and knew just what to say at the right time.

Ron even solved a mystery for me. I had shaved all the fur off of my cat and after that my cat was VERY interested in his tail. He would swat it around and it would hit his side and he would jump. It was the funniest thing. I was telling Ron this story and Ron, with is amazing wisdom, said, "The cat has never felt his tail swat him before since he had all that fur." That made perfect sense. :)

Ron's dedication to his family was strong. He was so proud of them. He was an example to me of what a Godly husband, father and papa should be.

I will miss Ron. I loved him dearly. It was an honor to call him friend!

Maishelle L King - August 27, 2015 at 09:37 PM



“ Ron has been a good friend to my family. He could be called on in times of need. I am blessed to have known, loved, and called him friend. It has been a blessing getting to know him. And Myrna too. He had a generous ear and a wealth of wisdom. I will miss him greatly.

Pam - August 27, 2015 at 08:37 PM



“ I met Ron when we began attending Living Hope 8 years ago. One of my first memories of him was at a Leader's Dinner where he shared the many areas he was involved in at the church. He kept using the phrase, "I am blessed to serve....." His sincerity left a lasting impression on me. He was the definition of a servant. He did everything with excellence and truly took joy in every task. After that, I was blessed with the opportunity to work alongside Ron in some church business and he was so gifted in being able to teach a concept, or get his point across, in a way that always left me feeling encouraged....even after I had made a mistake. Through every struggle, he chose to focus on the goodness of the Lord and walk out every circumstance with joy. He truly was a gem. I grew to love him dearly and will miss him greatly!

Erica - August 27, 2015 at 07:37 PM