



Ronald R. Ward

October 1, 1939 - September 23, 2012

Ronald Ray Ward, 72, of Traverse City passed away Sunday, September 23, 2012 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Ronald was born on Sunday, October 01, 1939 to Cecil and Myrtle I. (Gross) Ward in Ridgeway, IL. Following high school, Ron earned his Bachelors Degree in Engineering from GM Institute, now Kettering. On October 18, 1958, Ron married Judith June VanSickle in Flint.

A resident of Traverse City for the last 12 years, Ron and Judy moved here from Grand Blanc. He enjoyed sailing, tennis and playing cards with friends. He and Judy wintered in Venice, FL where Ron served for several years as the chairperson on the recreation board of the Harbor Lights Retirement Community . He dearly loved his grandchildren, Jayson and Tyler Ward, Ashley and Emily Ward, Ellie and Ben Ward.

In addition to his wife and grandchildren, Ron is survived by his sons, Jeff (Sandy) of Cadillac, Bryan (Patti) of Whitehall, Greg (Anne) of Whitehall and Chris of Spring Lake. He is also survived by his mother, Myrtle Seeley of Cadillac, 4 nieces, 3 nephews and 1 cousin. He was preceded in death by his father and cousins Betty Hobbs and Carolyn Smith.

The memorial service celebrating Ron's life will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday. Oct. 6 at The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with Dr. Gary Hogue officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to The American Cancer Society or to a charity of one's own choosing.

Please share your memories of Ron with his family by way of his online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services,
Traverse City.

Events

OCT 6 **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

OCT 6 **Visitation** 12:30PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ You will me missed -- working with and for you was a great time in GM you was as joy to be around. God Speed Glenn Brisbin --- GM 1965 -1996

Glenn Brisbin - September 29, 2012 at 06:50 AM



“ For Judy and family . . .
During our lifetime we experience the good fortune to meet and become friends with new, outstanding people. For Barbara and I, Ron was unquestionable one of those persons. His tireless efforts and dedication to the improvement of the lifestyle at Harbor Lights was felt by this entire community. We were fortunate to have known and participated with Ron. Our lives were enhanced by the friendship with Ron. Our entire community will miss him greatly. Ron reveled in the "boos" he affectionately received when reading jokes at every gathering, and for that and many other reasons the community always enjoyed his presence. We know this is an enormous loss to all of Ron's family, especially you, Judy. We too feel that loss, but remain ready to assist you in any way we can. There is another family here Judy, ready to help you through the loss of your husband, your best friend. Our sincere condolences to all of Ron's family. -- Barbara and Philip Myers



Philip W. Myers - September 26, 2012 at 04:27 PM