



Ron E. Isley

May 31, 1938 - December 29, 2020

Ronald Edgar Isley was born to Walter James Isley and Henrietta Margaret (Ackerman) Isley on May 31, 1938 on a farm in the Geneva Township near Geneva, Nebraska. He passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska at the age of 82 years, 6 months and 29 days. He was one of 3 children born in the family.

Ron lived on the farm until graduating from Geneva High School with the class of 1957. After high school, he attended college for 1 year. Ron moved to Lincoln and worked for Gooch Food Products from 1959 to 1965. He then moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota and worked for Sperry Rand (Remington Shavers) from 1965 to 1969 before moving out to Los Angeles, California where he got reacquainted with his good friend Rich Mueller and began working for Lilly Shipping Company. Life in California was too fast for Ron, and in 1976 he moved back to Grafton, Nebraska and began operating a Motor Grader for the Fillmore County Roads Department, maintaining 75 miles of gravel road on the Grafton South Route for nearly 37 years, retiring from this vocation in 2013. In addition to working for the county, Ron also mowed the Grafton Catholic Church Cemetery and Church yard from 2005 to 2015. He completely retired from working in 2015.

Ron married the love of his life, Wanda Brownell, of Geneva, Nebraska on July 14, 1979, gaining 5 step children.

Ron and Wanda were inseparable. They went on many vacations including cruises and special trips to enjoy the music in Branson. Ron and Wanda also enjoyed dancing and singing together and enjoying any kind of music they could find locally. Ron and Wanda joined the Fairmont Community Church in 1982 and sang in the choir, which he dearly loved.

In his younger years, Ron loved to fish, hunt ducks, pheasants, quail, and doves. He also was an avid bowler and enjoyed playing cards with his friends. Active in his community, Ron also served as a Grafton Village Board Member for over 36 years, even taking his turn in the role of Chairman. He also served on several boards at the Fairmont Community Church and even filled the pulpit in times of need in Fairmont, Milligan, Bradshaw, Sutton

and Geneva in the Methodist and UCC churches.

Ron could be described as a good provider who was honest, loyal and had a great laugh. It was important to him to live a life that preserved and honored the name that was given to him by his parents.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents Walter & Henrietta; step-son Matt Brownell; and sister Adeline Morrissey.

He is survived by his wife Wanda; Step daughters Jennie Jones, Ruthie Browne, Bonnie Thurston, and Julia Phillips; brother David Isley; and brother-in-law Tom Morrissey; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service for Ron was held on Thursday, January 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Community Church in Fairmont, Nebraska. Pastor Seungli You officiated the Memorial Service. Nancy Jo Galusha provided the prelude and postlude music and Dennis Melby provided special music, singing "Peace In The Valley." The recorded selection "Going Down The Valley" was also played during the service.

In a private committal, Ron's cremains will be placed in the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Fairmont Community Church.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fairmont Community Church
705 F Street
Fairmont, NE 68354

Tribute Wall



“ 6 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 07, 2021 at 04:30 PM

LG

“ I have good memories of Ron as my parents were good friends of him and Wanda. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Lisa (Scheidemann) Griess

Lisa Griess - January 07, 2021 at 02:51 PM

JG

“ Grandpa Ron you were so good to my grandma and accepted all of us as your own true family. Thank you so much for being such a wonderful man to our family and taking such good care and giving her so much love. Rest in peace Grandpa. We all love you and you will be missed. Go be home with our lord and keep your angel wings looking down over all of us. Love you, especially for you being you RIP Jenna.

Jenna Kay Gregory - January 07, 2021 at 02:41 PM

DL

“ So sad to hear of Ron's passing. He was such a big part of my childhood when we were in Illinois as he was always visiting us, driving all the way from California in his VW Bug.
After we moved back to Nebraska, Ron and my dad taught me and my brother the joy of hunting pheasants. After marrying Wanda, Ron's family grew with the addition of Wanda's children which became another bunch of Grafton kids, joining a very special group of kids that I had the joy of growing up with. Ron and my Dad were lifelong friends that made him closer to an uncle to me. Ron was a great person and my family will greatly miss him. Prayers to Wanda and the rest of the family.

David, Nancy, Montana, Sierra and Sheyanne Laschanzky

David Laschanzky - January 04, 2021 at 07:53 AM

DM

“ *Our sympathy to Wanda & the family.*

Dorothy & Harold Moravec

Dorothy Moravec - January 01, 2021 at 08:26 PM

RB

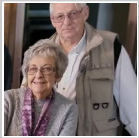
“ *Ron was a great guy and stepdad. Hewas so good to my sweet mother,Wanda. All us kids loved him so much. He will be missed very much. Ruth Browne.*

Ruth Browne - December 31, 2020 at 06:55 PM

BB

“ *Ron was a great guy! He would help u out. Wanda and him was a great couple. Prayers and good thoughts to the families. He will b missed.*

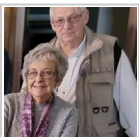
Brenda Bonin - December 30, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Barbara Zimmerman Engelbrecht lit a candle in memory of Ron E. Isley*



Barbara Zimmerman Engelbrecht - December 30, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ *Oh the memories of Ron and my brother Ken, rooming together in Lincoln, many many years ago. Such a humorous guy. Loved to hear him sing. Ron, you will sadly be missed. Prayers to your family. ❤️*

Barbara Zimmerman Engelbrecht - December 30, 2020 at 08:50 AM

VJ

“ *Gracious gentleman! Thoughts and prayers!*



Virginia Johnson - December 29, 2020 at 08:42 PM

MS

“ So sorry, Ron was a great guy with a beautiful voice🎵🎵 Sympathy to the family ❤️

Mark & Sarah - December 29, 2020 at 03:21 PM