



## Charles Ronald Becker

November 15, 1938 - October 14, 2008

Charles Ronald "Ron" Becker, age 69 years, 10 months, 29 days of Bolivar, Missouri went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Missouri. He fought a long battle of heart, lung and kidney failure.

He was born on November 15, 1938 in Galloway, Missouri to Horace Charles Becker and Edith (Kinser) Becker.

Ron attended Central High School in Springfield, Missouri and graduated in 1956. He married Ann Keene in June 12, 1960, and to this union were four sons; Charles Ronald, Jr. "Chuck", Bryan Lee, infants sons; Matthew Gordon and Tad Aaron.

Ron and his family were members of the United Methodist Church in Bolivar. He was involved with the youth for many years, not only through the church, but as a coach, cub scout master, friend and "cheerleader". Over the years his job required a lot of travel, but he always seemed to make it home just in time for the game. He was so very proud of his boys. Another service that was so special to him was serving as the Bolivar Santa Claus. It was a serious car wreck that injured his voice and forced him to resign in 1987. Ron was the writer in the family and touched so many, with his loving poems written for friends and family over the years.

Becker was a veteran of the United States Army Reserves for six years and obtained rank of Staff Sergeant. He worked for Universal Sunray, later becoming Gerson Company for 25 years. He was Division Vice President before retiring in 2002.

He is survived by his wife Ann of the home, two sons; Chuck and his wife Kelly of Bolivar, Missouri, Bryan of Buffalo, Missouri, grandchildren; Andy Martin and daughter Aspen of Springfield, Missouri, Amy Garrison and son Cameron of Strafford, Missouri, Nichelle Garrison of Springfield, Missouri, Shayla Casper and daughter Lily of Bolivar, Missouri, Trey, Nicholas and Ashlynn Becker of Bolivar, Missouri, a sister; Madeline and her husband Wesley Morton of Kansas City, Missouri, three sister-in-law; Carrie of Marshfield, Missouri, Zelma of Nixa, Missouri, Linda Stevens and her husband Tom of Battlefield, Missouri, a brother-in-law; Rick Keene and his wife Sally of Springfield, Missouri, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Horace and Edith, two sisters; Marie McMullin and Jodine Brewer, two brothers; Werth and Howell (Pooge), and two infant sons; Matthew and Tad.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm, Friday, October 17, 2008 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with Reverend Dan Adkison officiating. A Eulogy will be by Coach Doug Potts and speaking will be Chuck Becker and Bryan Becker. Musical selections will be "Knowing You'll Be There", "Lord's Prayer", "Go Rest High On That Mountain" and "Wish You Were Here". Burial will follow at the Galloway Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri. Pallbearers will be Ed Keller, Ron Treadway, Lester Friebe, Bill Minks, Gary Redford and Jim Godown. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dean Liston, Gerald Stephens, L.D. Silvey, Larry Teters and Ben Gonzales. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00pm, Thursday, October 16, 2008 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri.

Contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church, 105 E. Division Street, Bolivar, Missouri 65613 or to the National Kidney Foundation, 6405 Metcalf Avenue, Suite #204, Overland Park, Kansas 66202.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Ronald Becker*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Charles Ronald Becker*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Ann,*

*Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We have not seen and in awhile, but you were never far from our thoughts.*

*Ron was a true friend and we will miss him dearly.*

*Love and prayers to you now in your time of loss.*

**Dick and Carol Seversen** - October 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hey there Chuck and Bryan. Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. You boys take care of your selves and your mother Ann.  
Sincerly, Tony Hill*

**Tony Hill** - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ So very sorry about your loss, Ann, and family. It was not possible for either of us to make it to the visitation or service, but our thoughts and prayers are with you. We so fondly remember Ron's generosity in sharing his Christmas eves with us to visit our daughter, our nieces, and then our grandson. We have many wonderful pictures of Jill sitting on "Santa's" lap through the years.

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**Bill and Sandy Jones** - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Ann, Chuck, and Bryan. Ron was a positive influence in my childhood. (Of course so was Ann.)

*Please accept my sincere sympathy.*

*Ron*

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**Ron Hutcheson** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Ron  
You were one in a million. You traveled with me for 3 days and my jaw hurt from laughing so much. I never met anybody that knew so many jokes. You also kept my customers laughing right along with me. You were also a man that cared about your salesmen. I always appreciated that. You will definately be missed. I know you are with the Lord. I pray your family will feel his presence with them during this tough time.

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**Mike Boyer** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Dear Ann and Family:  
I know not where to start as Ronnie B was the BEST friend any one could ask for. He always worried about US not Him. He Loved his Family, His Lord and all his friends. When I last spoke to him 2 weeks ago he told he was waiting to go to the big House in the sky but knew not when and I razzed him about not leaving prior to reaching 70 well he didn't listen so now Ron you are home save and sound.  
God Bless you Ron and may God bless Ann and the Family.*

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**Jim Tierney** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Fare Thee Well, Ron.  
And If Forever, Then FOREVER,  
Fare Thee Well!*

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**Bret Anderson** - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *Charles Ronald Becker*

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**Sandy Ortner** - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dearest Ann and Family,

*My heart goes out to you. I can only imagine the deep sadness you are feeling right now. Ron was such an inspiration to us all and touched so many lives with his wisdom and love. He will be deeply missed by all.*

*I know he is watching over us from the heavens above, dancing with the angels.*

*With loving thoughts,  
Susie*

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**Susie Hines-Baker** - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ All know that I considered Ronnie among my dearest friends. I truly know that few have had a greater impact on our lives. I will miss him.....oel

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**oel castner** - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ It was my wonderful and distinct honor to have "Ronnie B" as a friend and associate since 1991. There are not enough words in Mr. Webster's book to describe this wonderful human being. Heaven is a much better place since yesterday. There is definitely laughter there now, guaranteed---Ron is holding court with jokes. There is a special menu this evening also---BBQ Bologna sandwich, potato chips and Diet Coke---and NO PARSLEY please!! The Governor of Missouri missed out on one of Ron's god-given talents--poetry---he should have been named Poet Laureate of Missouri a long time ago(I am very serious in that statement.) He was incredible. I shall cherish forever the poem he wrote for my son's ceremony upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. It was 5 pages in length from only a few sparse notes I gave to Ron. Will Rogers had nothing on Ronnie B. For those who were among the fortunate to meet and know him you are privileged. For those who never had the opportunity, that is your loss. I could write volumes about this man but I will end it here with my heartfelt sympathy to Ann and the family. I know how much you will miss him. He will be watching over us and he will still be WORRYING about US, not himself, just as he did in his time with us!!! And lastly, to all I say "Remember the good times, they help to heal the sorrows." God Bless and Take Care of Ronnie B. I love you Man!! Casey

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Casey Casebolt - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I worked with Ron at Universal Sun Ray attending the trade shows in Louisville. I had a great time with him and always looked forward to certain dinner places that we would go to. He was very dedicated to the company and knew everything about the flower business. He also had many jokes to keep us laughing. I have not seen Ron for a few years but thought of him often. Everybody loved Ron. He will be missed.

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**Jim Haaksma** - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ My sincere sympathy to the family of Ron Becker. His sense of humor will be remembered by all who knew him and had the pleasure to work with him.

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**Maurie Thorstad** - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Go in peace buddy.

*We shared many a good laugh. Especially at Champs on Sioux Falls, we both almost fell off our chairs.*

*Dick Sylvester*

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**Richard Sylvester** - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM