



Ronald Ellis Kessler

February 15, 1945 - January 29, 2016

Ronald E. Kessler, 70, of Morrisville, went to be with the Lord on January 29, 2016, after a six-month battle with lung cancer. He was born on February 15, 1945, in Brighton, MO, the son of

Henry L. and Magarete Earls Kessler. He was raised on the family farm and attended Pleasant

View and Pleasant Hope schools. Through the work on the family farm he learned and valued

the hard work it took to succeed in life.

In 1967, Ron was drafted into the U.S. Army and spent one year serving our country in the

Vietnam War. He was an equipment operator in the Engineers and received an honorable

discharge as a Specialist E-5. Serving his country was something he was proud of and he made

it his mission to instill patriotism in his children. He always flew a flag in his front yard.

Ron was united in marriage to Nina Jean Reeves on August 31, 1970. They recently celebrated

their 45th wedding anniversary in October, 2015. During their marriage they were blessed with

three children: Donnie Gene, Dustin lee, and Melinda lea. Donnie was born

with cerebral palsy and passed away in 1998. Dustin is a middle school math teacher for the Humansville R-IV School District and the Board President for the Morrisville Fire Protection District. Melinda is a CNA at Ash Grove Health Care Facility. Ron was very proud of the accomplishments his children have made with their lives.

Shortly before Ron and Nina's marriage, Ron began a 45-year long career as a professional truck driver. He began his career working with his brother, Roscoe, hauling produce. After their marriage, Ron began working with his father-in-law, Melvin Bell, as a livestock hauler. He was a livestock hauler for 27 years working for Strafford Brothers livestock, Carl Watson, and Bob Gammon Cattle Company. In December, 1997, Ron began working for Milky Way Transport as a tanker driver hauling bulk liquids. He worked with Milky Way until his diagnosis of lung cancer, which he found on their 45th anniversary in August, 2015.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents, Henry Land Margrete Kessler; three brothers, Roy, Roscoe, and Rex; and a son, Donnie. He is survived by his wife, Nina, of the home; a son, Dustin, of Morrisville; a daughter, Melinda, and granddaughter Jordan, of Walnut Grove; four brothers, Robert of Webb City; Russell and Sue, of Brighton; and Ruben and Carole, of Brighton; and Rickey, of Pleasant Hope; and two sisters, Rose and Don Ashley, of Pleasant Hope; and

Roberta and Mark Nash, of Strafford. He also has numerous other family members and an abundant host of friends.

Ron's motto that he always lived by was "always help others so they are able to help themselves."

Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Friday February 5, 2016 at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

Funeral service will be 1:00 PM Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Butler Funeral Home, with Rev. Randy R. Urich officiating. Interment will follow in Brighton Cemetery with full military honors.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **5**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
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<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **6**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Ellis Kessler*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Ronald Ellis Kessler*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I was sorry to read of your father/husband's death. Dustin, I've seen some of your accomplishments in the newspaper and I'm sure your father was very proud of your various endeavors. Melinda, you have a sweet personality that would make you a special caregiver. That is a difficult job, but such a help to many. I'm sure Jordan is a great blessing and was a joy to your father. All of you will be a comfort to your mother.*

*Joan Cox
Retired Elementary Counselor*

Joan Cox - February 08, 2016 at 07:29 PM



“ *Dustin and family, I am so sorry for your loss and send prayers to you all in your time of sorrow.*



Joy Riggins - February 05, 2016 at 06:55 PM

BG

“ Ronnie you were such a I big part of my child hood thank you for all the times you let me come over and stay the night with Melinda💕 you will be greatly missed

Brittney Gannon-Brewer - February 03, 2016 at 08:55 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss! I will pray for your family.

Veronica Leonard

Veronica Leonard - February 01, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. I will miss our Glow-bowl buddy. Prayers for the family at this sad time.

Linda Allred - January 30, 2016 at 12:56 AM

J(

“ I am so sorry, I went to school with Ronnie, prayers for the family..Janette Cribbs, Anthony

Janette Anthony (Cribbs) - January 30, 2016 at 12:07 AM

RS

“ I always enjoyed seeing Ron, he seemed to always be in a good mood and no matter where you seen him he always spoke.

Robin and Paul Sikes

Robin Sikes - January 29, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ *Love you all. Leslie McCarty*

Leslie McCarty - January 29, 2016 at 06:17 PM



“ *Ronnie and Ray Choate were quite the pair in there younger days.
Ray is really going to
miss his buddy and cousin and friend. .*

Donna Choate - January 29, 2016 at 05:26 PM