



## Ronald Selvey

December 11, 1929 - April 15, 2017

Ronald A. Selvey, of Bolivar, MO, died peacefully surrounded by his family on April 15, 2017, after a lengthy illness.

Ron was born December 11, 1929, in Lamar, MO to Roy and Essie McManis Selvey. He graduated from Lamar High School in 1947 and served 8 years in the Army Reserves. In 1953 Ron and his identical twin, Don, were appointed to the MO State Highway Patrol. Ron was stationed in Neosho, Anderson, and Bolivar, earning the rank of Sergeant before retiring in 1989. He married Donna Holtzen on August 30, 1953.

When Ron, Donna, and family moved to Bolivar in 1973, they found there was no Lutheran Church, so they offered their home for weekly services to the newly-formed congregation. As a charter member, Ron volunteered his time as president and various offices, as well as serving on the building committee for the present-day Zion Lutheran Church.

As an active community member, he was in Anderson Lions' Club, Bolivar Kiwanis, Bolivar City Golf Course and Silo Ridge Country Club. He was a member of The MO Peace Officers Association for 60 plus years. He donated more than 30 gallons of platelets to the American Red Cross over the years. After retiring, he volunteered to teach senior citizens' safe-driving course. Ron enjoyed golf, coffee with his buddies, mowing, and plowing gardens, but most

of all, he loved fried chicken for Sunday dinner with his whole family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Martin, Gene, Bob, and Leland Gail Selvey, sisters, Helen Carr and Lorene Norwood, and a baby daughter, Polly.

He is survived by his wife Donna, children Rhonda (Dale) Penn of Springfield, Roger (Bobbie) Selvey of Kimberling City, Peggy (Will) Beatty of Bolivar, and Cammie (Bill) Wine of Bolivar. He also leaves 11 grandchildren, Dayla Penn, Sarah (Gaetano) Travaglio, Chelsea Penn, Brad (Sumar) Selvey, Beth (Josh) Adams, Hannah (Chris) Falk, Bryan (Danielle) Beatty, Luke Beatty, Lyndsay (Jeremy) Papenfuhs, Abby Wine and Payton Wine. He adored his 11 great-grandchildren, Giovanni and Viviana Travaglio, Cooper and Brayden Adams, Parker and Kinsley Falk, Beau and Boone Beatty, Lexi, Ally, and Maci Papenfuhs, and he was looking forward to the arrival of Carlee Adams in June.

Other survivors include brothers, Keith Selvey of Kerrville, TX, Don (Thelma) Selvey and Carl (Beverly) Selvey of Lamar, sister, Louise Caruthers, Lamar, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 21 from 1 :00-2:30 pm. at Butler Funeral Home, 407 E. Broadway St., Bolivar MO. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Tom Rhodes at 2:30, and burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Bolivar. Pallbearers will be Brad Selvey, Bryan Beatty, Luke Beatty, Payton Wine, Josh Adams, Chris Falk, Jeremy Papenfuhs, and Eric Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Zion Lutheran Church PO Box 5, Bolivar, MO 65613; American Red Cross 1545 N. West Bypass, Springfield, MO 65803, or Bolivar City Golf Course, 1506 W. Broadway, Bolivar, MO.



# Cemetery Details

**Greenwood Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 21. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

### Funeral Service

APR 21. 2:30 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
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### Graveside

APR 21 (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery  
S. Dunnegan Ave.  
Bolivar, MO 65613



# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Selvey*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Ronald Selvey*

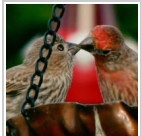
January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald Selvey.*



April 20, 2017 at 08:15 PM



“ *Jim and Lindy. Brian and Amy, Teresa and Kelly, We all appreciated the words of encouragement and welcome we received from Ron. He will be missed.*

**Lindy Mitchell** - April 20, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Selvey.*



April 20, 2017 at 03:59 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Ronald Selvey.*



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April 20, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Ron. He was such a gentleman and always portrayed total class. I will be forever grateful for the influence he had on my life. He will be truly missed. Please know you are each in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Jerald Andrews*

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**Jerald Andrews** - April 20, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ *Sarge was part of our family. We loved him dearly and will always celebrate his memory! He will be missed by all of us.*

*The Billy Chadwick family*

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**Billy Chadwick family** - April 20, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Selvey.*



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April 19, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Selvey.*



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April 19, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ *Our association with Ron Selvey was through the garden. He brought his equipment to our home and plowed and tilled our garden for several years. He and John enjoyed talking garden and equipment I knew his daughters through CMH and the Hallmark store and want to extend my sympathy to them. He was interesting to talk with and we will miss him. Our prayers go out to his family.*

*John and Carolyn Spiegel*

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**Carolyn Spiegel** - April 19, 2017 at 03:28 PM



“ *My name is Penny Hoenshell and my father was Rollo Barker and he worked for MODOT. Ron, and his brother, Don were highly thought of by my father as they helped him many times while working at the rest area near Mt Vernon, MO. I am so sorry for the passing of Ron Selvey even though I never actually was able to meet him, but I know from my father that Mr. Selvey was a fine, fine man. I'm deeply sorry for everyone's loss.*

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**penny hoenshell** - April 19, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ *What I will always remember is his smile  
He was great person I enjoyed visiting with him*

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**james taylor** - April 19, 2017 at 07:40 AM

MW

“ We are very sorry to hear of Ron's passing. Ron and Mickie Wiedemann

Mickie Wiedemann - April 18, 2017 at 02:49 PM

DP

“ Dan & Traci Pratt purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald Selvey.



Dan & Traci Pratt - April 18, 2017 at 12:35 PM

PS

“ I remember that his house was my second home when I played with his daughter Rhonda. I have a lot of fond memories. this from Penny Price smith

penny price smith - April 18, 2017 at 12:29 PM

ST

“ So honored to have worked with Ron! Any chance I got to ride with him I took it. I learned a lot and was blessed beyond measure! RIP BROTHER and friend!

Stephen Tillery - April 18, 2017 at 12:17 PM

PT

“ Patricia McPherson Tracy. I was blessed to meet the Selvey twins thru my first husband Judge Robert McPherson. Bob had much respect for them. I know he was saved and now is in a place of no more pain



Patricia Tracy - April 18, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ *Kristina Bayer lit a candle in memory of Ronald Selvey*



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**Kristina Bayer** - April 18, 2017 at 10:08 AM

NC

“ *I have such good memories of playing golf on Sunday afternoon couples and holiday golf tournaments with Ron and Donna! If you were lucky enough to be on his team you were likely to wind up a winner! Ron was a winner, he will be greatly missed!*

*Prayers for all the family!*

*Nancy Crowell*

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**Nancy Crowell** - April 18, 2017 at 08:51 AM

RH

“ *I have known SGT Ron for ever long as I can remember,great man I will miss him a lot .Glad too spend time with at CMH .God Bless 🙏*

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**rick hale** - April 18, 2017 at 05:40 AM

GC

“ *No finer man ever wore the uniform of a Missouri State Highway Patrolman than Sergeant Ronald Selvey. He was loved and respected by many people. He will be dearly missed. God bless his family and friends and God rest his soul.*

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**G. Paul Corbin** - April 17, 2017 at 11:23 PM

RS

*Thank you, Paul! I remember you well from the Cadet Patrol Academy. Dad thought the world of you and so did I. I already miss him but so blessed to be Ron's boy forever!!*

**Roger Selvey** - April 20, 2017 at 11:53 AM

AR

“ *Sgt. Selvey was deeply respected by those of us who had the honor of responding to emergency calls with him. I learned a lot from this warm-hearted, friendly man.*



**Angie Watson, RN** - April 17, 2017 at 11:01 PM

SM

“ *So many memories of this kind hearted man. He was a dedicated loving husband, father, and friend and admired and respected by those who had the privilege of knowing him.*



**Sandy McMasters** - April 17, 2017 at 10:02 PM

DK

“ *I was blessed to live next to Ron and Donna for several years. He was a great person and a wonderful friend. Love and prayers for the family as Heaven receives another angel. ❤️*



**Dolly Koon** - April 17, 2017 at 09:32 PM

GC

“ *Gretchen Combs lit a candle in memory of Ronald Selvey*



Gretchen Combs - April 17, 2017 at 08:50 PM

GC

*Sgt Selvey was one of the nicest men I have ever met. He married a wonderful lady and raised as awesome family. Sending prayers.*

Gretchen Combs - April 17, 2017 at 08:51 PM

DB

“ *Sgt. Selvey was a close friend of our family especially my parents. He will be dearly missed. So very sorry for your loss.*



Donna Binns - April 17, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Selvey.*



April 17, 2017 at 08:23 PM

JB

“ *Great person to know. True to his profession as a Trooper.*

Jim Bayer - April 17, 2017 at 07:51 PM

MI

“ Ron was a wonderful man. He and his onery twinkle in his eyes will be greatly missed.

*Missy (Covert) Morris*

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**Missy** - April 17, 2017 at 07:43 PM

JE

“ There is no words to express how much Ron meant to our family while in Anderson. He & Donna were always there when needed and Rhonda, Roger, Peggy & Cammie were like a part of our family. Thanks to all of you for sharing your wonderful husband and Dad with us. We loved him like he was one of our family and are so glad we visited with him in KC. Our prayers are with each of you in this difficult time and we are so sorry we can't be there in person but you will be in our thoughts.

*The Edmonds' Jim, Margie, Jeff & Melissa*

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**JIM & MARGIE EDMONDS** - April 17, 2017 at 12:55 PM

SK

“ Ron was one of the nicest, most friendly persons we knew, and made us feel very welcome when we moved to Bolivar. He was truly one of the good guys!

*Stan and Claudia Kravig*

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**Stan & Claudia Kravig** - April 17, 2017 at 08:12 AM

CR

“ *Carol Covert Roush lit a candle in memory of Ronald Selvey*



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**Carol Covert Roush** - April 16, 2017 at 07:50 PM

CR

*Ron was a special man. When I worked at Mazzio's he would toss his hat at me. Don tried to trick me, but he didn't know the hat trick. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.*

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**Carol Covert Roush** - April 18, 2017 at 06:14 PM

MW

“ *Mike & Krista Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Selvey*



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**Mike & Krista Wilson** - April 16, 2017 at 06:39 PM