



Ronald A. Hines

July 23, 1950 - September 18, 2014

Ronald A. Hines, age 64 years, a resident of rural Belknap, Illinois (the New Columbia community), passed away unexpectedly on his farm Thursday, September 18, 2014. He spent his last day tending to his cattle and land in the sunshine.

Ronald was born July 23, 1950 in rural Massac County. He was the son of Edwin Lavern & Iva Elizabeth (Smith) Hines.

Survivors include: his daughters – Megan (Brian) Bergfeld of St. Louis, Missouri and Kelsey (Nathaniel) Martin of Wake Forest, North Carolina; a brother – Gary (Debbie) Hines of the New Columbia community; 2 nephews, a niece, as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Lavern & Iva Hines.

Ronald was a graduate of Metropolis Community High School and earned a Master's Degree in Agricultural Education and Mechanization from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Ronald also had served in and was honorably discharged from the Army National Guard of Illinois.

Ronald was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church. He was also a

member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, the Massac County Farm Bureau, the Massac County Soil and Water Conservation District, as well as the Wildlife Society.

Ronald's career and passion was in farming and crop science. He was employed, until his retirement, at the University of Illinois Dixon Springs Agricultural Center. More recently, he worked with Syngenta as a seed agronomist. Ronald had a deep knowledge and understanding of farming and crop sciences, which he readily shared professionally in lectures and published research articles. Additionally, Ronald is fondly remembered for his love of helping his neighbors and local farmers as the "go-to person" in all matters regarding agriculture. Ronald loved the land and farming. He enjoyed working with his cattle and spending time with his faithful canine companion, Shea. Above all, Ronald especially cherished time spent with his daughters.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon, September 21, 2014, at 3 PM at the New Hope Baptist Church near New Columbia. Pastor Frank Forthman will officiate. Interment will be in the Metropolis Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be conducted from 1 PM – 3 PM Sunday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the New Hope Baptist Church, c/o Kent Korte, 5870 New Columbia Road, Metropolis, Illinois 62960.

Cemetery Details

Metropolis Memorial Gardens

North Avenue
Metropolis, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church
New Columbia Road
Grantsburg, IL

Service

SEP 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church
New Columbia Road
Grantsburg, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald A. Hines*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *We will miss Ron coming by the Massac Farm Bureau Office, in Metropolis. He will always be a well-respected person, in the Agriculture Community. Several stories have been told to me that Ron was the go to, when a farmer had an agronomy questions. He will be missed.*

Tammie Wiseman Obermark - September 21, 2014 at 11:26 PM



“ *My condolences to Ron's family. Ron was a great resource to find out what was going in the crops in southern Illinois. I frequently would call Ron during the growing season to find out what diseases were affecting southern Illinois crops.....he had a great eye for identifying crop diseases, and was well-respected. He will be missed.*

Carl Bradley - September 21, 2014 at 10:45 PM



“ *My condolences to the family on the sudden loss of Ron. I collaborated with him at Dixon Springs where he was so respected for all the research he did for southern Illinois. The entire agriculture community will be at a loss without him but know that his legacy lives on.*

Sara Allen - September 21, 2014 at 06:30 PM

RM

“ I have good memories of spending time with Ron discussion growing corn and soybeans both at meetings and one on one. He will be missed both personally and professionally. Lifting the family up in prayer.

Randy McElroy - September 21, 2014 at 08:50 AM

KH

“ My sympathies to Ron’s family. I recall when Ron pledged AGR. He was a remarkable person at that time. He positively impacted the lives of so many.

Ken Harrison - September 21, 2014 at 07:55 AM

HZ

“ Sorry for your unexpected lost. Ron and I where in the AGR house the same time. Dan Zwicker, Waco, TX.

H. Dan Zwicker - September 20, 2014 at 10:31 PM



“ Our prayers for your family. He loved his family very much, and loved his church family as well.



Judy Parr - September 20, 2014 at 11:57 AM

DE

“ My sincere condolences.

Dennis Eplin - September 20, 2014 at 09:59 AM

WH

“ So many memories, but most of all his smile, sense of humor and his love for us will always bring a smile to my face. I love you.



Wanda Hines-Wright - September 20, 2014 at 09:47 AM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss, Megan and Kelsey ... your dad was so proud of you.
Charlotte Benard

Charlotte Benard - September 19, 2014 at 09:48 PM

BB

“ So sorry for your sudden loss, Megan and Kelsey. Thoughts and prayers are with you and the whole family. Ron will be missed by many. You all have so many great memories to hold onto, and knowing that your Dad was so proud of both you girls, your marriages, and your careers. He talked of you often, and you could tell how much he loved you, and was glad to have you home. if I can do anything for you, just let me know. love you.

brenda, eric, and breanna - September 19, 2014 at 08:40 PM

BB

“ Brenda, Eric, And Breanna lit a candle in memory of Ronald A. Hines



brenda, eric, and breanna - September 19, 2014 at 08:36 PM

LK

“ *Lori & Dewayne Klotz lit a candle in memory of Ronald A. Hines*



Lori & Dewayne Klotz - September 19, 2014 at 04:00 PM

BM

“ *Beth & Randy Meinders lit a candle in memory of Ronald A. Hines*



Beth & Randy Meinders - September 19, 2014 at 02:26 PM

RM

“ *Russell And Maxine McBride lit a candle in memory of Ronald A. Hines*



Russell and Maxine mcBride - September 19, 2014 at 02:06 PM

AM

“ *Arlene Miles lit a candle in memory of Ronald A. Hines*



Arlene Miles - September 19, 2014 at 12:40 PM

AM

I will really miss My cousin Ron he was a wonderful person. Our prayers are with you girls and Gary and Debbie too

Arlene Miles - September 19, 2014 at 12:43 PM

LK

Our Family has a great loss, We will miss you. Prayer are sent to Megan & Kelsey. Love Ya. The Klotz Family

Lori Klotz - September 19, 2014 at 02:21 PM