



Ronald Lee Gierke

October 3, 1954 - April 19, 2024

Ronald Lee Gierke, age 69 years, a resident of rural Goreville, passed away Friday evening, April 19, 2024, at 7:45 P.M. at his home.

Ron was born in Kankakee, Illinois to Harold and Lola (Marsalli) Gierke.

Ron was an amazing guitarist and singer with the band “Pegasus” from the mid-70’s until 1995. In 1982, Ron and Marsha opened the gift and floral shop, Marsha’s Style, in the Carriage Lane Mall in Bradley, Illinois. In 1998, he moved to Southern Illinois where he and Marsha formed the Bands “Southern Strings” and “Pegasus II.” Ron was an accomplished woodworker and crafter. He loved working in his shop, creating memorable keepsakes for his kids and grandkids. Ron loved the outdoors, fishing, camping, and, in his younger years, he loved backpacking.

Ron is survived by: his mother – Lola Gierke; a brother – Michael Gierke; two nephews – Mitchell and Mason; and his aunt – Marie Marsalli.

Ron spent the last 42 years with the love of his life, Marsha Hayes and the children he loved as his own, Kerry Galant of Christopher, Illinois, Kenneth (Lisa) Hayes of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Kelly (Richard) Hayes-Stokes of Glenview, Illinois, Melissa (Josh) Gregoire of Bourbonnais, Illinois, and Amanda (Ian) Hayes-Brooks of Vienna, Illinois; the grandchildren he was so proud of –

LynnAnn, Christopher, Dylan, Britain, Brooks, Kaitlyn, Caleb, and Cameron.

Ron was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents; his father – Harold Gierke; and his grandsons – Brendan Goranson and Nathan Gregoire.

Ron will forever be remembered for his mischievous and lighthearted sense of humor, his selfless dependability and his unconditional love.

A private memorial service will be conducted.

Memorials may be made to assist the family and may be left in the care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, Illinois 62995. Please make checks payable to “Marsha Hayes.”

Tribute Wall

BI

“ *Billy&NancyBelford lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Gierke*



Billy&NancyBelford - August 14, 2025 at 11:30 PM

MR

“ *Marsha, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of your family.*



Mike and Sue Rossi - June 01, 2024 at 10:52 AM

CO

“ *Connie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Lee Gierke.*

Connie - May 24, 2024 at 01:42 PM

BB

“ *Billy&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Gierke*



Billy&Nancy Belford - April 25, 2024 at 10:05 PM



“ *Kerry Galant lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Gierke*



Kerry Galant - April 22, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Ron, You were such a great dad to me. You were always there for me and the family. You will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace. I love you.*

Kerry Galant - April 22, 2024 at 02:11 PM



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



April 22, 2024 at 12:59 PM



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



April 22, 2024 at 12:33 PM

YF

“ *Your Arrowleaf Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Lee Gierke.*

Your Arrowleaf Family - April 22, 2024 at 12:33 PM

TZ

“ *Mom I am so sorry. Ron was such a good man. Caring, loving and kindest man I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He will be severely missed by all you had the pleasure of knowing him. Many prayers to you and the family.*



Terry Ziemann - April 22, 2024 at 10:28 AM

JG

“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Gierke*



Joseph Giacchino - April 21, 2024 at 08:30 AM