



## Ronald Lee McBride

December 28, 1946 - December 9, 2025

Ronald Lee McBride, Sr., age 78 years, a resident of rural Simpson, Illinois, passed away Tuesday morning, December 9, 2025, at 2 A.M. at his home.

Ron was born December 28, 1946, in Johnson County Illinois. He was the eldest of eight children born to Walter and Mary (Gillespie) McBride.

On February 7, 1965, Ron was united in marriage to Marie Musgraves at the home of Rev. Arthur Dunn, near Cypress, Illinois. She preceded him in death on April 22, 2016.

Ron is survived by: his sons – Richie McBride of Simpson, Illinois, Chris (Nina) McBride of Vienna, Illinois, and Shawn (Meleah) McBride of Marion, Illinois; 11 grandchildren – William, Chelsea, Jordan, Quinton, Dawson, Alivia, Krista, Liberty, Andrew, Maddox, and Aria; 7 great grandchildren – Kylie, Sydney, Rayden, Keiny, Dani, Sylvester, and Bertie; his siblings – Jim Bob (Virginia) McBride of Vienna, Illinois, Elizabeth Pepin of Marion, Illinois, Billy (Betty) McBride of Montana, Peggy Hoots of Simpson, Illinois, Pat Green of Simpson, Illinois, Jackie Catoe of Karnak, Illinois and Mary Ellen (Gary) Mathis of Wisconsin; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Ron was preceded in death by a son –

Ronald Lee McBride, Jr. and a daughter – Ronda Malkowski.

Ron was a 1964 graduate of Vienna High School. He had been employed as a truck driver and insurance agent. Ron was an entrepreneur and owned and operated a number of businesses through the years. He had very strong political convictions and was the creator of the We Democrats website.

Ron enjoyed reading and was a devoted student of family genealogy as well having an extensive knowledge of botany. Ron also enjoyed P.C. gaming and fantasy sports; often maintaining fantasy football, baseball and basketball teams simultaneously.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. A private celebration of Ron's life will be conducted. Interment will be in the Bridges Cemetery, southwest of Vienna.

Memorials may be made to Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Gift Processing Administrator, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, Virginia 22172 or online at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or online at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ We were classmates at VHS, then lost contact over the years. Common interests and Facebook made us friends the last maybe 20 years. He was a good man who loved his family and was proud of them. They have my sympathy. I will miss him.

Kathryn Kerr - December 18, 2025 at 11:50 PM

BW

“ Barbara Wildes lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee McBride



Barbara Wildes - December 18, 2025 at 07:17 AM

LS

“ What must it be to step on shore and find it—HEAVEN;  
To take hold of a hand and find it—GOD’S HAND;  
To breathe new air and find it—CELESTIAL AIR;  
To feel invigorated, and find it—IMMORTALITY;  
To sail from the care and turmoil of earth  
To one unbroken calm;  
To land there and find it—GLORY.

*My sincerely sympathy on the loss of Ron. I enjoyed reading his heartfelt love for his wife which saddened me knowing how much he missed her. I am not sure how we connected on FB but am sure it was through our political views. I shall miss my FB friend and God bless his family during this time of year, but rest assured he is spending it with God and Marie and his loved ones this Christmas in Heaven where there is a joyous celebration. RIP RON.*

Linda Schenk - December 17, 2025 at 05:45 PM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee McBride*



**Bobby Rentfro** - December 16, 2025 at 02:57 PM

EM

*My condolences to Ron's family and friends.*

**Eva McMahan** - December 17, 2025 at 02:53 PM

FM

“ *Faye Mize lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee McBride*



**Faye Mize** - December 13, 2025 at 09:21 AM

SH

“ *sorry to hear about Ron love Stephen H.*

**Stephen Huckelberry** - December 10, 2025 at 09:39 AM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee McBride*



**John Slack** - December 09, 2025 at 11:14 PM



“ I am very sad to hear of Ron's passing. He has been a great Facebook friend. I have enjoyed all his commentary. My heart goes out to his family.

DEBBIE HORN - December 09, 2025 at 11:12 PM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee McBride



Bobby Rentfro - December 09, 2025 at 08:57 PM

WB

“ Wm&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee McBride



Wm&Nancy Belford - December 09, 2025 at 08:15 PM

MH

“ Keeping you in my prayers Richie.



Mary Lou Hynes - December 09, 2025 at 08:04 PM

PW

“ Pat Womack lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee McBride



pat womack - December 09, 2025 at 07:57 PM

CH

“ Curtis L Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee McBride



Curtis L Huckelberry - December 09, 2025 at 06:31 PM

BJ

“ BARBARA JEFFRESS lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee McBride



BARBARA JEFFRESS - December 09, 2025 at 06:19 PM