



## William Ronald Ross

January 19, 1942 - April 26, 2023

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William Ronald Ross, age 81 years, a resident of Joliet, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday evening, April 26, 2023, at 7:13 PM at Ascension St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet.

Ronald was born January 19, 1942 in Harrisburg, Illinois. He was the son of William Frank and Vivian C. (Craig) Ross.

On August 10, 1963, Ronald was united in marriage to Barbara Grace Harris at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS) Church near Tunnel Hill. Together, Ronald and Barbara shared almost 60 years of marriage.

In addition to his beloved wife, Ronald is survived by: his daughters – Kimberly Ann (Spero) Ventsias of Joliet, Illinois, Karen Michelle (John)

Huddlestun of Diamond, Illinois, and Julie LeAnn (David) Stout of Joliet, Illinois; grandchildren – David Glenn and Renee, Rachael Ann and Elizabeth Kate Ventsias; John Mitchell, Jessica Grace and Luke, Rebecca Ann, Andrew Joseph, and Kara Michelle Huddlestun; Abbygail Rain and Jon, Kailee Brianne, Delaynie Payton, Draven Michael, Paisley Grace, Lakeleigh Frances, and Woodsley Reese Stout; 3 great grandchildren – Franklin, Scarlett, and Rivers.

In addition to his parents, Ronald was preceded in death by a son – Jason William Ross; a grandson – Ivan Ross Huddlestun; a brother – Glenn Robert Ross; and a sister – Ramona Lea Ross.

Ronald was a 1959 graduate of Vienna High School. He then attended Southern Illinois University's Vocational Technical Institute (V.T.I.) and graduated with certification in automotive mechanics. Ronald was employed for a brief time in the welding department of the Allis-Chalmers manufacturing plant in Springfield. His primary working career was as a heavy equipment operating engineer. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local # 150 Ryan Inc. until his retirement.

Ronald was an outdoorsman. He enjoyed gardening, camping, and hot summer weather. Ronald was also an avid reader. He and Barb enjoyed attending southern gospel quartet singings. Ronald is remembered for his love of spending time with his family. He particularly cherished time spent with his grandchildren and instilled many important life lessons, including how to correctly hoe the garden and to stay in the walkways between the rows, making sure not to step on the young and tender plants.

Ronald and Barbara worshipped together at Stonehill Bible Church in Joliet and locally at the Stonefort General Baptist Church.

A service honoring the life of William Ronald Ross will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, May 3, 2023, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Jeff Owens will officiate.

Burial will be in the Webb Cemetery near Tunnel Hill.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 11 AM – 1 PM at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Illinois 62995 or to the Webb Cemetery, c/o Phil Webb, 5140 Tunnel Hill Road, Tunnel Hill, Illinois 62972.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

# Cemetery Details

## Webb Cemetery

Webb Cemetery Lane  
Tunnel Hill, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 3.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

**MAY 3.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



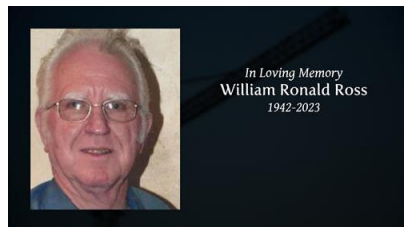
“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Ronald Ross



Bailey Funeral Home - May 03, 2023 at 03:21 PM



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“ Prayers for Barb and daughters.



Jacque Craig - May 03, 2023 at 08:45 AM

CW

“ *Clearon And Jane Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of William Ronald Ross*



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**Clearon and Jane Wright** - May 02, 2023 at 07:11 PM

CW

*We count ourselves bless to have friends like. Ronald and Barbara. We enjoyed many class reunions with them. Ronald was not only my friend but we were family. May God comfort his family.  
Clearon and Jane Ross-Wright*

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**Clearon and Jane Wright** - May 02, 2023 at 07:19 PM

YJ

“ *Your Family at Home2 Suites Joliet purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Ronald Ross.*



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**Your Family at Home2 Suites Joliet** - May 02, 2023 at 01:37 PM

AS

“ *Angie Street lit a candle in memory of William Ronald Ross*



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**Angie Street** - May 02, 2023 at 01:03 PM

TF

“ *The James R. Harrell families purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William Ronald Ross.*



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**The James R. Harrell families** - May 02, 2023 at 11:17 AM

RK

“ *Roxanne, Kim, & Karri purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Ronald Ross.*



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**Roxanne, Kim, & Karri** - May 01, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Ronald Ross.*



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May 01, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Ronald Ross.*



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May 01, 2023 at 01:10 PM

RR

“ *Rosemary McCuan Rouse lit a candle in memory of William Ronald Ross*



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**Rosemary McCuan Rouse** - May 01, 2023 at 12:31 PM

VH

“ *Virginia Harner lit a candle in memory of William Ronald Ross*



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**Virginia Harner** - April 30, 2023 at 07:39 PM

SV

“ *Shari Verkey lit a candle in memory of William Ronald Ross*



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**Shari Verkey** - April 30, 2023 at 07:38 PM