



Ronald Lee Melvin

April 14, 1948 - November 28, 2018

Ronald Lee Melvin, 70, of Bloomington, passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at his residence. He was born on April 14, 1948 in Bedford, Indiana; the son of William Raymond and Marjorie Vera (Wilhoite) Melvin.

Ronald was a decorated veteran with the United States Army. During his tenure with the Army, he worked as an Electrical Engineer, before he was honorably discharged in 1970. Ronald was highly active with his volunteering with VEVA and helped establish the Soldiers of All Wars Veteran's Memorial Wall in downtown Bloomington, in which he was a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Ronald was a member of the American Legion Post 18, the Masonic Lodges in Solsberry and Bloomington, and was a 32nd degree Knights of Templar Member. Ronald was a devoted family man; whose granddaughters were the light of his eye. He enjoyed woodworking, car remodeling, and home improvement projects. Ronald was a caring man, who often went out of his way to help those around him.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Diana S. Melvin; sons, Bryan (Katy) Melvin and Richie Melvin; granddaughters, Sydney Melvin and Molly Melvin; step-children, Kristina (Mac) Kinser, Robbie (Rikki) Phillips III, and Bobbie Jo Wilson; brother, David (Debbie) Melvin; and niece, Hillary Hedge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Janice Bruce, and third wife, Vicky Phillips Melvin, and step-daughter, Jennifer Bailey.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Ronald's memory to The Blinded Veteran's Service or a Veteran's Association of the donor's choice. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Ronald's family at <http://www.allencares.com>

Events

DEC **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:00AM

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Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN, US, 47401

DEC **Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ I worked for Ron Many years ago. He took Me in when I needed a place. I remodeled Mobile Homes for Him, and drove for Him. I only learned tonight of His passing. He was a wonderful Man, and a great boss and friend. I will never forget Him.

Luke Edward Sadler - October 02, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ Bryan...I loved your Dad, dearly. The wonderful memories of our time together working on raising the funds for the Vietnam Memorial on the Northwest corner of the Courthouse Square and being together for all those VEVA meetings and get togethers with Ron and Marsha Jolly, Don and Diana Patterson, Tom and Jo Vernon, Paul and Marie Schoonmaker, Buddy and Becky Newlin, Jeff Boyd, Mike Bunch, Tom Utley, Doug and Brenda Stauch, Donnie Johnson and Gary and Becky Covey...what fabulous people they all were, and, are. God bless you, Bryan, and, may your darling Dad rest in peace. Love, Evelyn Powers, Bloomington, IN

Evelyn Powers - December 04, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ Bryan, your dad was one very special guy and will be missed by many as he was loved by all. I remember his hearty laughter when he would call Don and I would yell “ it’s that damn Melvin is on the phone”.I know Don loved him and we would talk about him often recalling the fond memories we made with him and you. You, too, are very special to us and hope you will remember the Patterson family with fond memories. He was so very proud of you and did a wonderful job of raising you. Lots of love and hugs are being sent to you and your family. Love you and remember we are only a phone call away.

Diana K Patterson with Jeremy and Travis. Bloomington, IN

Diana Patterson - December 06, 2018 at 11:38 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Melvin.



December 03, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ Growing up Ronnie was like a brother to me, he was close to our whole family. We had a lot of memories. I introduced him & Janice. After they were married & became pregnant with Bryan what a happy time. After Bryan was born he was a cherished little guy by his parents & grandparents Margie & Biil. The Robbins family & Melvin family had a special bond, each knew much live for one another. My thoughts, prayers & love.

Terri Robbins Briscoe - November 30, 2018 at 08:27 PM



“ Bryan, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I trust the wonderful memories you have will sustain you during this difficult time. You and your family are in my thoughts .

Best,
Karen Pieper

KAREN PIEPER - November 30, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ Bryan, Kate, Sydney & Molly,
Our thoughts & prayers are with you all during this very sad time. It's so difficult losing a dear loved one. And we thank Ron for his service to our country and the price he paid in doing so. He has our respect and you have our deepest condolences. Sincerely, Chuck & Cindy Smith



Chuck & Cindy Smith - November 30, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ Red & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Melvin.



November 30, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Melvin.



November 30, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ Rita Verbocht lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Melvin



Rita Verbocht - November 30, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Melvin.



November 30, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ brmelvin is following this tribute.

brmelvin - November 30, 2018 at 07:08 AM



“ Bryan, This is a sad and joyous time all at once. I will miss one of the best men I have ever known. He took me in as a friend and made my life richer. We laughed, share stories, politics, current events, debated and agreed at times, but always with respect and love for each other. I was proud of what he stood for, how he shared his wisdom and encouraged everyone around him to be educated and do your best. He was amazing in how he lived life blind. I'm joyful for him that he no longer has to suffer poor health and that he can now "see" and ride that Harley from sunrise to sunset. He loved you Bryan. Ron was proud of the man you are and your accomplishments. He lived another life through you. He cherished Katie, Molly and Sydney. Some knew Ron as Dad Ron, a father figure to many! I always thought it was so funny he referred to himself as "that damn Melvin" I was blessed to know him. God Bless your family, you are in my prayers. Sheryl Smith

Sheryl Smith - November 30, 2018 at 11:44 AM