



Ronald Irvin Bidwell

September 8, 1925 - August 3, 2017

Ronald Irvin Bidwell died peacefully at home on August 3, 2017. Born in Bloomington, IN, on September 8, 1925, he was the son of Walter and Arah (Smith) Bidwell. A lifelong resident of Bloomington, he graduated from Bloomington High School in 1943 and was a World War II Navy veteran. He worked 36 years at RCA (GE), retiring in 1988. In addition to working at RCA during the day, he was a motion picture projectionist at the Towne Cinema (formerly Harris Grand) and College Mall Cinemas. He holds a lifetime gold card with the International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees (IATSE), and served as the treasurer for Bloomington Local 618 for decades.

Ron began his working career as an usher at the Indiana Theatre, which is where he met his wife of 63 years, Margaret Elaine Cloutier. They were married in 1947 and raised five children. He was devoted to his family, and he spent most of his life working two jobs to provide for them. He was a classical music and big band enthusiast, and he carried his passion for the silver screen with him his entire life.

Ron was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, his parents, and his brothers Kenneth and Walter. He is survived by his sons Ronald Bidwell (Elzbieta) of Columbus, IN, and Thomas Bidwell (Richard Luketich) of Chicago, IL; his daughters Andrea Bidwell-Smith (Jim Smith), Janice Sexton (Rocky), and Lisa Bidwell (Ken Meadows), all of Bloomington, IN; 19 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandson.

A memorial mass will be held Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 10:00 am at the

St Paul's Catholic Center in Bloomington. with Father Joseph Minuth officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 9:00 am to service time at the church. A private family burial will be take place at a later date. Cremation Rites have been accorded. Allen Funeral Home & Crematory have been entrusted with the arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Catholic Center
1413 East 17th Street
Bloomington, IN 47408

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Ann and all the family, we are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was a great guy and all his co-workers and friends at IU always enjoyed his jokes and happy go lucky attitude. "Old Gravy" will be missed.

Terry R. and Terry S. Williams - August 16, 2017 at 11:48 AM

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“ We are sorry for your loss. Your entire family our in our thoughts & prayers. Ron will always be remembered as such a sweet man with a great sense of humor. Love to all.
Martha Boren; Randy Boren; Nancy (Boren) Pugh; Ann (Louann Boren) Lapadula

Nancy (Boren) Pugh - August 13, 2017 at 12:33 PM

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“ He was great to work with and to know as a friend at RCA, he could always make us laugh, such a wonderful man. May God help all of you in this great loss.
Mary Ellen Sowders

Mary E. Sowders - August 09, 2017 at 10:47 PM