



## Ronald Lee Chapman

December 11, 1942 - October 25, 2021

Ronald Lee “Ron” Chapman, 78, of Bloomington passed away October 25, 2021 at Hearthstone Health Campus.

Born, December 11, 1942 in Anderson, IN; he was the son of Arthur and Harriet (Holzer) Chapman.

Ron was a 1961 graduate of Anderson-Madison Heights High School. He earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from Rose Polytechnic Institute (now Rose Hulman Institute of Technology) in 1965. There, he was member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and ROTC. After graduating from Rose Institute he worked for Public Service Indiana in Columbus where he engineered the wiring layout for the Greenwood Park Mall.

Ron went to active duty in the US Army graduating from Military Intelligence School January 1967. As a military intelligence officer, he was assigned to special forces in Vietnam. He earned the rank of Captain and was awarded the Bronze Star. Ron took the LSAT (Law School Admission Test) in Saigon, and graduated from Indiana University School of Law in 1971. He was Notes Editor of law review.

During his long legal career he was deputy prosecuting attorney for Brown County Schools and Perry-Clear Creek Fire Protection District and partner in several law firms in Bloomington concentrating his private practice in insurance defense and criminal defense. Ron was a highly skilled and effective trial lawyer.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include children, Michael Chapman (Trace), Shawn Alexander (Lt. Colonel Marc); Tara Koslowski (John); brother, Thomas Chapman (Pam); grandchildren, Victoria Jones, Abigail and Adam Alexander, Samuel and Levi Chapman, Margaret Mary and Beatrice Kozlowski; niece, Amy Chapman, and nephew, Jason Chapman (Kristin).

Ron loved his family, his many friends, practicing law (especially jury trials), Lake Monroe, dogs, The Office Lounge, pro football (especially the Indianapolis Colts); IU basketball and casinos.

An informal visitation and gathering to share memories of Ron will be, 1-3pm Saturday, October 30, 2021 at The Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 S. Old State Rd. 37 in Bloomington. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com) Memorial contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood, Southern Poverty Law Center, or ACLU (America Civil Liberties Union).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Ron and I are fraternity brothers in A.T.O. from Rose Poly in Terre Haute, Indiana. Additionally we were roommates when we lived in an apartment for a semester while we were in school. He was a pleasure to know and I remember him although it has been over 50 years. Chuck Huppert, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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**Charles B. Huppert** - November 02, 2021 at 04:23 PM

LD

“ My naive daughter was caught with drugs in 2007 when she was 20 years old. Not having anyone in our family arrested and taken to jail before, my husband and I had no idea what to do or who to ask for help. Finally my husband called his old friend who has worked in the prosecutors office for years and asked for her advice. She said Call Ron Chapman, we hate to go up against him because we always loose. I called your Dad, he was so good to me and my daughter. Walked us through the entire process. He kept her from being sent to the women's prison and got her sentence reduced. We found out later he had done this many times over. What a loss for the community and especially for you, his loved ones.

*Luann Dillon  
Jennifer Dillon*

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**Luann Dillon** - October 31, 2021 at 02:55 PM



*Ron was such a caring man.  
He helped our family through a terrible time and we came out better for the experience.  
I will never forget him.  
Thank you Ron for your service to our Country ,our State and the Bloomington community.  
Mary Alice Reid MD  
Austin Reid*

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**Mary Reid** - January 18, 2022 at 12:46 PM

EL

“ *In the summer of 1978, Ron hired me as a law clerk for his law office, which was then located on 4th St. I've always given him some of the credit for my having a long and successful legal career because he got me started.*

*I left Bloomington in 1979 for a job in Fort Wayne and returned in 1991. Ron helped me get re-acquainted with the legal community by, among other things, introducing me to the lunch group at the Elks. Although we ran in different circles in our practices, Ron always greeted me as a friend when I'd see him at the Justice Building or the Kroger parking lot.*

*My best to the family. He was a wonderful man. It was a privilege knowing him.  
-- Ed Liptak*

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**Edward Liptak** - October 30, 2021 at 07:48 PM

FN

“ I send my deepest condolences to Ron's family. I am unable to attend the services this afternoon but want Ron's family to know that I thought Ron was a great and kind man and a wonderful attorney. I will always be thankful for Ron's kindnesses to my family and me. He was a pleasure to talk with and his presence was always uplifting. He will definitely be missed. Frank Nardi

Frank M. Nardi - October 30, 2021 at 11:35 AM

SH

“ Ron was a great friend and even better boss. After returning to Bloomington I was fortunate enough to be assigned to work for Ron and Susan at the Andrews, Harrell law firm. My sympathy to the entire family for your loss. May your memories console you in the days ahead. Shirley, tow

Shirley - October 30, 2021 at 09:18 AM

GD

“ After arriving in Bloomington in 1992, I first knew Ron as a friend and later as an adversary. At all times, Ron, a great American, was also invariably polite, professional, witty and a staunch advocate for his clients. He was a role model for his profession and, no doubt, for his family and friends. He will be missed by many.

Gary Dunn - October 29, 2021 at 12:50 PM



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



October 28, 2021 at 08:09 PM

SR

“ A great attorney, and more importantly, a great human being. Very sad to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Shannon Robinson

Shannon Robinson - October 28, 2021 at 07:22 PM

GC

“ Tara, sorry to hear about your loss. I will be thinking about you and your loved ones.

Greg Carter - October 28, 2021 at 03:12 PM

KW

“ I worked for and with Ron at Cotner, Andrews for around two years in the early 1990s. He was a terrific lawyer, a valuable mentor, and a lovely fellow. The Monroe County legal community, and the community as a whole, will miss him greatly.

Karen A. Wyle - October 28, 2021 at 10:54 AM

DM

“ Ron was one of a kind. I hate to hear of his passing. He was a very generous soul and he will be missed. Prayers to his family at this time.

Dawna Miller - October 27, 2021 at 05:24 PM



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



October 27, 2021 at 01:16 PM

JH

“ I was saddened to hear of Ron's passing. I truly enjoyed working cases with him even though we were always on opposing sides. He was a true professional and a pleasure to just sit and talk with. He never spoke of his tremendous academic and military background, but I wish he would have. To borrow a phrase he liked to use, Ron was truly "a scholar and a gentleman." I will miss him.

*Jarrold Holtsclaw  
Greene County Prosecutor*

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**Jarrold Holtsclaw** - October 27, 2021 at 10:11 AM

CJ

“ My thoughts & prayers are with Marc, Shawn, Tori, Abby & Adam. Shawn, your Dad was a remarkable, exceptional gentleman. A true man of integrity, caring, loving, respectful & very considerate. You could see, the minute he was with your family, how proud he was & how much he loved all of you. May he Rest In Peace & his legacy live on through the many people he touched.....🙏❤️

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**CD & Judy Jones** - October 27, 2021 at 12:01 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Chapman.



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October 26, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Chapman.*



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October 26, 2021 at 10:14 PM



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**Marc Alexander** - October 26, 2021 at 10:01 PM



“ *Ron was a favorite of mine. I always found him to help a kind heart and willing to do the right thing at the right time. I'm wishing peace and wonderful memories for his friends and family.*

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**Linda Robbins** - October 26, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ *Dad you will be missed a ton!!* 💔



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**Shawn Alexander** - October 26, 2021 at 04:29 PM