



Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby

December 24, 1939 - March 14, 2019

Ronald G. Ashby, 79 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2019 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls. A Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at First Lutheran Church in Little Falls, with Rev. Jake Dyrhaug officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be from one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

Ron was born December 24, 1939 in Correctionville, IA to the late Hazel (Feddersen) and Buford Ashby. He was united in marriage to Mary Ann (Toots) Collins on September 13, 1958 in Oto, Iowa. They enjoyed many winters at Paradise Acres in Alamo, TX. Ron received his business education at Wayne State University in Wayne, NE. After college, he was employed by F. W. Woolworth for many years prior to moving to Little Falls in 1970, where he owned and operated the Ben Franklin store, which later became Ron's Variety. In 1988 Ron was honored as "Boss of the Year" by the Little Falls Jaycee's. For a little man, Ron had a big heart. He loved people and had a way of making everyone comfortable and feel welcome.

Ron is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Ann (Toots); children; Jodi (Mike) Philpot, Susan Tschida, Dan (Therese Sue) Ashby, Lisa (Ron) Sahr, and Paul Ashby; 14 grandchildren, Nicole (Travis) Fuechman, Michael (Kellie) Ashby, Troy (Rachel) Philpot, Megan (David Marynik) Philpot, Andrea (Jared

Fisher) Philpot, Stacy Philpot, Ben Tschida, Sheryce (Brian) Souder, Kayla (Jason Nuehring) Tschida, Bryce (Rebecca Gall) Tschida, Chad (April) Mendyk, Casey (Andy) Waltman, and Ammber (Andy Slagle) Sahr; 20 great-grandchildren and special family friend, John Wenzel (J Dub); brothers, Norman (Corrine) Ashby of Sioux City, IA, Marlin (Pauline) Ashby of Santa Maria, CA; sister-in-law, Marcine Guenther of Sioux City, IA.; brother-in-law, Bill Collins of Kingsley, IA.

Ron was preceded in death by his son, Mark Ashby in 1986; mother and father, Hazel and Buford Ashby; mother and father-in-law, Olive and Lewis Collins; brothers and sisters-in-law, Earl Miller, Joe Guenther, Duke Collins, Stub Collins, Pete and Vera Collins, Dutch and Sharon Collins; niece, Charlotte Mulhorn and son-in-law, Chuck Tschida.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church - Little Falls
2100 Riverview Drive
Little Falls, MN

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church - Little Falls
2100 Riverview Drive
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 25, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ *Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I always remember Ron's smile and patience with me, whenever I would come in to get something framed. I am so very sorry for your loss. Ron was a very kind man who I truly enjoyed visiting with.*
Leeanne Grosso

Leeanne Grosso - March 28, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby.*



March 27, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby.



March 26, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby.



March 26, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ Mary Ann Olson (Boser) lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Mary Ann Olson (Boser) - March 21, 2019 at 10:00 PM



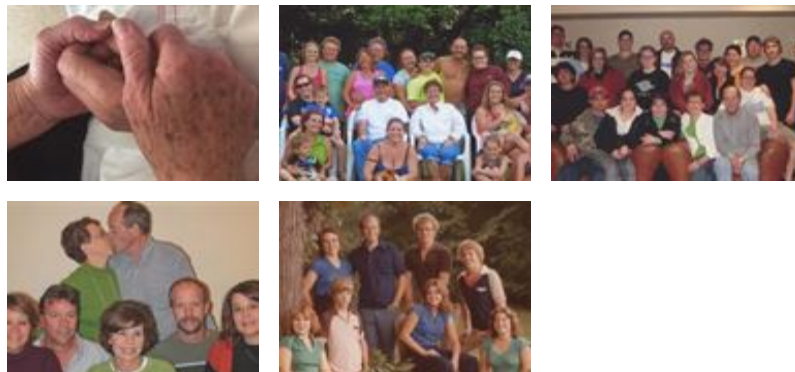
“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Kayla - March 21, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ 53 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 21, 2019 at 10:43 AM

RO

“ I am sorry that Ron has died. We were neighbors in business when he was at Ben Franklin and I was at the Black and White. Heart-felt condolences to Mary Ann, Paul, and the rest of his family. --Ron Lyschik

Ron - March 20, 2019 at 10:37 AM

PF

“ Patricia Fortier lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Patricia Fortier - March 19, 2019 at 06:54 PM

LB

“ Mary Ann and family, I am so sorry about the loss of Ron. We enjoyed working with him at the store. I am so glad we got to know him. Our prayers are with you. Linda Burggraff

Linda Burggraff - March 18, 2019 at 10:32 PM

BB

“ Oh Toots we were so sorry to hear about Ron. Both of you are special to us. We missed seeing you this year at Alamo Paradise. Sending our love to you and your family.

Betty and Eddie Baker

Betty & Eddie Baker - March 18, 2019 at 10:19 PM

BF

“ Toots and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers (my mom's also). Ron was a great guy--always had a friendly hi and smile. We enjoyed him considerably at Alamo Paradise Acres. I hope you find comfort and solace in God's word. Remember that there are many who will miss him. God Bless, Bev & Helen Faber

Bev Faber - March 18, 2019 at 03:07 PM

JK

“ Sympathies to the Ashby family. Holding you up in prayer.



Judi Kosbau - March 17, 2019 at 08:05 PM

LO

“ Laurie Ochoa lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Laurie Ochoa - March 17, 2019 at 06:25 PM

PT

“ Pat Theis lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



pat theis - March 17, 2019 at 04:48 PM

CM

“ Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Claudette Moran - March 17, 2019 at 02:38 PM

DJ

“ Sincere sympathy to the Ashby family, may Ron rest in peace.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - March 17, 2019 at 12:48 PM

LB

“ Toots & Family We share is your loss and praying God's words will give you comfort at this most difficult time. We have many wonderful and happy memories of Ron from our winters in Alamo Paradise Acres. God Bless Lyle / Cecilia Beaver

Lyle G Beaver - March 16, 2019 at 01:49 PM

FA

“ Faye lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Faye - March 16, 2019 at 01:24 PM

FA

I remember Ron from his Ben Franklin days and doing the weekly ad for him. He was such a kind and friendly man.

Faye - March 16, 2019 at 01:26 PM

SO

“ Sandy And Bryan Olson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Sandy and Bryan Olson - March 16, 2019 at 11:57 AM

SJ

“ Scott Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Scott Jackson - March 16, 2019 at 11:26 AM

MS

“ *Mark & Pam Savage lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*



Mark & Pam Savage - March 15, 2019 at 10:56 PM

JH

“ *We are sorry to hear of Ron's Passing .
Thounts and prayers to your whole family.*



Jim, Linda Hilmerson - March 15, 2019 at 10:19 PM

DB

“ *I bought the picture frame business from Ron and Maryann, not only did I get a great business but an amazing friend and mentor. I will always remember all the fun we had at work , good bye friend.*

Dave Burggraff - March 15, 2019 at 09:15 PM

MO

“ *Michael And Michelle Olson lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*



Michael and Michelle Olson - March 15, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby.*



March 15, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ *Kathy And Ken Kloss lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*



Kathy and Ken Kloss - March 15, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to Paul and family, Paul and Tracy*

Tracy VanHercke - March 15, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *To the entire Ashby family please accept our deepest sympathy. We are saddened with the loss of Ron. We will hold you all in our hearts and prayers during this time.*

Ray & Dianna Schulte - March 15, 2019 at 01:37 PM



*My thoughts and prayers go out to Dan and his family for the loss of their father.
Roger Gance*

Roger Gance - March 15, 2019 at 07:22 PM

JG

“ Jerry And Shirley Gifford lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Jerry and Shirley Gifford - March 15, 2019 at 11:37 AM

KN

“ Many tears shed by all. I lost a great friend who made us all laugh and lifted us up. You are Home now and we will see you again someday. Karon newcomb

karon newcomb - March 15, 2019 at 11:36 AM

K(

“ From the Bongo family, we send our love and deepest sympathies.



Karla Plante (Bongo) - March 15, 2019 at 11:11 AM

KE

“ SO sorry to hear about Ron, we loved him. He was always so friendly and joking. He will be missed by many. Thoughts are with you Toots, and family, he was a great guy. Karyn and George Engebretson

Karyn Engebretson - March 15, 2019 at 10:30 AM

JM

“ You will be missed. I have no lie'ers poker player now.



jeff yasgar and Mary - March 15, 2019 at 10:15 AM

JY

“ Jeff Yasgar lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



jeff yasgar - March 15, 2019 at 10:11 AM

SV

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to the Ashby Family to help you get through this difficult time. Will miss our conversations with him while picking in the garden.



steve vogl - March 15, 2019 at 09:51 AM

CB

“ Char & John Berns lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Char & John Berns - March 15, 2019 at 07:21 AM

LN

“ Embrace your memories of the fun & love you shared!

Lynette Naour - March 15, 2019 at 12:57 AM

LP

“ Linda Paycer lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



linda paycer - March 14, 2019 at 10:25 PM

LL

“ Prayers to the Ashby family...



Laura Ploof Larson - March 14, 2019 at 09:25 PM

JW

“ Jerry & Faye Waltman lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby



Jerry & Faye Waltman - March 14, 2019 at 07:15 PM

JS

“ *John T. Stumpf lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*



John T. Stumpf - March 14, 2019 at 05:59 PM

DL

“ *DeIRae LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*



DeIRae LeBlanc - March 14, 2019 at 03:05 PM

WW

“ *Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*



Wendy Waltman - March 14, 2019 at 02:39 PM

CL

“ *Cynthia Lamp lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*



Cynthia Lamp - March 14, 2019 at 02:29 PM

CL

Sending my thoughts and prayers to the entire Ashby family.

Cynthia Lamp - March 14, 2019 at 02:30 PM

LJ

RIP Ron, its been a wild ride and all of us here in Alamo Paradise miss you and Toots. Prayers for the Ashby family.

Lyle & LeAne Jorgensen - March 15, 2019 at 07:03 AM

MA

He was a nice guy for Mary

Mary - March 15, 2019 at 06:29 PM

CW

“*Carol Wallace lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" G. Ashby*



Carol Wallace - March 14, 2019 at 01:58 PM