



Ronald D. DeLaHunt

February 11, 1922 - March 19, 2015

Ronald David DeLaHunt, 93 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Thursday, March 19th, 2015 at Highland Senior Living of Little Falls, MN in the company of his loving family. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:30 P.M. on Monday, March 23, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Jeremy Ploof officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Parish Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be from 4-7 P.M. on Sunday and from 11:00 - 12:00 P.M on Monday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Military Honors will be conducted by the Little Falls American Legion Post #46 and the Little Falls VFW Post #1112. Funeral arrangements with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Ron was born on February 11, 1922 in Little Falls, Minnesota to the late James and Margaret DeLaHunt. He grew up in Little Falls and graduated from Little Falls High School in 1940. Except for a tour of duty with the U.S. Army during WWII (1940-1945), Ron lived his entire life in Little Falls. During WWII, Ron served with the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division in the Italy Campaign and was awarded several medals of honor including the Purple Heart. After his return from service, Ron met Rose Cifaldi. Ron and Rose were married in Little Falls at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in 1946. For most of Ron's working career (30 years), he was employed as the Manager of the Falls Gas Company, a propane gas distributor in Little Falls. Ron was a natural athlete. He was recognized over the years for his accomplishments and contributions

to town team baseball (Little Falls Red Sox) and bowling (several teams) in the Little Falls and Morrison County area. Ron was a lifetime member of both Little Falls American Legion Post #46 and Little Falls VFW Post #1112. Ron was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he served as an usher and a money counter. Ron was a dedicated volunteer of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Gabriel's Hospital, and other various civic causes. He enjoyed golf and various other sports as both a participant and spectator, crossword puzzles and maintaining an immaculate lawn.

His greatest joy in life came from the 66 years he was able to live and enjoy with his wife and best friend, Rose, and watching his family grow and prosper. Ron is survived by his daughter, Mary Lou (Leslie) Proper of New Brighton, MN; son, James (Marie) DeLaHunt of Apple Valley, MN; sister, Elizabeth Nielson of Aurora, CO; 5 grandchildren: Steven (Jennifer) Proper of St. Paul, MN; Peter (Erica) Proper of Blaine, MN; Barbara (Ken) McCarthy of Mahtomedi, MN; Anthony (Lisa) DeLaHunt of Chaska, MN; and Patrick DeLaHunt of St. Louis Park, MN; 13 great grandchildren: John, Kathryn, Bridget, Isabella, Samuel, Angela, and Lucy Proper; Mitchell, Natalie, Sophia, Alayna, and Mary McCarthy; and Anna Jo DeLaHunt.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, James and Margaret DeLaHunt; wife Rose and daughter, Margaret; 4 brothers: Walter, Robert, Thomas and Donald; and 8 sisters: Gladys, Regina, Evangeline, Celia, Loretta, Rita, Florence, and Lois.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery - Little Falls

14637 138th Street
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Service

MAR 23. 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls
305 4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald D. DeLaHunt*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 19, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“ *Ronald D. DeLaHunt*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Ronnie and Rosie we're great pals of my parents, John and Mary Tholen. Rosie and Mom belonged to the same card club for decades! They were part of my "aunties" & "uncles", dear people who were constants throughout my life. I never saw either of them without a smile on their faces and a bright & cheerful interest in my life... I am incredibly sad to have missed their life celebrations. Jimmy, you have my sympathy and please know that I hold the whole Delahunt family in my thoughts and prayers. I know that as sad as they were to leave you, they were joyous to be reunited with Magaret. Sincerely, Julie Tholen, August 15, 2017.*

Julie Tholen - August 16, 2017 at 12:34 AM

AR

“ Anne Rush lit a candle in memory of Ronald D. DeLaHunt



Anne Rush - March 25, 2015 at 09:09 PM

LL

“ Wonderful, wonderful tribute video and pictures.



Lani & Ron Larson - March 25, 2015 at 10:44 AM

JC

“ Jim , Mary Lou - Marie, Tony, Lisa, Pat- Sorry for the loss of your father & grandfather, Our deepest sympathy.

Jerry Gabriela, Anthony & Alexander Crowley

Jerry Crowley - March 22, 2015 at 08:38 PM

DV

“ You were one of the best baseball players I remember watching. A great uncle and aunt you and Rosie and your kids. We didn't see a lot of one another is past years but I'll always remember you. Your kids are in our prayers. Love Deanna & Jeff Vichorek

Deanna & Jeff Vichorek - March 21, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ We have many fond memories of your Dad and Mom while we lived down the block from them and during the time Deb worked with them at Community Federal. Always a kind word, a quick smile and a little teasing thrown in for good measure. Our condolences to the family - may your memories comfort you at this sad time.

Bruce and Deb Pederson

Deb Pederson - March 19, 2015 at 09:32 PM

KC

“ Jim and Marie: We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our deepest sympathy.

Love, Mike and Kris Crowley and family

Kristi Crowley - March 19, 2015 at 04:59 PM

TW

*Jim, Marie, Tony, Lisa and Pelo,
We are so sorry for the loss of your father and grandpa. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
The Wentz family*

Tess Wentz - March 25, 2015 at 02:21 PM

DH

“ Deepest sympathy to the Delahunt family. In our thoughts and prayers!!

Love,

Debbie, Anna, Elizabeth Haper

Deb Haper - March 19, 2015 at 03:36 PM



CF

“ Rest in peace Ron, Rose has missed you. Ron and Rose were wonderful volunteers always with kindness and laughter that will never be forgotten!!



Connie Fenske - March 19, 2015 at 03:22 PM

DT

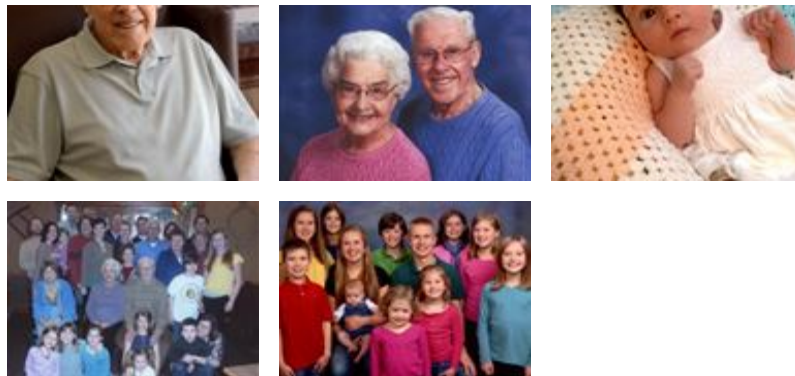
“ Jim & Mary Lou: Lots of great memories of your Mom & Dad and you guys over the years....especially the early days in Little Falls at Grama & Granpa's apartment, and then later when you would come to the lake. That Delahunt generation has dwindled to one. God bless Uncle Ron.

Dick & Collette (Turcotte)

Dick Turcotte - March 19, 2015 at 02:52 PM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lemieux Funeral Homes - March 19, 2015 at 01:16 PM

DK

“ *Mary Lou, Jim and families.....I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Your folks were always a joy to visit with when I ran into them somewhere and when they moved to Highland Senior living. It seems like forever ago when I was your baby-sitter.....mostly on the nights when your dad played baseball and your mom went to the games. What a great family you had.....hugs to all of you.....Dianne*

Dianne Moran Kronbeck - March 19, 2015 at 12:47 PM

DK

“ *Dianne Moran Kronbeck lit a candle in memory of Ronald D. DeLaHunt*



Dianne Moran Kronbeck - March 19, 2015 at 12:43 PM